February 22, 2019

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

From: Russell Noack, Public Policy Advocates

Re: FIRE Legislative Report – February 22, 2019

**Bill Introduction Deadline**

Today is the bill introduction deadline. Next week we will have a complete bill tracking report after culling through the hundreds of new bills expected to be introduced. In the meantime, here are a couple bills introduced this week we would like to highlight.

- **Assembly Bill 740 (Burke)** is an intent bill to establish the Wildfire Victim Restitution Fund to ensure victims are compensated in a timely manner.

- **Assembly Bill 747 (Levine)** would require a safety element of the Planning and Zoning Law to address evacuation routes to include their capacity under a range of emergency scenarios.

- **Assembly Bill 868 (Bigelow)** would provide that consideration of public safety impacts in wildfire mitigation plans for electrical corporations include deenergizing impacts on water and waste water.

- **Assembly Bill 905 (Chen)** would require the Department of Transportation to update the use of k-rails, weed mats or other fire proofing devices in fire prone areas.

- **Assembly Bill 911 (Rodriguez)** is an intent bill to establish a 911 emergency system that would enable elder adults and persons with disabilities to provide vital health and safety information to enable fire responders to better assist them during an emergency.

- **Assembly Bill 921 (Arambula)** is an EMT spot bill.

- **Assembly Bill 932 (Low)** would permit workers’ compensation benefits to a firefighter engaged in fire-suppression or rescue operations outside of the state.

- **Assembly Bill 1049 (Grayson)** would provide a tax exemption for equipment purchased for use by an on-call volunteer fire department.
Assembly Bill 116 (Grayson) is an intent bill to establish a peer support program for firefighters.

Assembly Bill 1168 (Mullin) would require each public safety answering point to deploy a text to 911 service no later than January 1, 2021.

Assembly Bill 1211 (Reyes) is an intent bill to provide a pathway for convicted criminals who have demonstrated rehabilitation to work as firefighters.

Assembly Bill 1280 (Grayson) would create a Firefighter Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Pilot Program.

Senate Bill 290 (Dodd) would authorize the Governor to purchase insurance or other related alternative risk transfer policies for the State to help mitigate against costs incurred in response to a natural disaster.

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”. [Agenda]

- **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”. [Agenda & Background Info]

- **Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**
  Senate 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.**  
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- **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, April 25, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session**
  Senate Budget Sub #2 (Resources)
  SPRING FINANCE LETTERS – ALL DEPARTMENTS

- **Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
  Assembly Budget Sub #3 (Resources)
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- **Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session**
  Senate Budget Sub #2 (Resources)
  ALL DEPARTMENTS – OPEN ISSUES

- **Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
  Assembly Budget Sub#3 (Resources)
  OPEN ISSUES

- **Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session**
  Senate Budget Sub #2 (Resources)
  ALL DEPARTMENTS – OPEN ISSUES
• **Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
  Assembly Budget Sub#3 (Resources)
  MAY REVISE PROPOSALS

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

• **Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
  Assembly Budget Sub#3 (Resources)
  MAY REVISE PROPOSALS II

• **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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**AB 72**  
*(Committee on Budget)*  
**Current Text:** Chaptered: 2/13/2019  
**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.

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**AB 73**  
**Current Text:** Chaptered: 2/13/2019  
**Introduced:** 12/3/2018  
**Last Amend:** 1/30/2019  
**Status:** 2/13/2019-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 2, Statutes of 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 3rd 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.

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**Building Permits/Standards**

**AB 38**  
*(Wood D)*  
Fire safety.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/3/2018  
**Introduced:** 12/3/2018  
**Status:** 1/24/2019-Referred 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
zones, this bill would expand the definition of a crime and impose a state-mandated local program.

### AB 68

**Land use: accessory dwelling units.**


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:** 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.

### AB 69

**Land use: accessory dwelling units.**


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:** 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.

### AB 178

**Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.**


Introduced: 1/9/2019

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

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

**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.

### AB 180

**Land use: local planning: housing element.**


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.

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

Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2019 [html](http://example.com), [pdf](http://example.com)

Introduced: 1/10/2019  
Status: 2/4/2019-Referred to Com. on 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.

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

Current Text: Introduced: 1/24/2019 [html](http://example.com), [pdf](http://example.com)

Introduced: 1/24/2019  
Status: 2/7/2019-Referred to Com. on 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.

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

Current Text: Introduced: 1/31/2019 [html](http://example.com), [pdf](http://example.com)

Introduced: 1/31/2019  
Status: 2/11/2019-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Summary: Would require all used manufactured homes, used mobile homes, 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.

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

Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2019 [html](http://example.com), [pdf](http://example.com)

Introduced: 2/4/2019
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.

