February 20, 2021

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

From: Russell Noack and Julee Malinowski Ball
      Public Policy Advocates, LLC

Re: FIRE Legislative Report – Week Ending 02/19/2021

Legislative Update

As the deadline for bill introductions draws near, please find a larger volume of bill descriptions below:

Assembly Bill 642 (Friedman) would require CAL FIRE to identify areas as moderate and high fire severity zones and include lightning-caused ignition as a factor in the determination.

Assembly Bill 648 (Fong) would continuously appropriate $200 million annually from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for healthy forest and fire prevention activities.

Assembly Bill 682 (Bloom) would require cities with a population of more than 400,000 to permit cohousing units on the same basis as multifamily houses.

Assembly Bill 714 (Muratsuchi) is a state fire marshal spot bill.

Assembly Bill 792 (Flora) is a prescribed burn spot bill.

Assembly Bill 793 (Nazarian) is an EMSA spot bill.

Assembly Bill 798 (Ramos) would authorize the CHP to issue an emergency vehicle permit to a vehicle operated by members of a fire department of a federally recognized tribe.

Assembly Bill 800 (Gabriel) is an intent bill to improve wildfire mitigation and fire prevention.
Assembly Bill 862 (Chen) is a cleanup of the quality assurance fee for Medi-Cal emergency medical transporters.

Assembly 905 (Quirk) would require the California Air Resources Board to regulate mobile fueling on-demand tank operations.

Assembly Bill 909 (Frazier) would require CAL FIRE to develop a fire risk assessment map that quantifies the risks of wildfire for a parcel of land for the last 50 years.

Assembly Bill 926 (Mathis) would add roadside vegetation management to the CAL FIRE local assistance grant program for fire prevention activities.

Assembly Bill 956 (Flora) would authorize a wildfire mitigation plan to include the use of fire-retardant chemicals approved by the fire marshal.

Assembly Bill 968 (Frazier) is a home hardening spot bill.

Assembly Bill 969 (Frazier) is a fire mitigation spot bill.

Assembly Bill 973 (Rodriguez) would require an annual report from Cal OES on investments and expenditure of funds from the California Disaster Assistance Fund.

Assembly Bill 981 (Frazier) would establish the California Fire Safe Council in the Natural resource Agency to encourage home hardening and wildfire mitigation measures.

Assembly Bill 1060 (Rodriguez) would require Cal OES to establish a statewide emergency alert system called California Alert.

Assembly Bill 1071 (Rodriguez) would require Cal OES to biennially convene key personnel with emergency management roles to participate in tabletop exercises on emergency preparedness plans under simulated catastrophic disaster situations.

Assembly Bill 1100 (Aguiar-Curry) would require a detailed post fire or other disaster-related report from telecommunication service providers to the Legislature.

Assembly Bill 1104 (Grayson) is an air ambulance transport service spot bill.

Assembly Bill 1123 (Rodriguez) would require expediting notice requirements from the Governor of a proclamation of a state of emergency.

Assembly Bill 1141 (Frazier) would declare the intent to develop a Wildland Urban Interface Research Center to address wildfire prevention, detection, and mitigation planning.
Senate Bill 440 (Dodd) would require the Wildfire Fund Administrator, Cal OES, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety to enter into a joint powers authority and to create the California Wildfire Residential Loss Mitigation Program.

Senate Bill 450 (Hertzberg) is a fire protection special tax spot bill.

Senate Bill 533 (Stern) would require electrical corporations to ensure its transmission and distribution system achieves the highest level of safety, reliability, and resiliency by upgrading its system.

Senate Bill 618 (Borgeas) is a fire prevention spot bill.

SCR 14 (Hurtado) would designate a portion of State Route 65 as the Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones Memorial Highway.

**Online Information for Legislative Measures**

If you would like to find information on a legislative bill, please use this [link](#).

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Building Permits/Standards

**AB 115**  
(Bloom D) Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/18/2020 [html][pdf]  
**Introduced:** 12/18/2020  
**Status:** 1/11/2021-Read first time. Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.  
**Location:** 1/11/2021-A. H. & C.D.  

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**Summary:** Would, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city’s or county’s general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, would require that a housing development be an authorized use on a site designated in any local agency’s zoning code or maps for commercial uses if certain conditions apply. Among these conditions, the bill would require that the housing development be subject to a recorded deed restriction requiring that at least 20% of the units have an affordable housing cost or affordable rent for lower income households, as those terms are defined, and located on a site that satisfies specified criteria.

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**AB 244**  
(Rubio, Blanca D) Affordable housing cost study: housing plan addendum.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/13/2021 [html][pdf]  
**Introduced:** 1/13/2021  
**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.  
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**Summary:** Would require the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Housing Finance Agency, and the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee to conduct an affordable housing cost study that measures the factors that influence the cost of building affordable housing, breaks down total development costs for affordable housing, and enables the state to maximize resources allocated for affordable housing.

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**AB 345**  
(Quirk-Silva D) Accessory dwelling units: separate conveyance.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2021 [html][pdf]  
**Introduced:** 1/28/2021  
**Status:** 2/12/2021-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.  
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**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency to provide, by ordinance, for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily residential zones and requires a local agency that has not adopted an ordinance to ministerially approve an application for an accessory dwelling unit, and sets forth required ordinance standards, including that the ordinance prohibit the sale or conveyance of the accessory dwelling unit separately from the primary residence. Current law, notwithstanding the prohibition described above, authorizes a local agency to, by ordinance, allow an accessory dwelling unit to be sold or conveyed separately from the primary residence to a qualified buyer if certain conditions are met. This bill would require each local agency to, by ordinance, allow an accessory dwelling unit to be sold or conveyed separately from the primary residence to a qualified buyer if certain conditions are met. The bill would remove the requirements that the property be held pursuant to a recorded tenancy in common agreement and that the agreement allocate to each qualified buyer an undivided, unequal interest in the property. The bill would instead require the property be held pursuant to a recorded contract that includes specified provisions.

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### AB 357

**Affordable housing.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/1/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/1/2021

**Status:** 2/2/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 4.

**Location:** 2/1/2021-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law, the Planning and Zoning Law, requires each city, county, and city and county to prepare and adopt a general plan that contains certain mandatory elements, including a housing element. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address the need to build more affordable housing units.

