February 15, 2019

To: Members, California Fire Chiefs Association
    Members, Fire Districts Association of California

From: Russell Noack, Public Policy Advocates

Re: FIRE Legislative Report – February 15, 2019

Legislative Update

**Assembly Bill 72 (Committee on Budget)** – Governor Newsom signed this bill to amend the 2018-19 Budget Act to provide additional resources for emergency preparedness and disaster relief. The bill includes the following:

1. Appropriates $30 Million for a statewide disaster preparedness campaign through California Volunteers within the Office of Planning and Research and $20 Million for local grants through Cal OES.

2. Loans $10 Million to the State Emergency Telephone Number Account (SETNA) to enable commencement of the upgrading of the network as part of the Next Gen 911 System.

3. Appropriates $31.3 Million from the General Fund to backfill property tax losses incurred as a result of wildfires in Butte, Lake, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Shasta and Siskiyou counties.

**Assembly Bill 73 (Committee on Budget)** – The Governor also signed into law this bill containing various provisions on emergency response necessary to carry out the 2018-19 Budget. The bill:

1. Recreates the Disaster Response Emergency Operations Account (DREOA) allowing the Director of Finance to transfer funds from the State Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties Reserve to DREOA for expenses related to a disaster declared by the Governor.

2. Clarifies the definition of disaster response operations as those that are immediate and necessary to deal with ongoing or emerging crisis.

One day after signing these two bills, the Governor made his third visit to the Camp Fire area to underscore his vow, “One of the things that also needs to be said is once the cameras are gone, the
press is gone, the rest of us are gone, we need to make sure we’re there for the folks that have been impacted by these fires the next year, two, five, ten as we rebuild the community.”

**Assembly Bill 429 (Nazarian)** would declare the intent to enact legislation to implement an inventory of all seismically vulnerable buildings in the state.

**Assembly Bill 453 (Chau)** would require Emergency Medical Technician Paramedics (EMT-P) standards to include a training of a minimum of two (2) hours in dementia-specific training for EMT-P licensure and recertification.

**Assembly Bill 477 (Cervantes)** would declare the intent to enact legislation to ensure that local emergency management preparedness efforts include how to prepare to assist people with disabilities, mental illness and seniors.

**Senate Bill 247 (Dodd)** would require CAL FIRE to assist local governments in preventing future wildland fire prevention and vegetation management problems. The bill also states legislative intent to require CAL FIRE to identify trees that need to be trimmed or removed to protect against contact with power lines that could cause a fire.

**Senate Bill 272 (Morrell)** would amend the Fire Protection District Law of 1987 to provide that any resolution adopted after a public hearing that would extend services outside an existing service zone and would result in those persons in the expanded area paying charges for the expansion of services. The bill would provide that the resolution does not become effective unless approved by a majority of voters within the expanded service area.

**Upcoming Informational & Budget Hearings**

- **Monday, February 25, 2019, Upon Adjournment of Session**
  Joint Hearing of Assembly Natural Resources and Assembly Local Government Committees
  Informational Hearing: “Improving Fire Prevention in California”. [Agenda & Background Info]

- **Monday, February 25, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.**
  Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5 on Public Safety
  Informational Hearing: “Office of Emergency Services’ Role in Disaster Response and Relief Efforts”.

- **Monday, February 25, 2019, Upon Adjournment of Session**
  Joint Hearing Assembly Natural Resources and Assembly Local Government Committees
  Informational Hearing: “Improving Fire Prevention in California”.


• **Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
  Joint Hearing Senate Environmental Quality and Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)
  And Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials and Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 (Resources) Committees
  Oversight Hearing: “Oversight of the Department of Toxic Substances Control”.

• **Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**
  Assembly Health Committee
  Informational Hearing: “Improving Performance and Aligning Incentives in Commercial Health Insurance and Medi-Cal”.

• **Thursday, February 28, 2019, 9:30 a.m. or Adjournment of Session**
  Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 (Health)
  Item  Description
  4120  Emergency Medical Services Authority

• **Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**
  Joint Hearing Senate and Assembly Governmental Organization Committees

• **Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
  Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 (Resources)
  Item  Description
  3540  Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
  8660  Public Utilities Commission
  Wildfires Only
  3900  Air Resources Board
  Wildfires only

• **Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Adjournment of Session**
  Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)
  Item  Description
  3540  Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

• **Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
  Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 (Resources)
  Item  Description
  3960  Department of Toxic Substances Control
• **Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Adjournment of Session**  
  Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)  
  Item Description  
  3960 Department of Toxic Substances Control

• **Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Adjournment of Session**  
  Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)  
  Item Description  
  Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund  
  3900 Air Resources Board  
  8660 Public Utilities Commission

• **Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Adjournment of Session**  
  Senate Budget Subcommittee #4 (State Administration)  
  Item Description  
  0690 Office of Emergency Services

• **Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**  
  Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 (Resources)  
  Item Description  
  3900 Air Resources Board  
  8660 Public Utilities Commission  
  3360 Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission  
  Cap and Trade Program

• **Monday, April 8, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.**  
  Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5 (Public Safety)  
  Item Description  
  0690 Office of Emergency Services  
  Budget Change Proposals

• **Monday, April 22, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.**  
  Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 (Health)  
  Item Description  
  4120 Emergency Medical Services Authority

• **Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Adjournment of Session**  
  Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)  
  May Revise Proposals – All Departments
Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Adjournment of Session
Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)
May Revise Proposals – All Departments

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2018 Budget Amendment

AB 72  
(Committee on Budget)  Budget Act of 2018.  
Current Text: Chaptered: 2/13/2019  html  pdf  
Introduced: 12/3/2018  
Last Amend: 1/30/2019  
Status: 2/13/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 1, Statutes of 2019.  
Location: 2/13/2019-A. CHAPTERED  
Summary: The Budget Act of 2018 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2018–19 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2018 by amending and adding items of appropriation and making other changes.