Position  Priority  Subject

Building Permits/Standards

AB 393  (Nazarian D)  Building standards.
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 the adoption of any building standard to submit the building standard to the California Building Standards Commission for approval and adoption. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would implement a functional recovery building standard for California regarding restoration of building functions and occupancies following an earthquake.

Position  Priority  Subject

Building Permits/Standards

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.

Position  Priority  Subject

Building Permits/Standards

AB 587  (Friedman D)  Accessory dwelling units: sale or separate conveyance.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/14/2019
Status: 2/15/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.
Location: 2/14/2019-A. PRINT
Summary: Current property tax law establishes a welfare exemption under which property is exempt from taxation if the property is owned and operated by a nonprofit corporation that is organized and operated for the purpose of building and rehabilitating single-family or multifamily residences for sale, as provided, at cost to low-income families. This bill would authorize an accessory dwelling unit that was ministerially approved pursuant to the process described above to be sold or conveyed separately from the primary residence to a qualified buyer if certain conditions are met.

Position  Priority  Subject

Building Permits/Standards

AB 881  (Bloom D)  Accessory dwelling units.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019  html  pdf
The Planning and Zoning Law provides for the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Current law requires the ordinance to designate areas where accessory dwelling units may be permitted and authorizes the designated areas to be based on criteria that includes, but is not limited to, the adequacy of water and sewer services and the impact of accessory dwelling units on traffic flow and public safety. This bill would instead require a local agency to designate these areas based on the adequacy of water and sewer services and the impact of accessory dwelling units on traffic flow and public safety.

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**SB 4**  
**(McGuire D)** Housing.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/3/2018  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduce:** 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 reduce 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](#)

**Introduce:** 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.

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**SB 190**  
**(Dodd D)** Fire safety: building standards.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/30/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduce:** 1/30/2019  
**Status:** 2/20/2019-Set for hearing March 12.  
**Location:** 2/6/2019-S. G.O.

**Calendar:** 3/12/2019 9:30 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203)  
**SENATE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, DODD, Chair**

**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.

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**Communications**

**AB 911**  
(Rodriguez D) 911 services: elder adults and persons with disabilities.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/20/2019  
**Status:** 2/21/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.  
**Location:** 2/20/2019-A. PRINT  
**Summary:** Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a 911 emergency communication system that would enable elder adults, persons with disabilities, and other at-risk persons to voluntarily provide vital health and safety information in order to enable first responders to better assist the public during an emergency.

**AB 956**  
(Diep R) Telecommunications: automatic dialing-announcing devices: residential subscriber information: emergency alert notifications.  
**Current Text:**Introduced: 2/21/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/21/2019  
**Status:** 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.  
**Location:** 2/21/2019-A. PRINT  
**Summary:** Current law expressly provides that the use of automatic dialing-announcing devices by law enforcement agencies, fire protection agencies, public health agencies, public environmental health agencies, city or county emergency services planning agencies, or any private for-profit agency operating under contract with, and at the direction of, one or more of these agencies, for specified purposes relating to public safety and emergencies is not prohibited. This bill would expressly provide that the use of automatic dialing-announcing devices by those entities to test, not more than once per year, the enhanced 911 emergency telephone system for data accuracy and emergency alert notification system capabilities is also not prohibited.

**AB 1079**  
(Santiago D) Telecommunications: privacy protections.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/21/2019  
**Status:** 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.  
**Location:** 2/21/2019-A. PRINT  
**Summary:** Current law prohibits a provider of mobile telephony services, as defined, or any affiliate or agent of the provider, when providing the name and dialing number of a subscriber for inclusion in a directory or directory database, from including the dialing number of any subscriber without first obtaining the express consent of that subscriber. Current law authorizes providing those telephone numbers without regard to consent to a law enforcement agency, fire protection agency, public health agency, public environmental health agency, city or county emergency services planning agency, or private for-profit agency operating under contract with, and at the direction of, one or more of these agencies, for specified purposes relating to public safety and emergencies is not prohibited. This bill would additionally authorize providing those telephone numbers to those parties without consent for the purpose of testing the systems that respond to 911 calls or testing systems that communicate threats to life or property.

**AB 1168**  
(Mullin D) Emergency services: text to 911.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/21/2019
Summary: Current law, the Warren-911-Emergency Assistance Act, provides that each local public agency within its respective jurisdiction establish a basic system that automatically connects a person dialing 911 to an established public safety answering point through normal telephone service facilities, or to be part of such a system. This bill would require each public safety answering point to deploy a text to 911 service, no later than January 1, 2021, that is capable of accepting either Short Message Service messages or Real-Time Text messages.