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### AB 362

**Homeless shelters: safety regulations.**

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**Introduced:** 2/1/2021

**Status:** 2/2/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 4.

**Location:** 2/1/2021-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law establishes, among various other programs intended to address homelessness in this state, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program for the purpose of providing jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this measure to include provisions that would improve the conditions of shelters by requiring, among other things, that recipients of certain shelter funding grants comply with health and safety regulations to be eligible for funding.

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### AB 561

**Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program: accessory dwelling unit financing.**

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**Introduced:** 2/11/2021

**Status:** 2/18/2021-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.

**Location:** 2/18/2021-A. H. & C.D.

**Summary:** Current law provides for the creation by local ordinance, or by ministerial approval if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use in accordance with specified standards and conditions. This bill would require the Treasurer, within 6 months of the effective date of these provisions, to develop the Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program with the purpose of assisting homeowners, as defined, in qualifying for loans to construct additional housing units on their property, including accessory dwelling units and junior accessory dwelling units. The bill would, with regard to the development of the program, require the Treasurer to consult with the California Housing Financing Agency and the Department of Housing and Community Development and would authorize the Treasurer to consult with private lenders.

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### AB 571

**Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2021

**Status:** 2/18/2021-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and L. GOV.

**Location:** 2/18/2021-A. H. & C.D.
Summary: The Density Bonus Law requires a city or county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development in the city or county with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions for the production of lower income housing units, or for the donation of land within the development, if the developer agrees to, among other things, construct a specified percentage of units for very low income, low-income, or moderate-income households or qualifying residents, including lower income students. Current law requires the amount of a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions a qualifying developer receives to be pursuant to a certain formula based on the total number of units in the housing development, as specified. This bill would prohibit affordable housing impact fees, including inclusionary zoning fees, in-lieu fees, and public benefit fees, from being imposed on a housing development's affordable units or bonus units.

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(Grayson D) Land use: development fees.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2021 html pdf
Introduced: 2/12/2021
Status: 2/13/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.
Location: 2/12/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law, the Mitigation Fee Act, imposes various requirements with respect to the establishment, increase, or imposition of a fee by a local agency as a condition of approval of a development project, including requiring a local agency, in any action establishing, increasing, or imposing such a fee, to determine how there is a reasonable relationship between the fee’s use and the type of development on which the fee is imposed. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this requirement.

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(Bloom D) Planning and zoning: cohousing buildings.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2021 html pdf
Introduced: 2/12/2021
Status: 2/13/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.
Location: 2/12/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require a city or county with a population of more than 400,000 people to permit the building of cohousing buildings, as defined, in any zone where multifamily residential buildings are permitted. The bill would require that cohousing buildings be permitted on the same basis as multifamily dwelling units. The bill would set minimum standards for the construction of cohousing buildings, including floor-space ratios and setback requirements. The bill would require that specified percentages of cohousing buildings be set aside for affordable housing, as specified.

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(Calderon D) Local Agency Public Construction Act: change orders.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021 html pdf
Introduced: 2/16/2021
Status: 2/17/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
Location: 2/16/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: The Local Agency Public Construction Act regulates contracting by local agencies, including counties and special districts. The act, for a county, imposes a $5,000 cap when the total amount of the original contract does not exceed $50,000. For any original contract that exceeds $50,000, but does not exceed $250,000, the cap is 10% of the amount of the original contract. For contracts whose original cost exceeds $250,000, the cap is $25,000 plus 5% of the amount of the original contract cost in excess of $250,000, and prohibits a change or alteration cost from exceeding $210,000. This bill would require that the existing caps be adjusted annually to reflect the percentage change in the
California Consumer Price Index. The bill would modify the cap applicable to contracts exceeding $250,000 to apply only to contracts exceeding that amount but not exceeding $25,000,000. The bill would add a new change order cap of $500,000 for contracts whose original cost exceeds $25,000,000 and of $1,000,000 for contracts whose original cost exceeds $50,000,000, both of which would be adjusted annually to reflect the percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index.

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**AB 827**  
(Rivas, Robert D)  
*Building standards: plans and specifications.*  
*Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)*  
*Introduced: 2/17/2021*  
*Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.*  
*Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT*  
*Summary: Current law prohibits an enforcement agency, as a result of construction inspection, from imposing a new or modified building standard different from those specified in the plans and specifications approved during plan checking functions for which a building permit is issued, unless the enforcement agency determines that any of a list of specific circumstances applies, including that the permit is deemed suspended or revoked pursuant to the latest adopted version of the Uniform Building Code, as provided. This bill would recast the above-described provision to the Uniform Building Code and would make other nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.*

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**AB 838**  
(Friedman D)  
*State Housing Law: enforcement response to complaints.*  
*Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)*  
*Introduced: 2/17/2021*  
*Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.*  
*Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT*  
*Summary: Current law deems a building, portion of a building, or premises on which a building is located to be a substandard building if any one of specified conditions exists to the extent that it endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the public or its occupants. Existing law deems a building, portion of a building, or premises on which a building is located to be in violation of the State Housing Law if it contains lead hazards, as specified, that are likely to endanger the health of the public or the occupants. This bill would, beginning July 1, 2021, require a city or county that receives a complaint of a substandard building or a lead hazard violation, as described above, from a tenant, resident, or occupant, or an agent of a tenant, resident, or occupant, except as specified, to inspect the building, portion of the building intended for human occupancy, or premises of the building, document the lead hazard violations that would be discovered based upon a reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the property and identify any building, portion of a building intended for human occupancy, or premises on which such a building is located that is determined to be substandard, as applicable.*

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**AB 916**  
(Salas D)  
*Zoning: accessory dwelling units: bedroom addition.*  
*Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)*  
*Introduced: 2/17/2021*  
*Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.*  
*Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT*  
*Summary: Would prohibit a city or county legislative body from adopting or enforcing an ordinance requiring a public hearing as a condition of adding one bedroom to an existing single-family residential structure. The bill would include findings that ensuring adequate housing is a matter of statewide concern and is not a municipal affair, and that the provision applies to all cities, including charter cities.*

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### AB 1016  
(Rivas, Robert D)  
Local planning.