Position  Priority  Subject  
2018 Budget Amendment, SETNA

2019-20 BTB

AB 73  
(Committee on Budget)  Privacy: lodging and common carriers: state emergencies: Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account.  
Current Text: Chaptered: 2/13/2019  html  pdf  
Introduced: 12/3/2018  
Last Amend: 1/30/2019  
Location: 2/13/2019-A. CHAPTERED  
Summary: Current law prohibits an owner or operator of a private or charter bus transportation company, or any employee or agent thereof, from disclosing, producing, providing, releasing, transferring, disseminating, or otherwise communicating all or any part of a passenger manifest, as defined, orally, in writing, or by electronic or any other means to a third party, other than a California peace officer, without a court-issued subpoena, warrant, or order, as specified. This bill would prohibit these provisions from being construed to prevent a government entity from requiring a private business to provide business records in an investigation, as specified.

Position  Priority  Subject  
2019-20 BTB

Building Permits/Standards

AB 38  
(Wood D)  Fire safety.  
Introduced: 12/3/2018  
Status: 1/24/2019-Referral to Coms. on G.O. and NAT. RES.  
Location: 1/24/2019-A. G.O.  
Summary: Would require, no later than July 1, 2020, the State Fire Marshall to develop, and the California Building Standards Commission to review, building standards for buildings in very high fire hazard severity zones. The bill would require, beginning on July 1, 2020, all newly constructed buildings and all transferred buildings in very high fire hazard severity zones to comply with the building standards. By requiring new building standards for buildings in very high fire hazard severity

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zones, this bill would expand the definition of a crime and impose a state-mandated local program.

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**AB 68**  
(Ting D)  
**Land use: accessory dwelling units.**

**Current Text:**  
Introduced: 12/3/2018  
[html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 1/17/2019-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.

**Location:** 1/17/2019-A. H. & C.D.

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**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency to provide, by ordinance, for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones and sets forth required ordinance standards, including, among others, maximum unit size, parking, and height standards. This bill would prohibit an ordinance from imposing requirements on minimum lot size, lot coverage, or floor area ratio, and would prohibit an ordinance from establishing size requirements for accessory dwelling units that do not permit at least an 800 square feet unit of at least 16 feet in height to be constructed.

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**Summary:** Would authorize the Department of Housing and Community Development to submit written findings to a local agency as to whether the local ordinance complies with state law, and to notify the Attorney General if the ordinance violates state law. The bill would require a local agency to consider the department’s findings and would authorize the local agency to amend its ordinance to comply with state law or adopt a resolution with findings explaining why the ordinance complies with state law, and addressing the department’s findings.

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**AB 178**  
(Dahle R)  
**Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.**

**Current Text:**  
Introduced: 1/9/2019  
[html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/9/2019

**Status:** 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 1/24/2019-A. NAT. RES.

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**Summary:** Would specify that residential construction intended to repair, restore, or replace a residential building damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor is required to comply with the photovoltaic requirements, if any, that were in effect at the time the damaged or destroyed residential building was originally constructed and is not required to comply with any additional or conflicting photovoltaic requirements in effect at the time of repair, restoration, or replacement.

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**AB 180**  
(Gipson D)  
**Land use: local planning: housing element.**

**Current Text:**  
Introduced: 1/9/2019  
[html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/9/2019

**Status:** 1/10/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee February 9.

**Location:** 1/9/2019-A. PRINT
Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law requires the housing element to contain, among other items, an identification and analysis of existing and projected housing needs and a statement of goals, policies, quantified objectives, financial resources, and scheduled programs for the preservation, improvement, and development of housing. This bill would revise references to redevelopment agencies within those housing element provisions to instead refer to housing successor agencies. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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| | | Building Permits/Standards

**AB 191** (Patterson R) Building standards: exemptions: rebuilding after disasters.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/10/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/10/2019

**Status:** 2/4/2019-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Location:** 2/4/2019-A. H. & C.D.

Summary: Current law, the State Housing Law, establishes statewide construction and occupancy standards for buildings used for human habitation, including energy conservation and fire prevention requirements relating to energy efficiency and the installation of interior sprinklers. This bill would, until January 1, 2030, exempt homes being rebuilt after wildfires or specified emergency events that occurred on or after January 1, 2017, from meeting certain current building standards.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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| | | Building Permits/Standards

**AB 264** (Melendez R) Income taxes: credits: development impact fees.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/24/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/24/2019

**Status:** 2/7/2019-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

**Location:** 2/7/2019-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill would establish credits against the taxes imposed by those laws for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, in an amount equal to the total amount paid or incurred during the taxable year by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, for the payment of development impact fees and connection fees applied to newly constructed single-family and multifamily homes.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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| | | Building Permits/Standards

**AB 338** (Chu D) Manufactured housing: smoke alarms: emergency preparedness.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/31/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/31/2019

**Status:** 2/11/2019-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

**Location:** 2/11/2019-A. H. & C.D.

Summary: Would require all used manufactured homes, used mobilehomes, and used multifamily manufactured homes that are sold or rented to have installed in each room designed for sleeping a smoke alarm that is operable on the date of rental or transfer of title and that complies with the federal National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 and has been approved and listed by the Office of the State Fire Marshal on or after January 1, 2014.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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| | | Building Permits/Standards

**AB 349** (Choi R) Building standards: garage doors.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/4/2019
**AB 393**  (Nazarian D) Building standards.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/6/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

*Introduced:* 2/6/2019

*Status:* 2/7/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.