Position          Priority          Subject
Communications

Disaster Relief

**AB 41**  (Gallagher R)  Disaster relief: Camp Fire.
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/3/2018  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
**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
Disaster Relief

**AB 42**  (Gallagher R)  Disaster relief: County of Butte: Camp Fire.
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/3/2018  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
**Introduced:** 12/3/2018
**Status:** 12/4/2018-From printer. May be heard in committee January 3.
**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
Disaster Relief

**AB 247**  (Dahle R)  Disaster relief: Carr and Klamathon fires.
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/22/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
**Introduced:** 1/22/2019
**Status:** 2/7/2019-Referred to Com. on G.O.
**Location:** 2/7/2019-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 Klamathon fire that started on July 5, 2018, in the County of Siskiyou, and the Carr fire that started on July 23, 2018, in the County of Shasta.

Position          Priority          Subject
Disaster Relief

**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.

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**Drones/Unmanned Aircraft**

**AB 1190** *(Irwin D)* Unmanned aircraft: state and local regulation: limitations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2019
Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.
Location: 2/21/2019-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would, among other things, prohibit a state or local agency from adopting any law or regulation that bans the operation of an unmanned aircraft system. The bill would include the operation of small unmanned aircraft systems within the definition of hazardous recreational activity for purposes of public entity liability. The bill would authorize a state or local agency to adopt regulations to enforce a requirement that a small unmanned aircraft system be properly registered under existing federal regulations.

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**Emergency Medical Services**

**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.

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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.

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**AB 453**  
(Chau D) Emergency medical services: EMT-P training.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/11/2019  
Introduced: 2/11/2019  
Status: 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.  
Location: 2/21/2019-A, HEALTH  
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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**AB 651**  
(Grayson D) Air ambulance services.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2019  
Introduced: 2/15/2019  
Status: 2/19/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.  
Location: 2/15/2019-A, PRINT  
Summary: Would require a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2020, to provide that if an enrollee, insured, or subscriber, as applicable, receives covered services from a noncontracting air ambulance provider, the enrollee, insured, or subscriber shall pay no more than the same cost sharing that the enrollee, insured, or subscriber would pay for the same covered services received from a contracting air ambulance provider, referred to as the in-network cost-sharing amount.

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**AB 921**  
(Arambula D) Emergency medical services: training standards.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019  
Introduced: 2/20/2019  
Status: 2/21/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.  
Location: 2/20/2019-A, PRINT  
Summary: Current law establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority to oversee emergency medical services in the state and requires the authority to develop minimum training and scope of practice standards for EMT-I, EMT-II, and EMT-P personnel. Current law states that these requirements do not preclude the adoption of additional training standards for EMT-II and EMT-P personnel by local emergency medical services agencies. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

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**Emergency Planning**
**AB 291**  
*Chu D*) Emergency preparedness.  
Introduced: 1/28/2019  
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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.

**AB 394**  
*Obernolte R*) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: fire safety.  
Introduced: 2/6/2019  
Status: 2/15/2019-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.  
Location: 2/15/2019-A. NAT. RES.  

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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.

**AB 477**  
*Cervantes D*) Emergency preparedness: vulnerable populations.  
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.  
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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.

**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.  
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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.
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.

AB 868  (Bigelow R)  Electrical corporations, electrical cooperatives, local publicly owned electric utilities: wildfire mitigation plans.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/20/2019
Status: 2/21/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Location: 2/20/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires that a wildfire mitigation plan of an electrical corporation include, and that a wildfire mitigation plan of a local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative consider, 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 communications infrastructure. This bill would provide that the consideration of public safety impacts of the protocols for disabling reclosers and deenergizing portions of the electrical distribution system also include impacts on water and waste water.

AB 883  (Dahle R)  Fish and wildlife: catastrophic wildfires: report.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/20/2019
Status: 2/21/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Location: 2/20/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, on or before December 31, 2020, and by December 31 each year thereafter, to study, investigate, and report to the Legislature on the impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat resulting from any catastrophic wildfire, as defined, that occurred during that calendar year, including specified information on a catastrophic wildfire’s impact on ecosystems, biodiversity, and protected species in the state.

AB 905  (Chen R)  Department of Transportation: Highway Design Manual: fire prone areas.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/20/2019
Status: 2/21/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.
Location: 2/20/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of the state highway system and associated property. Current law vests various powers in the department including, among others, the planning, designing, constructing, maintaining, and operating of transportation systems under its jurisdiction. This bill would require the department to update the Highway Design Manual to incorporate the use of k-rails, weed mats, or other fire proofing devices in...
fire prone areas.