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**Summary:** Current law, the Planning and Zoning Law, establishes in each city and in each county a planning agency with the powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the law. Current law authorizes the legislative body of each city and county to assign the functions of the planning agency to a planning department, one or more planning commissions, administrative bodies or hearing officers, the legislative body itself, or any combination thereof, as it deems appropriate and necessary. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

### AB 1056  
(Grayson D)  
Local agencies: fees and zoning standards.

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**Summary:** Current law requires a city, county, or special district that has an internet website to make specified information available on its internet website, as applicable, including a current schedule of fees, exactions, affordability requirements it has imposed that are applicable to a proposed housing development project, and an archive of impact fee nexus studies, cost of service studies, or equivalent, conducted by that city, county, or special district on or after January 1, 2018. Current law requires a city, county, or special district to update this information within 30 days of any changes. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

### AB 1135  
(Grayson D)  
Accessory dwelling units.

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**Summary:** Current law provides for the creation by local ordinance, or by ministerial approval if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, of accessory dwelling units to allow single-family or multifamily dwelling residential use in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Current law, with certain exceptions, prohibits a local agency from using or imposing any additional standards, including, until January 1, 2025, owner-occupant requirements. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provisions.

### SB 6  
(Caballero D)  
Local planning: housing: commercial zones.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020  
**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F., HOUSING, and JUD. Referral to Com. on JUD. rescinded because of the limitations placed on committee hearings due to ongoing health and safety risks of the COVID-19 virus.  
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**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive,
long-term general plan for its physical development, and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, that includes, among other mandatory elements, a housing element. This bill, the Neighborhood Homes Act, would deem a housing development project, as defined, an allowable use on a neighborhood lot, which is defined as a parcel within an office or retail commercial zone that is not adjacent to an industrial use. The bill would require the density for a housing development under these provisions to meet or exceed the density deemed appropriate to accommodate housing for lower income households according to the type of local jurisdiction, including a density of at least 20 units per acre for a suburban jurisdiction.

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**SB 8** (Skinner D)  Density Bonus Law.

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**Summary:** Would make a nonsubstantive change to the definition of “development standard” for purposes of the Density Bonus Law.

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**SB 9** (Atkins D)  Housing development: approvals.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on HOUSING, GOV. & F., and EQ. Referral to Com. on E.Q. rescinded because of the limitations placed on committee hearings due to ongoing health and safety risks of the COVID-19 virus.

**Location:** 1/28/2021-S. HOUSING

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**Summary:** Would require a proposed housing development containing 2 residential units within a single-family residential zone to be considered ministerially, without discretionary review or hearing, if the proposed housing development meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the proposed housing development would not require demolition or alteration of housing that is subject to a recorded covenant, ordinance, or law that restricts rents to levels affordable to persons and families of moderate, low, or very low income, that the proposed housing development does not allow for the demolition of more than 25% of the existing exterior structural walls, except as provided, and that the development is not located within a historic district, is not included on the State Historic Resources Inventory, or is not within a site that is legally designated or listed as a city or county landmark or historic property or district.

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**SB 10** (Wiener D)  Planning and zoning: housing development: density.

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**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on HOUSING, GOV. & F., and EQ. Referral to Com. on E.Q. rescinded because of the limitations placed on committee hearings due to ongoing health and safety risks of the COVID-19 virus.

**Location:** 1/28/2021-S. HOUSING

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**Summary:** Would, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, authorize a local government to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density per parcel, at a height specified in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area, a jobs-rich area, or an urban infill site, as those terms are defined. In this regard, the bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Office of Planning and Research, to determine jobs-rich areas and publish a map of those areas every 5 years, commencing January 1, 2022, based on specified criteria. The bill would specify that an ordinance adopted under these provisions is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act. The bill would
prohibit a residential or mixed-use residential project consisting of 10 or more units that is located on a parcel rezoned pursuant to these provisions from being approved ministerially or by right.

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**SB 12** *(McGuire D)*  
**Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020  html, pdf  
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**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F., HOUSING, and N.R. & W. Referral to Com. on N.R. & W. rescinded because of the limitations placed on committee hearings due to ongoing health and safety risks of the COVID-19 virus.  
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**Summary:** Current law requires that the Office of Planning and Research, among other things, coordinate with appropriate entities, including state, regional, or local agencies, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities, as provided. This bill would require the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after July 1, 2024, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, as specified, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the above-described clearinghouse.

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**SB 55** *(Stern D)*  
**Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020  html, pdf  
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**Summary:** Would, in furtherance of specified state housing production and wildfire mitigation goals, prohibit the creation or approval of a new development, as defined, in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area. By imposing new duties on local governments with respect to the approval of new developments in very high fire hazard severity zones and state responsibility areas, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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**SB 478** *(Wiener D)*  
**Planning and Zoning Law: housing development projects.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2021  html, pdf  
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**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. The law also requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to notify the city, county, or city and county, and authorizes the department to notify the Attorney General, that the city, county, or city and county is in violation of state law if the department finds that the housing element or an amendment to that element, or any specified action or failure to act, does not substantially comply with the law as it pertains to housing elements or that any local government has taken an action in violation of certain housing laws. This bill would prohibit a local agency, as defined, from imposing specified standards, including a minimum lot size that exceeds an unspecified number of square feet on parcels zoned for at least 2, but not more than 4, units or a minimum lot size that exceeds an unspecified number of square feet on parcels zoned for at least 5, but not more than 10, units.
### Disaster Relief

**SB 462**  
*(Borgeas R)*  
**Disaster relief: Creek Fire: allocation to local agencies.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2021  
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**Summary:** The California Disaster Assistance Act requires the Director of Emergency Services to provide financial assistance to local agencies for their personnel costs, equipment costs, and the cost of supplies and materials used during disaster response activities, incurred as a result of a state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor, subject to specified criteria. Under the act, the state share for eligible project costs is generally 75% of total eligible costs, and for specified incidents, the state share is up to 100% of total eligible costs. The act continuously appropriates moneys in the Disaster Assistance Fund and its subsidiary account, the Earthquake Emergency Investigations Account, without regard to fiscal year, for purposes of the act. This bill would allow for a state share of up to 100% of total eligible costs related to the Creek Fire that started on September 4, 2020, in the Counties of Fresno and Madera.