*Location:* 2/6/2019-A. PRINT

**Summary:** The California Building Standards Law provides for the adoption of building standards by state agencies by requiring all state agencies that adopt or propose adoption of any building standard to submit the building standard to the California Building Standards Commission (commission) for approval and adoption. This bill would require the commission to require a secondary door that provides ingress and egress to the garage bay for all new single family home construction to be included in the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code, as specified.

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**AB 429**  (Nazarian D) Seismically vulnerable buildings: inventory.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/7/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

*Introduced:* 2/7/2019

*Status:* 2/8/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

*Location:* 2/7/2019-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would declare the intention of the Legislature to enact legislation to implement an inventory of all seismically vulnerable buildings within California.

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**SB 4**  (McGuire D) Housing.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 12/3/2018  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

*Introduced:* 12/3/2018

*Status:* 1/16/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

*Location:* 12/3/2018-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Under current law, various agencies administer programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote sound community growth. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would limit restrictive local land use policies and legislation that would encourage increased housing development near transit and job centers, in a manner that ensures that every jurisdiction contributes its fair share to a housing solution, while acknowledging relevant differences among communities.

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**SB 13**  (Wieckowski D) Accessory dwelling units.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 12/3/2018  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
Introduced: 12/3/2018
Status: 1/16/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Location: 12/3/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would reduce impact fees and other existing barriers for homeowners seeking to create accessory dwelling units for the purpose of creating additional residential housing within their neighborhoods.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 |  | Permits/Standards

**SB 190**
*Dodd D*  Fire safety: building standards.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/30/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/30/2019
Status: 2/6/2019-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and N.R. & W.
Location: 2/6/2019-S. G.O.

Summary: Would require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to develop, in consultation with representatives from local, state, and federal fire services, local government, building officials, utility companies, the building industry, and the environmental community, a model defensible space program to be made available for use by a city, county, or city and county in the enforcement of the defensible space provisions. The bill would set forth required components of the program.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 |  | Permits/Standards

**Disaster Relief**

**AB 41**  Disaster relief: Camp Fire.


Introduced: 12/3/2018
Status: 1/17/2019-Referred to Com. on G.O.
Location: 1/17/2019-A. G.O.

Summary: The California Disaster Assistance Act provides that the state share for disaster project allocations to local agencies is no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, except for specified events for which the state share is up to 100% of state eligible costs. This bill would provide that the state share is up to 100% of total state eligible costs connected with the Camp Fire that started on November 8, 2018, in the County of Butte.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 |  | Permits/Standards

**AB 42**  Disaster relief: County of Butte: Camp Fire.


Introduced: 12/3/2018
Location: 12/3/2018-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide for state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from reassessments for damages incurred within the County of Butte due to the 2018 Camp Fire.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 |  | Disaster Relief

**AB 247**  Disaster relief: Carr and Klamathon fires.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/22/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/22/2019

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide for state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from reassessments for damages incurred within the County of Butte due to the 2018 Camp Fire.

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**AB 248** (Dahle R)  
**Disaster relief: Carr and Klamathon Fires.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/22/2019  html  pdf

Introduced: 1/22/2019
Location: 1/22/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide for state allocations with respect to property tax revenue reductions resulting from reassessments for damages incurred within the Counties of Shasta and Siskiyou due to the Carr and Klamathon Fires.

**AB 26** (Rodriguez D)  
**Emergency ambulance employees.**


Introduced: 12/3/2018
Status: 1/17/2019-Referred to Com. on L. & E.
Location: 1/17/2019-A. L. & E.

Summary: Would require an emergency ambulance provider to provide each emergency ambulance employee, who drives or rides in the ambulance, with body armor and safety equipment to wear during the employee’s work shift. The bill would also require the emergency ambulance employer to provide training to the emergency ambulance employee on the proper fitting and use of the body armor and safety equipment. The bill would not apply to the state or a political subdivision thereof.

**AB 27** (Rodriguez D)  
**Emergency Ambulance Employee Safety and Preparedness Act.**


Introduced: 12/3/2018
Status: 1/17/2019-Referred to Com. on L. & E.
Location: 1/17/2019-A. L. & E.

Summary: Would require every current emergency ambulance employee, on or before July 1, 2020, and every new employee hired on or after January 1, 2020, within 6 months of being hired, to attend a 6-hour training on violence prevention that includes, among other things, understanding types of anger, proven and effective verbal deescalation skills, and hands-on demonstrations, workshops, and role-playing scenarios. The bill would require an emergency ambulance employee, following the completion of the 6-hour violence prevention training, to receive a one-hour refresher course each calendar year thereafter.
### AB 453  
**Chau D**  
**Emergency medical services: EMT-P training.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/11/2019  
**Status:** 2/12/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.  
**Location:** 2/11/2019-A. PRINT  

**Summary:** Under current law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, the Emergency Medical Services Authority is responsible for establishing minimum standards and promulgating regulations for the training and scope of practice for emergency medical technician-paramedics (EMT-P). This bill would require EMT-P standards established pursuant to the above provision to include a training component that would require a minimum of 2 hours of dementia-specific training for EMT-P licensure and recertification.

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### Emergency Planning

### AB 291  
**Chu D**  
**Emergency preparedness.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2019  
**Introduced:** 1/28/2019  
**Status:** 1/29/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee February 28.  
**Location:** 1/28/2019-A. PRINT  

**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund to support staffing, planning, and other emergency mitigation priorities that helps local governments meet emergency preparedness goals and to boost emergency management programs throughout the state that remain underfunded or neglected.