**AB 1034** (Friedman D)  Health and care facilities: emergency and disaster plan.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

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**Summary:** Would require community care facilities, including a resource family, certified or licensed foster family home, or a small family home, residential care facilities for persons with a life-threatening illness, and child daycare facilities, to have an emergency and disaster plan that includes specified requirements, including plans for transportation needs and evacuation procedures.

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**AB 1062** (Limón D)  Pupil instruction: community emergency response training.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

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**Summary:** Would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the governing board of a school district, or the governing body of a charter school, that requires a course in health education for graduation from high school to include instruction in community emergency response training or a pupil version of community emergency response training, or to offer the training as an elective course in high school.

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**AB 1067** (Bigelow R)  Public lands: Department of Parks and Recreation: wildfire management plan: wildland-urban interface.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#), [pdf](#)

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**Summary:** Would require the Director of Parks and Recreation, no later than January 1, 2023, to develop and implement a wildfire management plan for all property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks and Recreation that is in the wildland-urban interface, as defined.

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

**Introduced:** 12/3/2018

**Status:** 2/20/2019-Set for hearing March 12.

**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 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.

**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.

**Summary:** 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  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- **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  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- **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  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- **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.

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**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.

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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: 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/12/2019-S. RLS.

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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 513**  
(Hurtado D) California Disaster Assistance Act.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  
Introduced: 2/21/2019


Location: 2/21/2019-S. RLS.

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Summary: The California Disaster Assistance Act authorizes the Office of Emergency Services to establish a model process that would be made available to assist a community in recovering from an emergency proclaimed by the Governor and would provide that the process may consider, among other things, the role of the office to facilitate the use of temporary services, including, but not limited to, the provision of potable water. This bill would authorize that process to consider the provision of potable water for wells that have gone dry.

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AB 740  (Burke D)  Wildfires: Wildfire Victim Restitution Fund.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2019  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/19/2019
Status: 2/20/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.
Location: 2/19/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would provide that it is the intent of the legislature to enact future legislation to establish the Wildfire Victim Restitution Fund, the purpose of which will be to ensure that victims of wildfires are compensated in a timely manner, to provide reimbursements to insurers for a portion of their wildfire losses, and to avoid lengthy legal proceedings.

Position Priority Subject
Emergency Response

Emergency Services

AB 1231  (Boerner Horvath D)  Emergency services.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/21/2019
Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.
Location: 2/21/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require response time requirements in any contract for ground emergency medical transportation entered into, amended, or renewed, by a state or local entity on and after January 1, 2020, to be consistent with performance standards established by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch. By increasing the duties of local entities, this bill would create a state-mandated local program.

Position Priority Subject
Emergency Services

SB 46  (Jackson D)  State government: emergency services.
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.

Position Priority Subject
Emergency Services

SB 160  (Jackson D)  Emergency services: cultural competence.
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.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 12/3/2018  html  pdf

*Introduced:* 12/3/2018

*Status:* 1/17/2019-Referral to Com. on L. & E.

*Location:* 1/17/2019-A. L. & E.

**Calendar:** 3/6/2019  1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447  ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, Chair

**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-Referral to Com. on PUB. S.

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

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Employment Issues

**AB 170**

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

*Current Text:* Introduced: 1/8/2019  html  pdf

*Introduced:* 1/8/2019

*Status:* 1/24/2019-Referral to Coms. on L. & E. and JUD.

*Location:* 1/24/2019-A. L. & E.

**Calendar:** 3/6/2019  1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447  ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, Chair

**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.

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

**Calendar:** 3/6/2019  1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447  ASSEMBLY LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, KALRA, Chair

**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.

**AB 196**
(Gonzalez D) Paid family leave.
*Current Text:*
*Introduced: 1/10/2019*  
*Status: 1/11/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee February 10.*
*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.

**AB 249**
(Choi R) Public employers: employee organizations.
*Current Text:*
*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.

**AB 314**
(Bonta D) Public employment: labor relations: release time.
*Current Text:*
*Introduced: 1/30/2019*  
*Status: 2/11/2019-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.*
Summary: Current law, including the Meyers-Milias-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.**

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.**

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.**

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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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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Employment Issues

**AB 418**

*(Kalra D)*  **Evidentiary privileges: union agent-represented worker privilege.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
Introduceed: 2/7/2019
Status: 2/15/2019-Referred to Com. on JUD.
Location: 2/15/2019-A. JUD.

Summary: Would establish a privilege between a union agent, as defined, and a represented employee or represented former employee to refuse to disclose any confidential communication between the employee or former employee and the union agent made while the union agent was acting in the union agent’s representative capacity, except as specified. The bill would permit a represented employee or represented former employee to prevent another person from disclosing a privileged communication, except as specified.

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Employment Issues

**AB 440**

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

Introduceed: 2/11/2019
Status: 2/12/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.
Location: 2/11/2019-A. PRINT

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.