### Emergency Medical Services

**AB 389**  
*(Grayson D)*  
**Ambulance services.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/2/2021  
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**Summary:** Would authorize a county to contract for emergency ambulance services with a fire protection district that is governed by the county’s board of supervisors and provides those services, in whole or in part, through a written subcontract with a private ambulance service. The bill would authorize a fire protection district to enter into a written subcontract with a private ambulance service for these purposes.

### AB 450

*(Gonzalez, Lorena D)*  
**Interdepartmental Committee on Emergency Medical Services.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/8/2021  
**Introduced:** 2/8/2021  
**Status:** 2/18/2021-Refereed to Coms. on HEALTH and E.M.  
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**Summary:** Current law establishes an Interdepartmental Committee on Emergency Medical Services to advise the Emergency Medical Services Authority on the coordination and integration of all state activities concerning emergency medical services. The membership of the committee is composed of representatives from specified government entities, including the State Department of Education and the State Department of Public Health. This bill would add representatives from the State Department of Health Care Services and the California Apprenticeship Council to the membership of the committee.
**AB 454** (Rodriguez D)  Health care provider emergency payments.

Introduced: 2/8/2021  
Status: 2/18/2021-Referred to Com. on HEALTH.  
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Summary: Would authorize the Director of the Department of Managed Health Care or the Insurance Commissioner to require a health care service plan or health insurer to provide specified payments and support to a provider during and at least 60 days after the end of a declared state of emergency, as specified. The bill would require a health care service plan or health insurer to provide all contracted capitation payments to its contracted network providers in the area of the declared emergency for the duration of the emergency and at least 60 days after its end.

**SB 232** (Nielsen R)  Local EMS agencies: duties.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/19/2021  html  pdf  
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Summary: The Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, among other things, authorizes a county to develop an emergency medical services program, and requires a county developing such a program to designate a local EMS agency that is required to be the county health department, an agency established and operated by the county, an entity with which the county contracts for the purposes of local emergency medical services administration, or a particular type of joint powers agency. The act requires a local EMS agency to be responsible for the implementation of advanced life support systems and limited advanced life support systems and for the monitoring of training programs. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this requirement.

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**Emergency Planning**

**AB 9** (Wood D)  Wildfires.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020  html  pdf  
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Status: 12/8/2020-From printer. May be heard in committee January 7.  
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Summary: Current law establishes various programs for the prevention and reduction of wildfires. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would increase California’s capacity to prevent and reduce the impact of wildfires, and would make related findings and declarations.


Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020  html  pdf  
Introduced: 12/7/2020  
Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and JUD.  
Location: 1/11/2021-A. NAT. RES.
Summary: Current law requires a person that owns, controls, operates, or maintains any electrical transmission or distribution line upon any mountainous land or forest-covered land, brush-covered land, or grass-covered land to maintain around and adjacent to any pole or tower that supports a switch, fuse, transformer, lightning arrester, line junction, or dead-end or corner pole a firebreak, as specified. Current law requires a person that owns, controls, operates, or maintains any electrical transmission or distribution line upon any mountainous land or in forest-covered land, brush-covered land, or grass-covered land to maintain a clearance between all vegetation and all conductors that are carrying electric current, as specified. This bill would impose a civil penalty of up to $100,000 for each violation of the above-described provisions. The bill would impose an additional civil penalty of up to $1,000 for each acre burned by a fire resulting from a violation of the above-described provisions.

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Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020  html  pdf
Introduced: 12/7/2020
Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Location: 1/11/2021-A. NAT. RES.
Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include in its regulation of emissions of greenhouse gases the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (fund) and to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature. Current law continuously appropriates 35% of the annual proceeds of the fund for transit, affordable housing, and sustainable communities programs and 25% of the annual proceeds of the fund for certain components of a specified high-speed rail project. This bill would require the state board, in each scoping plan update prepared by the state board after January 1, 2022, to include, consistent with the act, recommendations for achieving the maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective reductions of emissions of greenhouse gases and black carbon from wildfires.

Position  Priority  Subject
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AB 280  (Rivas, Robert D)  Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans.
Current Text: Introduced: 1/21/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 1/21/2021
Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on U. & E.
Location: 1/28/2021-A. U. & E.
Summary: Under current law, the Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over electrical corporations. Current law requires each electrical corporation to annually prepare and submit a wildfire mitigation plan to the Wildfire Safety Division of the commission for review and approval. This bill would require each electrical corporation to also submit its wildfire mitigation plan to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

Position  Priority  Subject
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AB 418  (Valladares R)  Emergency services: grant program.
Introduced: 2/4/2021
Status: 2/12/2021-Referred to Coms. on E.M. and U. & E.
Location: 2/12/2021-A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
Summary: Would establish the Community Power Resiliency Program (program), to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services, to support local governments in priority areas including schools, elections offices, food storage reserves, COVID-19 testing sites, and traffic signals and street lamps.
The bill would authorize the office to allocate specified sums, pursuant to an appropriation by the Legislature, to local governments, special districts, and tribes for various purposes relating to power resiliency, and would require those entities applying for funding to either describe the portion of their emergency plan that includes power outages or provide an attestation that power outages will be included when the entity revises any portion of their emergency plan.

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**AB 973**  
(Rodriguez D) Office of Emergency Services: California Disaster Assistance Act: annual report.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021  [html, pdf]  
Introduced: 2/18/2021  
Status: 2/19/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.  
Location: 2/18/2021-A. PRINT  

Summary: The California Disaster Assistance Act, which is administered by the Director of Emergency Services, provides for the allocation of funds to state and local agencies and to eligible private nonprofit organizations for specified purposes relating to disaster assistance and in accordance with specified requirements. Current law establishes the Disaster Assistance Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in that fund for purposes of the California Disaster Assistance Act. This bill, no later than January 15, 2022, and annually thereafter, would require the Office of Emergency Services to submit a written report, containing specified information, to the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management, the Assembly Committee on Budget, the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization, and the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review that details the priority investments and expenditures of funds made available pursuant to the California Disaster Assistance Act, as provided.

