

# Opinion: Props. 45-46 not resonating with voters

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By any measure, health care is now California's largest single economic sector, churning well over \$200 billion a year in private and public funds each year, and growing fast.

Obamacare, the aging of the population and other factors expand demand for medical services and pump more money into the system. Health care is also a major – and very fast-growing – employment field, with 450,000 new jobs expected in California over the next decade.



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It was once ignored by Capitol politicians, but it's now big business involving big money – as well as a personal priority for 38 million Californians – and sparks high-octane political conflict.

Divvying up health care dollars generates countless bits of legislation each year, and, not surprisingly, a steady stream of ballot measures, including two this year.

However, Propositions 45 and 46 may turn out to be busts because even before the full-bore campaigns have begun, as voters appear to have soured on both.

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