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**AB 589**

*(Gonzalez D)*  **Employment: unfair immigration-related practices.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
Introduceed: 2/14/2019
Status: 2/15/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.
Location: 2/14/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Would make it unlawful for an employer to knowingly destroy, conceal, remove, confiscate, or possess any actual or purported passport or other immigration document, or any other actual or purported government identification document of another person in the course of committing, or with the intent to commit, trafficking, peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or a coercive labor practice. The bill would impose specified civil and criminal penalties for a violation.

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**AB 628**

*(Bonta D)*  **Employment: victims of sexual harassment: protections.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
Introduceed: 2/15/2019
Status: 2/19/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.
Summary: Current law prohibits an employer from discriminating or retaliating against an employee who is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking because of the employee’s status as a victim, if the employer has notice or knowledge of that status. Current law additionally prohibits an employer with 25 or more employees from discharging, or discriminating or retaliating against an employee who is a victim, in this regard, who takes time off to obtain specified services or counseling. This bill would extend these employment protections to victims of sexual harassment, as defined. The bill would also extend these employment protections to family members, as defined, of the victims for taking time off from work to provide assistance to the victims when seeking relief or obtaining services and counseling, as specified.

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**AB 664**

(Cooper D) County employees’ retirement: permanent incapacity.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/15/2019

Status: 2/19/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

Summary: Would require, for purposes of determining permanent incapacity of certain members employed as peace officers, that those members be evaluated by the retirement system to determine if they can perform all of the usual and customary duties of a peace officer, as specified. The bill would apply to members who file applications for disability on or after the effective date of the act, except for cases on appeal at that time. The bill also would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

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**AB 932**

(Low D) Workers’ compensation: off-duty firefighters.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Status: 2/21/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Summary: Current law grants workers’ compensation benefits to a firefighter, or the firefighter’s dependents, if the firefighter is injured, dies, or is disabled by proceeding to or engaging in a fire-suppression or rescue operation, or the protection of life or property, anywhere in California, but is not acting under the immediate supervision of the employer. This bill would expand the scope of this provision to apply when a firefighter engages in a fire-suppression or rescue operation, or the protection or preservation of life or property, outside of this state.

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**AB 1107**


Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2019

Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that injured workers receive prompt medical examinations, diagnosis, and reasonable and necessary treatment for work-related injuries and receive their monetary and nonmonetary benefits expeditiously.

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**AB 1124**

Would require, by June 13, 2019, the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt emergency regulations that require employers to make respirators available to outdoor workers on any day the outdoor worker could reasonably be expected to be exposed to harmful levels of smoke from wildfires, or burning structures due to a wildfire, while working. By expanding the scope of an existing crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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**AB 1211**  
(Reyes D) **Firefighters.**

Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide a career pathway to individuals with previous criminal convictions who have demonstrated rehabilitation and desire to work as firefighters. The bill would provide Legislative findings in support of the measure.

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**AB 1280**  
(Grayson D) **Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Pilot Program.**

This bill would, until January 1, 2025, create the Firefighter Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Pilot Program. The bill would, for purposes of the act, define a “peer support team” as a team composed of emergency service personnel, as defined, hospital staff, clergy, and educators who have been appointed to the team by a Peer Support Labor-Management Committee, as defined, and who have completed a peer support training course developed and delivered by the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee, as specified. The bill would provide that a communication made by emergency service personnel or a peer support team member while the peer support team member provides peer support services, as defined, is confidential and shall not be disclosed in a civil, administrative, or arbitration proceeding. The bill would authorize the disclosure of that communication under limited circumstances, including, among others, when disclosure is reasonably believed to be necessary to prevent death, substantial bodily harm, or commission of a crime, or when disclosure is reasonably believed to be required pursuant to the peer support policy, as specified. The bill would also provide that, except for an action for medical malpractice, a peer support team member providing peer support services as a member of a peer support team is not liable for damages, as specified, relating to an act, error, or omission in performing peer support services, unless the act, error, or omission constitutes gross negligence or intentional misconduct. The bill would further provide that a communication made by emergency service personnel to a crisis hotline or crisis referral service, as defined, is confidential and shall not be disclosed in a civil, administrative, or arbitration proceeding, except as specified.