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**AB 981**  
(Frazier D) Forestry: California Fire Safe Council.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021  [html, pdf]  
Introduced: 2/18/2021  
Status: 2/19/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.  
Location: 2/18/2021-A. PRINT  

Summary: Would establish the California Fire Safe Council in the Natural Resources Agency consisting of 11 members, as specified. The bill would require the council to identify programs administered by public agencies to address and minimize the risks of wildfire and to coordinate the implementation of those programs, to identify public and private programs that may be leveraged to facilitate structure-hardening and community resilience to minimize the impacts of wildfire to habitable structures, to conduct public outreach effects to regional and local wildfire mitigation groups, and to recommend to the Legislature on how the programs identified by the council can be coordinated to increase the effectiveness of those programs.

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**AB 1060**  
(Rodriguez D) Governor's Office of Emergency Services: California Alert.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021  [html, pdf]  
Introduced: 2/18/2021  
Status: 2/19/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.  
Location: 2/18/2021-A. PRINT  

Summary: Would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish a statewide emergency alert system called California Alert. The bill would require California Alert to utilize Wireless Emergency Alerts authorized by the Integrated Public Alert Warning System, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's national system for local alerting that provides authenticated emergency information to the public through mobile phones within a designate cell tower’s coverage area. The bill would require the office to contract with a private vendor that provides alerting systems to send California Alerts to registered phone numbers that are not location based. The bill would require the office to establish standards for issuing emergency alerts to California residents across local jurisdictional boundaries.
AB 1071 (Rodriguez D)  **Office of Emergency Services: tabletop exercises.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

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**Summary:** Would require the Office of Emergency Services to biennially convene key personnel and agencies that have emergency management roles and responsibilities to participate in tabletop exercises in which the participant’s emergency preparedness plans are discussed and evaluated under various simulated catastrophic disaster situations, as specified.

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AB 1100 (Aguiar-Curry D)  **Communications service: emergencies and disasters: reports.**

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**Summary:** Would, following a fire- or disaster-related state of emergency or a local emergency declared by the Governor, require the Public Utilities Commission to collect specified information from telecommunications service providers relating to the provider’s efforts to repair or replace communications infrastructure that was damaged as a result of the emergency or disaster. The bill would require that the information collected from telecommunications service providers by the commission be broken down by each emergency or disaster and be submitted in a report by the commission to the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature, and posted in a conspicuous area on the commission’s internet website.

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AB 1123 (Rodriguez D)  **State of emergency: Governor’s powers: notice of executive action: audit of emergency fund expenditures.**

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**Summary:** Would require the Governor to immediately notify in writing the Speaker of the Assembly and the President pro Tempore of the Senate of a proclamation of a state of emergency or promulgating or issuing an order or regulation pursuant to these provisions. The bill would require the Governor to provide to the Speaker of the Assembly, the President pro Tempore of the Senate, and certain committees of the Legislature a monthly report on specified information relating to requests by local government for the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency. The bill would also require the Governor to immediately provide notification in writing to the governing body of each city and county affected by a suspension of a statute, order, rule, regulation, or local law, as described above, that only applies to those cities and counties.

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AB 1141 (Frazier D)  **Wildfires: Wildland Urban Interface Fire Research Center.**

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Summary: Current law establishes various programs for the prevention, detection, and mitigation of wildfires. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation that would develop and fund a Wildland Urban Interface Fire Research Center that specifically addresses the wildland urban interface fire problem and needs of wildfire prevention, detection, and mitigation planning, building, and response, and related economic, insurance, and modeling practices in the state.

**Position Priority Subject**

**AB 1154 (Patterson R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: egress route projects: fire safety.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html, pdf]

Introduced: 2/18/2021

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Summary: Would, until January 1, 2029, exempt from CEQA egress route projects undertaken by a public agency that are specifically 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 is exempt. The bill would require the lead agency, if it determines that a project is not subject to CEQA and approves or carries out that project, to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and with the clerk of the county in which the project will be located.

**Position Priority Subject**

**SB 52 (Dodd D) State of emergency: local emergency: sudden and severe energy shortage: planned power outage.**

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html, pdf]

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Location: 1/28/2021-S. G.O.

Summary: Current law defines the terms “state of emergency” and “local emergency” to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state or the territorial limits of a local government caused by, among other things, a sudden and severe energy shortage. Current law defines a "sudden and severe energy shortage" as a rapid, unforeseen shortage of energy, resulting from, but not limited to, events such as an embargo, sabotage, or natural disasters, and that has statewide, regional, or local impact. This bill would expand the definition of “sudden and severe energy shortage” to include a “deenergization event,” defined as a planned power outage, as specified, and would make a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.

**Position Priority Subject**

**SB 259 (Wilk R) Public Utilities Commission: oversight of electrical corporations.**


Introduced: 1/26/2021

Status: 2/3/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 1/26/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to strengthen the Public Utilities Commission’s oversight of electrical corporations’ efforts to reduce their fire risk and use of deenergization events.

**Position Priority Subject**
**SB 468 (Dodd D)  State of emergency: local emergency: electromagnetic pulse attack.**  
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**Summary:** Current law defines the term “state of emergency” and “local emergency” to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, riot, or cyberterrorism. This bill would additionally include an electromagnetic pulse attack among those conditions constituting a state of emergency or local emergency.

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**SB 547 (Glazer D)  Animals: emergency response: California Veterinary Emergency Team program.**  
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**Summary:** Would require the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine to develop a program called the California Veterinary Emergency Team, and would require the program to assist in the coordination and training of a network of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to assist in the evacuation and care of household and domestic animals and livestock in emergencies. The bill would also require the program to conduct or support research on best practices for the evacuation and care of the animals in disasters.