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### AB 394  
**Obernolte R**  
**California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: fire safety.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/6/2019  
**Status:** 2/7/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.  
**Location:** 2/6/2019-A. PRINT  

**Summary:** Would exempt from CEQA projects or activities recommended by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection that improve the fire safety of an existing subdivision if certain conditions are met. The bill would require the lead agency to hold a noticed public meeting to hear and respond to public comments before determining that a project or activity is exempt. The bill would require the lead agency to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and with the clerk of the county in which the project or activity will be located. Because the bill would impose additional duties on a lead agency, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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### AB 477  
**Cervantes D**  
**Emergency preparedness: vulnerable populations.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/12/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/12/2019  
**Status:** 2/13/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.  
**Location:** 2/12/2019-A. PRINT
Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that state and local emergency management preparedness efforts, specifically for transportation, include people with disabilities, people with mental illness, and seniors.

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**AB 486** (Limón D) Disaster preparedness: local government: animal wildfire evacuation plan.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/12/2019

Status: 2/13/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/12/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would, if a city or county requires a permit to keep an animal within its jurisdiction, require an animal owner as a condition for obtaining the permit to create and submit to the city or county an animal wildfire evacuation plan for any animal covered by the permit. By imposing a new duty on local government, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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**AB 557** (Wood D) Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program.


Introduced: 2/13/2019

Status: 2/14/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

Location: 2/13/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would appropriate $9,250,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Water Resources in the 2019–20 fiscal year to operate the Atmospheric Rivers: Research, Mitigation, and Climate Forecasting Program.

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Introduced: 12/3/2018

Status: 1/16/2019-Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W., EQ., and GOV. & F.

Location: 1/16/2019-S. N.R. & W.

Calendar: 3/12/2019 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, STERN, Chair

Summary: Would enact the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects to restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources.

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**SB 130** (Galgiani D) Wildfires: siren warning system.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/10/2019

Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 1/10/2019-S. RLS.
Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement and administer various programs designed to improve forests and grasslands and prevent and suppress fires in state responsibility areas, as defined. This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize the installation of a siren warning system for wildfires in populated areas and communities in state responsibility areas.

**SB 133**  
**Galgiani D**  
Wildfires: detection.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/14/2019  
Introduced: 1/14/2019  
Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.  
Location: 1/14/2019-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law establishes various programs for the prevention, detection, and mitigation of wildfires. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create and fund a program for installing remote infrared cameras that can help in detecting wildfires.

**SB 167**  
**Dodd D**  
Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2019  
Introduced: 1/28/2019  
Status: 2/6/2019-Referred to Com. on E., U. & C.  
Location: 2/6/2019-S. E. U., & C.

Summary: Current law requires wildfire mitigation plans to include specified information, including protocols for disabling reclosers and deenergizing portions of the electrical distribution system that consider the associated impacts on public safety, as well as protocols related to mitigating the public safety impacts of those protocols, including impacts on critical first responders and on health and communication infrastructure. This bill would require those protocols to additionally include impacts on customers enrolled in the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program, receiving medical baseline allowances of electricity or gas, and who the electrical corporation has identified as critical care customers relying on life-support equipment.

**SB 169**  
**Jackson D**  
Pipeline safety: records.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2019  
Introduced: 1/28/2019  
Status: 2/6/2019-Referred to Com. on G.O.  
Location: 2/6/2019-S. G.O.

Summary: The Elder California Pipeline Safety Act of 1981 requires the State Fire Marshal to administer provisions regulating the inspection of intrastate pipelines that transport hazardous liquids. The act requires a pipeline operator to make available to the State Fire Marshal, or any officers or employees authorized by the State Fire Marshal, upon presentation of appropriate credentials, any records, maps, or written procedures that are required by the act to be kept by the pipeline operator and which concern accident reporting, design, construction, testing, or operation and maintenance. This bill would revise and recast specified provisions and would authorize the State Fire Marshal, for purposes of carrying out the requirements of state or federal law relating to hazardous liquid pipeline safety, to require the owner or operator of a pipeline to establish and maintain records, make reports, and provide any information that the State Fire Marshal reasonably requires, as provided.
**SB 182**  
(Jackson D) General plans: safety element.  
*Current Text: Introduced: 1/29/2019*  
*Introduced: 1/29/2019*  
*Status: 2/6/2019-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.*  
*Location: 2/6/2019-S. GOV. & F.*  
  
**Summary:** Would require the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after January 1, 2020, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit plan, as specified. The bill would also require the planning agency to review and, if necessary, revise the safety element upon each revision of the housing element or local hazard mitigation plan, but not less than once every 8 years to identify new information relating to retrofit updates applicable to the city or county that was not available during the previous revision of the safety element.

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**SB 261**  
(Wilk R) Office of Emergency Services.  
*Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2019*  
*Introduced: 2/12/2019*  
*Status: 2/13/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 15.*  
*Location: 2/12/2019-S. RLS.*  
  
**Summary:** The California Emergency Services Act, among other things, establishes the Office of Emergency Services for the purpose of mitigating the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies and makes findings and declarations relating to ensuring that preparation within the state will be adequate to deal with those emergencies. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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**SB 46**  
(Jackson D) State government: emergency services.  
*Current Text: Introduced: 12/3/2018*  
*Introduced: 12/3/2018*  
*Status: 1/16/2019-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and HUMAN S.*  
*Location: 1/16/2019-S. G.O.*  
  
**Summary:** Current law authorizes each county, including a city and county, to enter into an agreement to access the contact information of resident accountholders through the records of a public utility or other agency responsible for water service, waste and recycling services, or other property-related services for the sole purpose of enrolling county residents in a county-operated public emergency warning system. Current law requires any county that enters into such an agreement to include procedures to enable any resident to opt out of the warning system and a process to terminate the receiving agency’s access to the resident’s contact information. Current law prohibits the use of the information gathered for any purpose other than for emergency notification. This bill would expand these provisions to authorize a city to enter into an agreement to access the contact information of resident accountholders through the records of a public utility as specified.