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**SB 135**  
(Jackson D) **Disability compensation: paid family leave.**

Would require, for purposes of the act, define a “peer support team” as a team composed of emergency service personnel, as defined, hospital staff, clergy, and educators who have been appointed to the team by a Peer Support Labor-Management Committee, as defined, and who have completed a peer support training course developed and delivered by the California Firefighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee, as specified. The bill would provide that a communication made by emergency service personnel or a peer support team member while the peer support team member provides peer support services, as defined, is confidential and shall not be disclosed in a civil, administrative, or arbitration proceeding. The bill would authorize the disclosure of that communication under limited circumstances, including, among others, when disclosure is reasonably believed to be necessary to prevent death, substantial bodily harm, or commission of a crime, or when disclosure is reasonably believed to be required pursuant to the peer support policy, as specified. The bill would also provide that, except for an action for medical malpractice, a peer support team member providing peer support services as a member of a peer support team is not liable for damages, as specified, relating to an act, error, or omission in performing peer support services, unless the act, error, or omission constitutes gross negligence or intentional misconduct. The bill would further provide that a communication made by emergency service personnel to a crisis hotline or crisis referral service, as defined, is confidential and shall not be disclosed in a civil, administrative, or arbitration proceeding, except as specified.

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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.

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**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: 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.
Location: 2/21/2019-S. L., P.E. & R.

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.

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**SB 537**
(Hill D) Workers’ compensation: independent bill review.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Introduced: 2/21/2019
Location: 2/21/2019-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law establishes a workers’ compensation system, administered by the Administrative Director of the Division of Workers’ Compensation, to compensate an employee for injuries sustained in the course of employment. Existing law requires an employer to provide medical, surgical, chiropractic, acupunture, and hospital treatment that is reasonably required to cure or relieve the injured worker from the effects of the injury. Upon payment, adjustment, or denial of a complete or incomplete itemization of medical services, existing law requires an employer to provide an explanation of review. If the provider disputes the amount paid, existing law authorizes the provider to request a 2nd review. Existing law authorizes a provider to request an independent bill review within 30 calendar days of service of the 2nd review if the only dispute is the amount of payment and the provider has received a 2nd review that did not resolve the dispute. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision authorizing a provider to request an independent bill review.

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### Fire Prevention

**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.

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Fire Prevention

**AB 616** *(Patterson R)*  California Forest Carbon Plan: report.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/14/2019  html, pdf

*Introduced:* 2/14/2019

*Status:* 2/15/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

*Location:* 2/14/2019-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in collaboration with the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency, to prepare and submit to the Legislature and the appropriate legislative policy and budget committees, on or before January 1, 2021, and by January 1 of each year thereafter, until January 1, 2025, a report on the progress made and policies and resources needed to achieve specified wildland fire prevention goals for fuel treatment and vegetation management in the state, as prescribed.

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**SB 247** *(Dodd D)*  Wildland fire prevention: vegetation: management.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/11/2019  html, pdf

*Introduced:* 2/11/2019

*Status:* 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on RLS.

*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.

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**SB 290** *(Dodd D)*  Natural disasters: insurance and related alternative risk-transfer products.

*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/14/2019  html, pdf

*Introduced:* 2/14/2019

*Status:* 2/15/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 17.

*Location:* 2/14/2019-S. RLS.

**Summary:** The California Emergency Services Act, among other things, vests the Governor with various powers and duties related to that act, including coordinating the State Emergency Plan and those programs necessary for the mitigation of the effects of an emergency in this state. Current law authorizes the Governor to expend any appropriation for support of the California Emergency Services Act to carry out its provisions. This bill, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would authorize the Governor to purchase insurance, reinsurance, insurance linked securities, or other related alternative risk-transfer products for the State of California to help mitigate against costs incurred by the state in response to a natural disaster, including, but not limited to, an earthquake, wildfire, or flood.

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Local Government

**AB 213** *(Reyes D)*  Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.
**Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2019**

**Introduced:** 1/15/2019

**Status:** 2/4/2019-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Location:** 2/4/2019-A. L. GOV.

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**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.

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Local Government

**AB 400**

**Lackey R**  
**State mandates.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/6/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/6/2019

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

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**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.

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**AB 485**

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

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/12/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/12/2019

**Status:** 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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**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.

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**AB 509**

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

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/13/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/13/2019

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

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**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.
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**AB 510 (Cooley D)** Local government records: destruction of records.  
Introduced: 2/13/2019  
Status: 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
Location: 2/21/2019-A. L. GOV.  
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.

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**AB 570 (Aquiar-Curry D)** Local agencies: bonds.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
Introduced: 2/14/2019  
Status: 2/15/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.  
Location: 2/14/2019-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current law requires, upon direction of the legislative body of a local agency, the treasurer, having the duty of paying interest on an issue of ad valorem special assessment district improvement bonds, to keep a register and to enter specified information on this register upon presentation of an interest coupon of a bond. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.