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**AB 7 (Rodriguez D)  Emergency ambulance employees: subsidized protective gear.**  
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**Summary:** Would require an emergency ambulance provider to establish a voluntary personal protective equipment (PPE) program that allows for the purchase of subsidized multithreat body protective gear that is bullet, strike, slash, and stab resistant by an emergency ambulance employee pursuant to an employer-funded stipend, and authorize an employee to voluntarily participate in a PPE program and to wear the PPE while on duty. The bill would require a provider to inform an employee of the opportunity to purchase subsidized multithreat body protective gear through a PPE program.

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**AB 118 (Kamlager D)  Emergency services: community response: grant program.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/18/2020  [html](#), [pdf](#)  
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Would, until January 1, 2026, enact the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems Act or the C.R.I.S.E.S. Act for the purpose of creating, implementing, and evaluating the 3-year C.R.I.S.E.S. Grant Pilot Program, which the act would establish. The bill would require the office to establish rules and regulations for the program with the goal of making grants to community organizations, over 3 years, for the purpose of expanding the participation of community organizations in emergency response for specified vulnerable populations. The bill would require that grantees receive a minimum award of $250,000 per year. The bill would require a community organization receiving funds pursuant to the program to use the grant to stimulate and support involvement in emergency response activities that do not require a law enforcement officer, as specified. The bill would require the Director of Emergency Services (director) to assemble staff and resources to carry out certain duties in support of the program.

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**AB 261** (Seyarto R) **Authorized emergency vehicles.**

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**Summary:** Would permit an authorized emergency vehicle to operate on an HOV lane if specified conditions are met, including, among others, that the vehicle is being driven while responding to, or returning from, an urgent or emergency call and the driver of the vehicle determines that the use of the HOV lane will likely improve the arrival time of the authorized emergency vehicle and its delivery of essential public safety services.

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**AB 270** (Ramos D) **Core Behavioral Health Crisis Services System.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/19/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

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**Summary:** Would create the Core Behavioral Health Crisis Services System, using the digits “988” for the 988 Suicide Prevention and Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline, in compliance with existing federal law and standards governing the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The bill would require the department, as defined, to take specified actions to implement the hotline system. The bill would require the department to charge a fee on each resident of the state that is a subscriber of commercial mobile or IP-enabled voice services to pay for the costs of the program. The bill would create the 988 Fund, a new continuously appropriated fund, and would require the fees to be deposited along with other specified moneys into the 988 Fund.

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**AB 580** (Rodriguez D) **Emergency services: vulnerable populations.**

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**Summary:** Current law requires Office of Emergency Services to establish a standardized emergency management system for use by all emergency response agencies. Current law requires the director to appoint representatives of the disabled community to serve on pertinent committees related to that system, and to ensure that the needs of the disabled community are met within that system by ensuring certain committee recommendations include the needs of people with disabilities. Current law requires those representatives to be from groups of persons who are blind or visually impaired, persons with sensory or cognitive disabilities, and persons with physical disabilities. This bill instead would require the director to appoint representatives of the access and functional needs population to
serve on those committees and to ensure the needs of that population are met within that system. The bill would require those representatives to include persons not within the above-described groups of people with disabilities but who are part of the access and functional needs population.

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**AB 662**

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Summary: The Lanterman-Petris-Short Act provides for the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons with specified mental disorders for the protection of the persons committed. Under the act, when a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is a danger to others, or to themselves, or gravely disabled, the person may, upon probable cause, be taken into custody and placed in a facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Health Care Services for up to 72 hours for evaluation and treatment. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation on those provisions and ambulance transportation services.

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**AB 793**
(Nazarian D) Critical care facilities.

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Status: 2/17/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.

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Summary: Current law requires the Emergency Medical Services Authority to develop and implement guidelines that address designated components for emergency medical services systems. Current law allows the authority to establish guidelines for hospital facilities according to critical care capabilities in cooperation with affected medical organizations. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to this provision.

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**AB 862**
(Chen R) Medi-Cal: emergency medical transportation services.

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Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: The Medi-Cal Emergency Medical Transportation Reimbursement Act, imposes a quality assurance fee for each emergency medical transport provided by an emergency medical transport provider subject to the fee in accordance with a prescribed methodology. Current law exempts an eligible provider from the quality assurance fee and add-on increase for the duration of any Medi-Cal managed care rating during which the program is implemented. Existing law requires each applicable Medi-Cal managed care health plan to satisfy a specified obligation for emergency medical transports and to provide payment to noncontract emergency medical transport providers, and provides that this provision does not apply to an eligible provider who provides noncontract emergency medical transports to an enrollee of a Medi-Cal managed care plan during any Medi-Cal managed care rating period that the program is implemented. The bill would provide that during the entirety of any Medi-Cal managed care rating period for which the program is implemented an eligible provider shall not be an emergency medical transport provider, as defined, who is subject to a quality assurance fee or eligible for the add-on increase, and would provide that the program's provisions do not affect the application of the specified add-on to any payment to a nonpublic emergency medical transport provider.

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**AB 1104**  (Grayson D)  Air ambulance services.

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**Summary:** Current law imposes a penalty of $4 until July 1, 2021, upon every conviction for a violation of the Vehicle Code or a local ordinance adopted pursuant to the Vehicle Code, other than a parking offense. The act requires the county or court that imposed the fine to transfer the revenues collected to the Treasurer for deposit into the Emergency Medical Air Transportation and Children's Coverage Fund. Current law requires the assessed penalty to continue to be collected, administered, and distributed until exhausted or until December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first. This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

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**SB 109**  (Dodd D)  Office of Emergency Services: Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development.

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**Summary:** Would establish the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development within the Office of Emergency Services under the direct control of the Director of the Office of Emergency Services. The bill would make the office responsible for studying, testing, and advising regarding procurement of emerging technologies and tools in order to more effectively prevent and suppress wildfires, and serving as the central organizing hub for the state government's identification of emerging wildfire technologies, as provided.

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**Summary:** Would enact the Emergency Power Limitation Act. The bill would require an emergency order, as defined, to be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose and
limited in duration, applicability, and scope. The bill would authorize any person to bring an action to invalidate or enjoin enforcement of an emergency order that is allegedly unlawful. The bill would prohibit a state agency from issuing an emergency order that infringes on an express constitutional right, as defined, in a nontrivial manner, and would require that an emergency order issued by the Governor that infringes on an express constitutional right expire within specified time periods.