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**SB 160**  
(Jackson D) Emergency services: cultural competence.  
*Current Text: Introduced: 1/24/2019*  
*Introduced: 1/24/2019*  
*Status: 2/6/2019-Referred to Com. on G.O.*
Summary: Current law defines the terms “political subdivision” and “emergency plans” for purposes of emergency services provided by local governments. Current law requires a county, upon the next update to its emergency plan, to integrate access and functional needs into its emergency plan, as specified. This bill would require a county to integrate cultural competence, as defined, into its emergency plan, upon the next update to its emergency plan, as specified. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position Priority Subject
Emergency Services

Employment Issues

**AB 9**
(Reyes D) Employment discrimination: limitation of actions.


Introduced: 12/3/2018
Status: 1/17/2019-Referred to Com. on L. & E.

Summary: The California Fair Employment and Housing Act makes specified employment and housing practices unlawful, including discrimination against or harassment of employees and tenants, among others. Current law authorizes a person claiming to be aggrieved by an alleged unlawful practice to file a complaint with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing within one year from the date upon which the unlawful practice occurred, unless otherwise specified. This bill would extend the above-described period to 3 years for complaints alleging employment discrimination, as specified.

Position Priority Subject
Employment Issues

**AB 137**
(Cooper D) Public safety officers: investigations and interviews.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2018  html, pdf

Introduced: 12/7/2018
Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Calendar: 2/26/2019 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 126  ASSEMBLY PUBLIC SAFETY, JONES-SAWYER, Chair

Summary: The bill would specify information an agency may provide if it is investigating voluminous complaints, as defined, regarding the violation of the same rule or policy. The bill would specify, among other things, that the provisions regarding investigations and interrogations, as described above, do not preclude eliminating or adding other policy or rule citations as warranted by the discovery of new information or evidence in the course of an investigation. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position Priority Subject
Employment Issues

**AB 170**
(Gonzalez D) Employment: sexual harassment: liability.


Introduced: 1/8/2019
Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Coms. on L. & E. and JUD.

Summary: Would require a client employer to share with a labor contractor all civil legal responsibility and civil liability for harassment for all workers supplied by that labor contractor.

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Employment Issues
**AB 171**  
(Gonzalez D)  
Employment: sexual harassment.  
Introduced: 1/8/2019  
Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Coms. on L. & E. and JUD.  
Location: 1/24/2019-A. L. & E.  

**Summary:** Would prohibit an employer from discharging or in any manner discriminating or retaliating against an employee because of the employee’s status as a victim of sexual harassment, as defined by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. The bill would establish a rebuttable presumption of unlawful retaliation based on the employee’s status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, or stalking if an employer takes specific actions within 90 days following the date that the victim provides notice to the employer or the employer has actual knowledge of the status.

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**AB 196**  
(Gonzalez D)  
Paid family leave.  
Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
Introduced: 1/10/2019  
Location: 1/10/2019-A. PRINT  

**Summary:** Current law establishes, within the state disability insurance program, a family temporary disability insurance program, also known as the paid family leave program, for the provision of wage replacement benefits to workers who take time off work to care for a seriously ill family member or to bond with a minor child within one year of birth or placement, as specified. This bill would state the Legislature’s intent to enact legislation that would expand the paid family leave program in order to provide a 100% wage replacement benefit for workers earning $100,000 or less annually.

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**AB 249**  
(Choi R)  
Public employers: employee organizations.  
Current Text: Introduced: 1/22/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
Introduced: 1/22/2019  
Status: 2/7/2019-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.  
Location: 2/7/2019-A. P.E. & R.  

**Summary:** Would prohibit a public employer from deterring or discouraging a public employee or an applicant to be a public employee from opting out of becoming or remaining a member of an employee organization. The bill would prohibit a public employer from taking adverse action against a public employee or applicant to be a public employee who opts out of becoming or remaining a member of an employee organization and would specify that adverse action includes reducing a public employee’s current level of pay or benefits.

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**AB 314**  
(Bonta D)  
Public employment: labor relations: release time.  
Current Text: Introduced: 1/30/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
Introduced: 1/30/2019  
Status: 2/11/2019-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.  

**Summary:** Current law, including the Meyers-Millas-Brown Act, the Ralph C. Dills Act, the Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act, the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act, Judicial Council Employer-Employee Relations Act, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Transit Employer-Employee Relations Act, as well as provisions
commonly referred to as the Educational Employment Relations Act and the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, regulates the labor relations of the state, the courts, and specified local public agencies and their employees. These acts generally require the public entities in this context to grant employee representatives of recognized employee organizations reasonable time off without loss of compensation or benefits for certain purposes in connection with labor relations, commonly referred to as release time. This bill would prescribe requirements relating to release time that would apply to all of the public employers and employees subject to the acts described above and would generally repeal the provisions relating to release time in those acts.

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**AB 333** *(Eggman D) Whistleblower protection: state and local independent contractors.*

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/31/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/31/2019

**Status:** 2/11/2019-Referral to Com. on L. & E.

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**Summary:** Current law prohibits an employer, as defined, or any person acting on behalf of the employer, as defined, from, among other things, preventing an employee from, or retaliating against an employee for, providing information to, or testifying before, any public body conducting an investigation, hearing, or inquiry, if the employee has reasonable cause to believe that the information discloses a violation of a law, regardless of whether disclosing the information is part of the employee’s job duties. A violation of these provisions is a crime. This bill would extend the protections afforded to employees under these provisions to independent contractors and contracted entities working for state and local government who are tasked with receiving and investigating complaints from facilities, services, and programs operated by state and local government.