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**AB 579 (Daly D)** Development fees.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
Introduced: 2/14/2019  
Status: 2/15/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.  
Location: 2/14/2019-A. PRINT  
Summary: The Mitigation Fee Act, among other things, prohibits a fee or exaction imposed as a condition of approval of a proposed development or development project from exceeding the estimated reasonable cost of providing the service or facility for which the fee or exaction is imposed. The act defines various terms for these purposes. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the definitions under the act.

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**AB 608 (Petrie-Norris D)** Property taxation: exemption: low-value properties.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
Introduced: 2/14/2019  
Status: 2/15/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.  
Location: 2/14/2019-A. PRINT  
Summary: The California Constitution authorizes the Legislature, with the approval of 2/3 of the membership of each legislative house, to allow a county board of supervisors to exempt from property taxation those properties having a full value too low to justify the costs of assessment and collection.
Existing property tax law implementing this authority generally limits any exemption granted under this constitutional provision by a county board of supervisors to real property with a total base year value, or personal property with a full value, not exceeding $10,000. This bill, on and after January 1, 2020, would increase the $10,000 limit to $50,000.

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**AB 610** (Obernolte R) Elections: local bond measures: tax rate statement.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/14/2019  [html][pdf]

Introduced: 2/14/2019

Status: 2/15/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 17.

Location: 2/14/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires local governments, when submitting for voter approval a bond measure that will be secured by an ad valorem tax, to provide the voters with a statement that includes estimates of the tax rates required to fund the measure. Tax rates are expressed as the rate per $100 of assessed valuation on all property to be taxed to fund the bond measure. This bill would instead require that the tax rate be expressed as the rate per $100,000 of assessed valuation on all property to be taxed to fund the bond measure.

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Local Government

**AB 747** (Levine D) Planning and zoning: general plan: safety element.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2019  [html][pdf]

Introduced: 2/19/2019

Status: 2/20/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 22.

Location: 2/19/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law requires a general plan to include certain mandatory elements, including a safety element for the protection of the community from unreasonable risks associated with the effects of various geologic hazards, flooding, wildland and urban fires, and climate adaptation and resilience strategies. That law requires the safety element to address, among other things, evacuation routes related to identified fire and geologic hazards. This bill would require the safety element’s address of evacuation routes to include their capacity under a range of emergency scenarios.

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Local Government

**AB 945** (McCarty D) Local government: financial affairs: surplus funds.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019  [html][pdf]

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Status: 2/21/2019-From printer. May be heard in committee March 23.

Location: 2/20/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: Existing law prescribes the instruments and criteria by which a local agency, as defined, may invest and deposit its funds, including its surplus funds. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2020, authorize a local agency to invest and deposit the agency’s surplus funds in deposits at specified types of financial institutions whether those investments are certificates of deposit or another form, and would increase the percentage of the local agency’s funds that can be invested to 50%. The bill would make additional conforming changes.

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Local Government

**AB 992** (Mullin D) Open meetings: local agencies: social media.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html][pdf]

Introduced: 2/21/2019

Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.
Would provide that the Ralph M. Brown Act does not apply to the posting, commenting, liking, interaction with, or participation in, internet-based social media platforms that are ephemeral, live, or static, by a majority of the members of a legislative body, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.

Position  Priority  Subject
Local  Government

**AB 1049**  (Grayson D)  Sales and use taxes: exemption: on-call volunteer fire department: equipment.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2019

Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.

Summary: Would provide an exemption from sales and use tax laws for the sale of, or the storage, use, or consumption of, equipment that is purchased for exclusive use by an on-call volunteer fire department.

Position  Priority  Subject
Local  Government

**AB 1151**  (Daly D)  Fire damages: civil actions: public agencies: pecuniary damages and ecological and environmental damages.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2019

Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.

Summary: Current law provides that, in a civil action by a public agency to recover damages caused by a fire, pecuniary damages must be quantifiable and not unreasonable in relation to the prefire fair market value of the property, taking into consideration the ecological and environmental value of the property to the public. Current law additionally authorizes a public agency to recover ecological and environmental damages caused by the fire, as provided. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Position  Priority  Subject
Local  Government

**AB 1177**  (Frazier D)  Planning and zoning: housing development: streamlined approval.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/21/2019

Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.

Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development, which satisfies specified objective planning standards, that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, as provided, and not subject to a conditional use permit. Under current law, those objective planning standards include that the development proponent must certify both (1) that the development is either a public work, for purposes of specified law, or that all construction workers employed in the execution of the development will be paid at least the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for the type of work and geographic area and (2) that if the development meets certain conditions, a skilled and trained workforce, as defined, will be used to complete the development if the application is approved, as provided. Existing law exempts from any requirement to pay prevailing wages or use a skilled and trained workforce a project that includes 10 or fewer units and is not a public work. This bill would delete the requirement that a skilled and trained workforce be employed on any project subject to these provisions.
AB 1253  (Rivas, Robert  D)  Local agency formation commissions: grant program.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/21/2019  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/21/2019
Status: 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.
Location: 2/21/2019-A. PRINT

Summary: This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council, until July 31, 2025, to establish and administer a local agency formation commissions grant program for the payment of costs associated with initiating and completing the dissolution of districts listed as inactive, the payment of costs associated with a study of the services provided within a county by a public agency to a disadvantaged community, as defined, and for other specified purposes, including the initiation of an action, as defined, that is limited to service providers serving a disadvantaged community and is based on determinations found in the study, as approved by the commission. The bill would specify application submission, reimbursement, and reporting requirements for a local agency formation commission to receive grants pursuant to the bill. The bill would require the council, after consulting with the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions, to develop and adopt guidelines, timelines, and application and reporting criteria for development and implementation of the program, as specified, and would exempt these guidelines, timelines, and criteria from the rulemaking provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act. The bill would make the grant program subject to an appropriation for the program in the annual Budget Act, and would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2026. This bill contains other existing laws.

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.

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.
### SB 139
**(Allen D)** Independent redistricting commissions.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/17/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**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.

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**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.

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

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

**Introduced:** 2/7/2019  
**Status:** 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on G.O.  
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**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.

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

**Introduced:** 2/11/2019  
**Status:** 2/21/2019-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and L., P.E. & R.  
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**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

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

**Introduced:** 2/13/2019  
**Status:** 2/21/2019-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
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**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.

**SB 294**  
(Hill D) Property taxation: welfare exemption: low income housing.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2019  
**Introduced:** 2/14/2019  
**Status:** 2/15/2019-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 17.  
**Location:** 2/14/2019-S. RLS.  
**Summary:** Would require any outstanding qualified ad valorem property tax in excess of the $20,000,000 limitation, and related interest or penalty, which was levied or imposed on and after January 1, 2019, and before January 1, 2020, with respect to qualified property for which a qualified claim was filed, to be canceled to the extent that the amount canceled does not result in a total assessed value exemption amount in excess of $250,000,000 being allowed to a qualified taxpayer with respect to a single property or multiple properties for any fiscal year. The bill would, on and after January 1, 2020, prohibit an escape assessment from being levied on qualified property if that amount would be subject to cancellation pursuant to this bill.

**AB 235**  
(Mayes R) Electrical corporations: local publicly owned electric utilities: California Wildfire Catastrophe Fund Act.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/18/2019  
**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  
**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.

**AB 1116** (Grayson D) **Firefighters: peer support.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

**Status:** 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.

**Location:** 2/21/2019-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would make various findings and declarations regarding firefighters, including that California has a responsibility to ensure that its emergency service and public safety agencies are equipped with the tools necessary to assist firefighters to mitigate the occupational stress they experience as a result of performing their job duties and protecting the public. The bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a Peer Support Program to enable critically needed peer support for California's firefighters.

Position  Priority  Subject
Miscellaneous

**AB 1222** (Flora R) **State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/21/2019  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2019

**Status:** 2/21/2019-Read first time. To print.

**Location:** 2/21/2019-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law establishes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection consisting of 9 members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and requires that all members of the board be appointed, selected, and approved for appointment on the basis of their educational and professional qualifications and general knowledge pertaining to watershed management, forest management practices, fish and wildlife, range management, forest economics, or land use planning. This bill would increase to 6 the number of members of the board required to be selected from the general public, thereby increasing the total member of members to ten.

Position  Priority  Subject
Miscellaneous

**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.

Position  Priority  Subject
Miscellaneous
**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*

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*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.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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| | | Public Safety

**SB 8 (Glazer D) State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban.**

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

*Introduced: 12/3/2018*

*Status: 2/20/2019-Set for hearing March 12.*

*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.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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| | | Public Safety

**SB 177 (Nielsen R) Arson.**

*Current Text: Introduced: 1/28/2019 [html pdf]*

*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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| | | Public Safety

**SB 209 (Dodd D) Wildfire: California Wildfire Warning Center: weather monitoring.**


*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) **Community Redevelopment Law of 2019.**


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, 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.

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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.

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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.

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### Retirement

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

**Introduction**: 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.

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**SETNA**

**AB 72**  
(Committee on Budget) Budget Act of 2018.

**Current Text**: Chaptered: 2/13/2019  
**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.

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**Telecommunications**

**AB 183**  
(Wood D) Telecommunications service: natural disasters: reports.

**Current Text**: Introduced: 1/10/2019  
**Introduced**: 1/10/2019  
**Status**: 1/24/2019-Referred to Com. on C. & C.  
**Location**: 1/24/2019-A. C. & C.

**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.

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