### Employment Issues

**AB 123**  
(Gonzalez, Lorena D)  
**Paid family leave: weekly benefit amount.**

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**Summary:** Current law establishes, within the Unemployment Compensation Disability Fund program, a family temporary disability insurance program, also known as the paid family leave program, for the provision of wage replacement benefits for up to 8 weeks 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. Current law defines "weekly benefit amount" for purposes of both employee contributions and benefits under this program to mean the amount of weekly benefits available to qualifying disabled individuals pursuant to unemployment compensation disability law, calculated pursuant to specified formulas partly based on the applicable percentage of the wages paid to an individual for employment by employers during the quarter of the individual's disability base period in which these wages were highest, but not to exceed the maximum workers’ compensation temporary disability indemnity weekly benefit amount established by the Department of Industrial Relations. This bill would revise the formula for determining benefits available pursuant to the family temporary disability insurance program, for periods of disability commencing after January 1, 2022, by redefining the weekly benefit amount to be equal to 90% of the wages paid to an individual for employment by employers during the quarter of the individual's disability base period in which these wages were highest, divided by 13, but not exceeding the maximum workers’ compensation temporary disability indemnity weekly benefit amount established by the Department of Industrial Relations.

**AB 415**  
(Rivas, Robert D)  
**Employment: workers' compensation.**

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**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 the employee's employment. This bill would define "injury," for certain employees of a city, county, city and county, district, or other municipal corporation or political subdivision regularly exposed to active fires or health hazards directly resulting from firefighting operations, to include cancer that develops or manifests during a period in which the individual demonstrates that they were exposed to a known carcinogen while in the employment of the city, county, city and county, district, or other municipal corporation or political subdivision. The bill would establish a presumption that the cancer in those cases arose out of, and in the course of, employment, unless the presumption is controverted by evidence that the primary site of the cancer has been established and that the carcinogen to which the person has demonstrated exposure is not reasonably linked to the disabling cancer.

**AB 805**  
(Maienschein D)  
**Personal protective equipment: distribution reports.**

**Current Text:**  
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**Summary:** Current law authorizes the county health officer and the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency administrator in each operational area to act jointly as the medical health operational area coordinator (MHOAC) or to jointly appoint another person to fulfill those responsibilities. This bill would require, during a health-related state of emergency in California proclaimed by the President of the United States or by the Governor, the MHOAC to report specified information relating to the distribution of personal protective equipment, as defined, to the Office of Emergency Services on a weekly basis. The bill would require, at all other times, the MHOAC to report that information on a monthly basis. The bill would require the medical and health disaster plan to include this reporting, as specified.

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**Summary:** Current law prescribes various requirements for the organization and administration of public retirement systems, which typically provide pension, disability, and death benefits to their members. Current law provides that participants in certain membership categories may be entitled to special benefits if death or disability arises in the course of employment. The California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) generally requires a public retirement system, as defined, to modify its plan or plans to comply with that act and establishes, among other things, limits on defined benefit formulas and caps on pensionable compensation. This bill, until January 1, 2023, would create a presumption, applicable to the retirement systems that PEPRA regulates and to specified members in those systems, that would be applied to disability retirements on the basis, in whole or in part, of a COVID-19-related illness. In this circumstance, the bill would require that it be presumed the disability arose out of, or in the course of, the member’s employment. The bill would authorize the presumption to be rebutted by evidence to the contrary, but unless controverted, the board of administration of the applicable retirement system would be required to find in accordance with the presumption.

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**AB 872** *(Wood D)* Leave of absence: firefighters.

**Summary:** Among other workers’ compensation benefits, current law entitles a member of the Department of Justice who comes within the “state peace officer/firefighter” class, a law enforcement officer employed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and a harbor police officer employed by the San Francisco Port Commission, as specified, who is disabled by injury arising out of and in the course of the member’s duties, to a leave of absence while so disabled without loss of salary, in lieu of disability payments, for a period not exceeding one year. This bill would make that benefit available to all rank-and-file and supervisory firefighters employed by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection whose principal duties include active fire suppression or prevention services.

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**SB 206** (McGuire D) **Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act.**

*Current Text: Introduced: 1/11/2021  html, pdf*

*Introduced: 1/11/2021*

*Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on L., P.E. & R. and JUD.*

*Location: 1/28/2021-S. L., P.E. & R.*

*Calendar: 3/8/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT, CORTESE, Chair*

**Summary:** The Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act grants certain employment rights to firefighters, as defined. Among other things, under the act, when a firefighter is under investigation and is interrogated by the firefighter’s commanding officer, or another member of the employing agency, on matters that could lead to punitive action, the interrogation must be conducted pursuant to certain requirements. Current law defines “punitive action” for these purposes as any action that may lead to dismissal, demotion, suspension, reduction in salary, written reprimand, or transfer for purposes of punishment. This bill would include in the definition of “firefighter” a temporary, seasonal firefighter employed by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

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**SB 278** (Leyva D) **Public Employees’ Retirement System: disallowed compensation: benefit adjustments.**

*Current Text: Introduced: 1/29/2021  html, pdf*

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*Calendar: 3/8/2021 Upon adjournment of Session - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT, CORTESE, Chair*

**Summary:** The California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) generally requires a public retirement system, as defined, to modify its plan or plans to comply with the act. PEPRA, among other things, establishes new defined benefit formulas and caps on pensionable compensation. This bill 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 disallowed 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. At the threshold, after determining that compensation for an employee member reported by the state, school employer, or a contracting agency is disallowed, the bill would require the applicable employer to discontinue the reporting of the disallowed compensation.

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**SB 284** (Stern D) **Workers’ compensation: firefighters and peace officers: post-traumatic stress.**

*Current Text: Introduced: 2/1/2021  html, pdf*

*Introduced: 2/1/2021*

*Status: 2/10/2021-Referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.*

*Location: 2/10/2021-S. L., P.E. & R.*
### Summary:
Current law, under the workers’ compensation system, provides, only until January 1, 2025, that, for certain state and local firefighting personnel and peace officers, the term “injury” includes post-traumatic stress that develops or manifests during a period in which the injured person is in the service of the department or unit, but applies only to injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2020. Existing law requires the compensation awarded pursuant to this provision to include full hospital, surgical, medical treatment, disability indemnity, and death benefits. This bill would make that provision applicable to active firefighting members of the State Department of State Hospitals, the State Department of Developmental Services, and the Military Department, and to additional peace officers, including security officers of the Department of Justice when performing assigned duties as security officers and the officers of a state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of State Hospitals or the State Department of Developmental Services, among other officers.