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**AB 403** *(Kalra D) Division of Labor Standards Enforcement: complaint.*

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/6/2019

**Status:** 2/7/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.

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**Summary:** Current law authorizes a person who believes they have been discharged or otherwise discriminated against in violation of any law under the jurisdiction of the Labor Commissioner to file a complaint with the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement within 6 months after the occurrence of the violation. This bill would extend the period to file a complaint to within 3 years after the occurrence of the violation.

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**AB 406** *(Limón D) Paid family leave.*

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/7/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/7/2019

**Status:** 2/8/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

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**Summary:** Current law provides family temporary disability insurance benefits to workers to care for their family members, and is known as Paid Family Leave. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that paid family leave forms are language-accessible to all families in the state.

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**AB 418** *(Kalra D) Evidentiary privileges: union agent-represented worker privilege.*
### AB 440

**Fong** (R)  **The Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2019

**Status:** 2/12/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.

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**Summary:** Current law, the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, permits an aggrieved employee, on behalf of themselves and other current or former employees, to bring a civil action pursuant to specified procedures for a violation of a provision of the Labor Code that provides for a civil penalty to be assessed and collected by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

### SB 135

**Jackson** (D)  **Disability compensation: paid family leave.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/15/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/15/2019

**Status:** 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:** Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would strengthen California’s family leave laws and to create more equitable access to California’s family leave programs, as specified. The bill would also state various findings and declarations in that regard.

### SB 266

**Leyva** (D)  **Public Employees’ Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/12/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2019

**Status:** 2/13/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 15.

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**Summary:** Would establish new procedures under PERL for cases in which PERS determines that the benefits of a member or annuitant are, or would be, based on compensation that conflicts with PEPRA and other specified laws and thus impermissible under PERL. The bill would also apply these procedures retroactively to determinations made on or after January 1, 2017, if an appeal has been filed and the employee member, survivor, or beneficiary has not exhausted their administrative or legal remedies.
AB 19  (Waldron R)  Forestry and fire protection: burning of vegetation.
Introduced: 12/3/2018
Location: 12/3/2018-A. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is required to develop, implement, and administer various forest improvement and fire prevention programs in the state. Current law provides that the burning of growing, dead, or downed vegetation is for a public purpose if the department has determined that the burning of that vegetation is necessary for the prevention or suppression of forest fires. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change in that provision relating to the burning of vegetation.

Position  Priority  Subject
Fire Prevention

SB 247  (Dodd D)  Wildland fire prevention: vegetation: management.
Introduced: 2/11/2019
Status: 2/12/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 14.
Location: 2/11/2019-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to assist local governments in preventing future wildland fire and vegetation management problems by making its wildland fire prevention and vegetation management expertise available to local governments to the extent possible, as provided. This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the department to identify trees that should be trimmed or removed to protect against contact between trees and electric power lines that could cause a fire.

Position  Priority  Subject
Fire Prevention

Local Government

AB 213  (Reyes D)  Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.
Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 1/15/2019
Status: 2/4/2019-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Summary: Would, for the 2019–20 fiscal year, require the vehicle license fee adjustment amount to be the sum of the vehicle license fee adjustment amount in the 2018–19 fiscal year, the product of that sum and the percentage change in gross taxable assessed valuation within the jurisdiction of that entity between the 2018–19 fiscal year to the 2018–19 fiscal year, and the product of the amount of specified motor vehicle license fee revenues that the Controller allocated to the applicable city in July 2010 and 1.17.

Position  Priority  Subject
Local Government

AB 400  (Lackey R)  State mandates.
Introduced: 2/6/2019
Status: 2/7/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 9.
Location: 2/6/2019-A. PRINT
Summary: The California Constitution requires the state to provide a subvention of funds to reimburse local government for the costs of a new program or a higher level of service, with specified exceptions, when the Legislature or a state agency mandates a new program or higher level of service on any local government, including school districts. Current law authorizes a local agency or school district, by February 15, to file an annual reimbursement claim detailing these state-mandated costs, as specified. This bill would extend that date to March 1.

### AB 485

**Medina D**  
**Local government: economic development subsidies.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/12/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2019

**Status:** 2/13/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

**Location:** 2/12/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires each local agency, as defined, to provide specified information to the public before approving an economic development subsidy within its jurisdiction, and to, among other things, hold hearings and report on those subsidies, as provided. Current law defines “economic development subsidy” for these purposes. This bill, on and after January 1, 2020, would similarly require each local agency to provide specified information to the public before approving an economic development subsidy for a warehouse distribution center, as defined, and to, among things, hold hearings and report on those subsidies, as provided.

### AB 509

**Lackey R**  
**General plans.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/13/2019

**Status:** 2/14/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

**Location:** 2/13/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law, under the Planning and Zoning Law, requires if a general plan has been adopted, each county or city officer, department, board, or commission, and each governmental body, commission, or board within the jurisdiction of the city or county is required to submit a list of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year to a designated official agency. The agency receiving the list of proposed public works is required to prepare a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

### AB 510

**Cooley D**  
**Local government records: destruction of records.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/13/2019

**Status:** 2/14/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

**Location:** 2/13/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law authorizes the head of a department of a county or city, or the head of a special district to destroy recordings of telephone and radio communications maintained by that county, city, or special district after 100 days if that person receives approval from the legislative body and the written consent of the agency attorney. This bill would exempt the head of a department of a county or city, or the head of a special district from these recording retention requirements if the county, city, or special district adopts a records retention policy governing recordings of routine video monitoring and recordings of telephone and radio communications.
ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry D) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

Introduced: 12/3/2018
Location: 12/3/2018-A. PRINT

Summary: The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, or city and county to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure or affordable housing, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements.

Position  Priority  Subject
Local Government

SB 128 (Beall D) Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: bonds: issuance.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2019  html, pdf
Introduced: 1/10/2019
Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.
Location: 1/24/2019-S. GOV. & F.

Summary: Current law authorizes the legislative body of a city or a county to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district, with a governing body referred to as a public financing authority, to finance public capital facilities or other specified projects of communitywide significance. Current law authorizes the public financing authority to issue bonds for these purposes upon approval by 55% of the voters voting on a proposal to issue the bonds. Current law requires the proposal submitted to the voters by the public financing authority and the resolution for the issuance of bonds following approval by the voters to include specified information regarding the bond issuance. This bill would instead authorize the public financing authority to issue bonds for these purposes without submitting a proposal to the voters.

Position  Priority  Subject
Local Government

SB 139 (Allen D) Independent redistricting commissions.

Introduced: 1/17/2019
Status: 1/31/2019-Referred to Coms. on E. & C.A. and GOV. & F.
Location: 1/31/2019-S. E. & C.A.

Summary: Would clarify that a local jurisdiction that is partially or wholly located in either the County of Los Angeles or the County of San Diego may, with the approval of the board of supervisors of the county, contract with either the Citizens Redistricting Commission or the Independent Redistricting Commission, as applicable, to adopt the local jurisdiction’s election district boundaries. The bill would state that this clarification is declaratory of existing law.

Position  Priority  Subject
Local Government

SB 231 (Galgiani D) Local emergencies: port districts.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2019  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/7/2019
Status: 2/8/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 10.
Location: 2/7/2019-S. RL.

Summary: Would revise the definition of a local emergency to include conditions of disaster or extreme
peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a district established under the Harbors and Navigation Code and would authorize a port district to declare a local emergency on the same basis as a city, county, or city and county. The bill would require review of a local emergency by the governing body, as described above, to occur at least once every 30, rather than 60, days. The bill would also provide legislative findings in support of these provisions.

**SB 241**

(Moorlach R) Public agencies: joint powers authorities: contracts.


Introduced: 2/11/2019

Status: 2/12/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 14.

Location: 2/11/2019-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the governing body of each member agency of an agency established pursuant to a joint powers agreement to approve and ratify each memorandum of understanding negotiated between the joint powers agency and its employees. This bill would further require each member agency to a joint powers agreement to approve and ratify each contract for municipal services or functions, as defined, negotiated between the joint powers agency and the entity providing the services or functions.

**SB 272**


Introduced: 2/13/2019

Status: 2/14/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 16.

Location: 2/13/2019-S. RLS.

Summary: The Fire Protection District Law of 1987 provides that whenever a district board determines that it is in the public interest to provide different services, to provide different levels of service, or to raise additional revenues within specific areas of the district, it may form one or more service zones by adopting a resolution that includes specified information, fixing the date, time, and place for public hearing on the formation of the zone, publishing notice, as specified, hearing and considering any protests to the formation of the zone at the hearing, and, at the conclusion of the hearing, adopting a resolution ordering the formation of the zone. If a resolution adopted after the public hearing would extend services outside of an existing service zone and the extension of service would result in those persons in the expanded area paying charges for the expansion of services, this bill would provide that the resolution does not become effective unless approved by a majority of the voters within the expanded service area.

**AB 235**

(Mayes R) Electrical corporations: local publicly owned electric utilities: California Wildfire Catastrophe Fund Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/18/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/18/2019

Status: 2/7/2019-Referred to Com. on U. & E.

Location: 2/7/2019-A. U. & E.

Summary: Would create the California Wildfire Catastrophe Fund Authority, which would be governed by a board of directors. The bill would authorize electrical corporations and local publicly owned electric utilities to participate in the authority. The bill would require each participating entity to make an initial contribution and annual contributions to the authority, and would require the board to deposit those contributions into an account dedicated to receiving contributions from that participating entity.
AB 243  (Kamlager-Dove  D) Implicit bias.
Current Text: Introduced: 1/18/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 1/18/2019
Status: 1/22/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee February 21.
Location: 1/18/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address implicit bias in law enforcement.

AB 298  (Mathis  R) Housing: home purchase assistance program: first responders: Legislative Analyst: study and report.
Introduced: 1/28/2019
Location: 1/28/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require the Legislative Analyst to conduct a study, and present the findings thereof to the Legislature, to inform the creation of a low-interest loan program for first responders. The bill would require the report to be submitted on or before January 1, 2024. The bill would require the report to include a recommendation as to which state department is best suited to administer the program, an estimation of the amount of funding that would be necessary to conduct the program, and recommendations for qualifications for participation in the program.

SR 10  (Hertzberg  D) Relative to the 25th Anniversary of the Northridge Earthquake of 1994.
Current Text: Enrolled: 1/22/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 1/10/2019
Status: 1/18/2019-Read. Adopted. (Ayes 34. Noes 0.)
Location: 1/18/2019-S. ADOPTED

Summary: This measure would resolve that the Senate intends to continue to study, plan, prepare, support, and fund future actions that will strengthen the state's ability to anticipate, withstand, and respond to, the next major earthquakes, which inevitably will occur, and that the Senate hereby states its intent that the lessons learned from past earthquakes be applied to the State's preparedness and emergency response efforts.

Public Safety

AB 266  (Choi  R) Income taxes: credits: attic vent closures.
Current Text: Introduced: 1/24/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 1/24/2019
Status: 2/7/2019-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.
Location: 2/7/2019-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. Current law requires any bill authorizing a new tax credit to contain, among other things, specific goals, purposes, and objectives that the tax credit will achieve, detailed performance indicators, and data collection requirements. This bill would allow a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2025, to a
qualified taxpayer that installs an attic vent closure in a residential property, as defined, in an amount equal to 40% of the qualified costs paid or incurred by the qualified taxpayer for that installation.

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SB 8  
**Glazer D**  
State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban.  
Current Text: Introduced: 12/3/2018  
Introduced: 12/3/2018  
Status: 1/16/2019-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.  
Location: 1/16/2019-S. N.R. & W.  
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| Calendar: 3/12/2019 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, STERN, Chair  
Summary: Would make it an infraction punishable by a fine of up to $25 for a person to smoke, as defined, on a state coastal beach, as defined, or in a unit of the state park system, as defined, or to dispose of used cigar or cigarette waste on a state coastal beach or in a unit of the state park system unless the disposal is made in an appropriate waste receptacle. The bill would establish a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

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SB 177  
**Nielsen R**  
Arson.  
Current Text: Introduced: 1/28/2019  
Introduced: 1/28/2019  
Status: 2/6/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.  
Location: 1/28/2019-S. RLS.  
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| Summary: Under current law, a person is guilty of arson if that person willfully and maliciously sets fire to, burns, or causes to be burned, or aids, counsels, or procures the burning of, a structure, forest land, or property. Current law makes arson a felony and sets various terms of punishment in the state prison depending on the different types of structures, land, or property to which the arson applies. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

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SB 209  
**Dodd D**  
Wildfire: California Wildfire Warning Center: weather monitoring.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2019  
Introduced: 2/4/2019  
Status: 2/13/2019-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and E., U. & C.  
Location: 2/13/2019-S. G.O.  
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| Summary: Would establish in the state government the California Wildfire Warning Center (center). The center would be comprised of representatives from the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as provided. The center would have various responsibilities relating to fire-threat weather conditions, including overseeing the development and deployment of a statewide network of automated weather and environmental stations designed to observe mesoscale meteorological phenomena that contribute to increased wildfire risk, including a statewide fire weather forecasting, monitoring, and threat assessment system.

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Redevelopment

AB 11  
**Chiu D**  
Current Text: Introduced: 12/3/2018  
Introduced: 12/3/2018  
Status: 1/17/2019-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.  
Location: 1/17/2019-A. H. & C.D.
Summary: Current law dissolved redevelopment agencies as of February 1, 2012, and designates successor agencies to act as successor entities to the dissolved redevelopment agencies. This bill, the Community Redevelopment Law of 2019, would authorize a city or county, or two or more cities acting jointly, to propose the formation of an affordable housing and infrastructure agency by adoption of a resolution of intention that meets specified requirements, including that the resolution of intention include a passthrough provision and an override passthrough provision, as defined.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 | | Redevelopment

SB 5  
(Beall D)  Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program.


Introduced: 12/3/2018
Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HOUSING.
Location: 1/24/2019-S. GOV. & F.

Summary: Would establish in state government the Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program, which would be administered by the Sustainable Investment Incentive Committee. The bill would authorize a city, county, city and county, joint powers agency, enhanced infrastructure financing district, affordable housing authority, community revitalization and investment authority or transit village development district to apply to the Sustainable Investment Incentive Committee to participate in the program and would authorize the committee to approve or deny applications for projects meeting specific criteria.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 | | Redevelopment

SB 15  
(Portantino D)  Redevelopment.


Introduced: 12/3/2018
Status: 1/16/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Location: 12/3/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: The Community Redevelopment Law authorized the establishment of redevelopment agencies in communities to address the effects of blight, as defined. Current law dissolved redevelopment agencies as of February 1, 2012, and provides for the designation of successor agencies, as defined, to wind down the affairs of the dissolved redevelopment agencies. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to redevelopment.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 | | Redevelopment

AB 287  
(Voepel R)  Public employees’ retirement: annual audits.


Introduced: 1/28/2019
Status: 2/7/2019-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.
Location: 2/7/2019-A. P.E. & R.

Summary: Current law requires each state and local public pension or retirement system, on and after the 90th day following the completion of the annual audit of the system, to provide a concise annual report on the investments and earnings of the system, as specified, to any member who makes a request and pays a fee, if required, for the costs incurred in preparation and dissemination of that report. This bill would also require each state and local pension or retirement system to post a concise annual audit of the information described above on that system’s internet website no later than the 90th day following the audit’s completion.

Position | Priority | Subject
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 | | Retirement
AB 72 (Committee on Budget)  Budget Act of 2018.
Current Text: Chaptered: 2/13/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 12/3/2018
Last Amended: 1/30/2019
Status: 2/13/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 1, Statutes of 2019.
Location: 2/13/2019-A. CHAPTERED
Summary: The Budget Act of 2018 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2018–19 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2018 by amending and adding items of appropriation and making other changes.
Position Priority Subject
2018 Budget Amendment, SETNA

Telecommunications

AB 183 (Wood D)  Telecommunications service: natural disasters: reports.
Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 1/10/2019
Status: 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on C. & C.
Location: 1/24/2019-A, 1st House
Summary: Would require the Public Utilities Commission to collect specified information from telecommunications service providers relating to the provider’s efforts and resources used to restore telecommunications service outages caused by, and to repair or replace related network infrastructure or facilities that were damaged as a result of, certain emergencies or natural disasters.
Position Priority Subject
9 Telecommunications

Total Measures: 78
Total Tracking Forms: 78