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### SB 294

**Leyva D**

**Public retirement: leave of absence: service credit.**

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**SENATE LABOR, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT, CORTESE, Chair**

**Summary:** PERS and STRS require employees to make contributions to the system based on their credited compensation, as defined. Existing law defines “leave of absence” for purposes of both laws as a period of leave to which a member is entitled that is expressly authorized or required pursuant to specified provisions, including employer-approved compensated leave, subject to specified requirements. Under current law, during a leave of absence for an employer-approved compensated leave, an employee earns full service credit and is required to pay employee contributions, as specified. Existing law limits the maximum amount of the service credit earned during an employer-approved compensated leave of absence to 12 years. This bill would remove the 12-year limitation for service credit earned on an employer-approved compensated leave. By increasing contributions into the continuously appropriated Public Employees’ Retirement Fund and Teachers’ Retirement Fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

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### SB 411

**Cortese D**

**Educational employment relations: Public Employment Relations Board: investigations: unfair practices.**

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**Introduced:** 2/12/2021

**Status:** 2/16/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 18.

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**Summary:** Current law grants public school employees the right to form, join, and participate in the activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations. Current law establishes the Public Employment Relations Board, and gives the board specified powers relating to employer-employee relations, including the power to investigate unfair practice charges filed by an employee, employee organization, or employer. Existing law grants the board exclusive jurisdiction to make an initial determination as to whether the charges of unfair practices are justified, and, if so, what remedy is necessary, as specified. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provision.

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**Fees/Assessments**

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**AB 602**  
*Grayson D*)  Development fees.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2021 [html][pdf]  
**Introduced:** 2/11/2021  
**Status:** 2/12/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.  
**Location:** 2/11/2021-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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**SB 319**  
*Melendez R*)  Land use: development fees: audit.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2021 [html][pdf]  
**Introduced:** 2/4/2021  
**Status:** 2/17/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.  
**Location:** 2/17/2021-S. GOV. & F.  

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a person to request an audit to determine whether a fee or charge levied by a local agency exceeds the amount reasonably necessary to cover the cost of any product, public facility, or service provided by the local agency. If a local agency does not comply with the above-described disclosure requirement for 3 consecutive years, existing law prohibits the local agency from requiring that person to make a specified deposit and requires the local agency to pay the cost of the audit. This bill, additionally, would require that audit to include each consecutive year the local agency did not comply with the disclosure requirement. The bill would make clarifying changes to that provision.

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**Fire Equipment**

**AB 798**  
*Ramos D*)  Vehicles: fire department: federally recognized tribes.  
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**Status:** 2/17/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.  
**Location:** 2/16/2021-A. PRINT  

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol to issue authorized emergency vehicle permits for specified vehicles upon a finding that the vehicle is used in responding to emergency calls for fire or law enforcement, the immediate preservation of life or property, or the apprehension of law violators.This bill would authorize the commissioner to issue an emergency vehicle permit to a vehicle operated by a member of a fire department of a federally recognized tribe.

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**AB 905**  
*Quirk D*)  Mobile fueling on-demand tank vehicles: performance standards.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html][pdf]  
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**Status:** 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.  
**Location:** 2/17/2021-A. PRINT
### Fire Prevention

**AB 267**  
(Valladares R)  
California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: prescribed fire, thinning, and fuel reduction projects.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/15/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 1/15/2021  
**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.  
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**Summary:** Current law, until January 1, 2023, exempts from the requirements of CEQA prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as provided. Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, beginning December 31, 2019, and annually thereafter until January 1, 2023, to report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature the number of times the exemption was used. This bill would extend the exemption from CEQA and the requirement on the department to report to the relevant policy committees of the Legislature indefinitely.

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**AB 297**  
(Gallagher R)  
Fire prevention.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/25/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 1/25/2021  
**Status:** 2/12/2021-Referred to Coms. on NAT. RES. and REV. & TAX.  
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**Summary:** Would continuously appropriate $480,000,000 and $20,000,000 to the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention and the California Conservation Corps, respectively, for fire prevention activities, as provided.

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**AB 373**  
(Seyarto R)  
Forest protection: Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/1/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/1/2021  
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**Summary:** Under current law, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in accordance with a plan approved by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, is required to carry out specified duties with respect to the prevention and control of forest fires. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in that provision.

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| Under Review | Priority | Fire Prevention |  |

**AB 380**  
(Seyarto R)  
Forestry: priority fuel reduction projects.
Summary: Under the authority provided pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, the Governor, on March 22, 2019, issued a proclamation of a state of emergency directing the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement, without delay, fuel reduction projects identified using a methodology developed by the department to determine which communities are at greatest risk of wildfire based on best available science and socioeconomic factors and to identify projects that would reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, if completed. The proclamation of a state of emergency exempts those identified fuel reduction projects from various legal requirements, including, among others, requirements regarding public contracting for those projects, requirements for environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act for those projects, and licensure requirements for individual conducting certain activities for those projects, as provided. This bill would require the department, before December 31, 2022, and before December 31 of each year thereafter, to identify priority fuel reduction projects, as provided.

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**AB 431** (Patterson R) Forestry: timber harvesting plans: defensible space: exemptions.

Summary: The Z’berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted to, and approved by, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The act authorizes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the act a person engaging in specified forest management activities, as prescribed, including, only until January 1, 2022, the cutting or removal of trees on the person’s property in compliance with specified defensible space requirements, as provided. This bill would extend to January 1, 2026, the board’s authorization to exempt a person engaging in the cutting or removal of trees on the person’s property in compliance with the specified defensible space requirements as provided.

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**AB 433** (Chen R) California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Program: electrical utilities: voluntary contributions.

Summary: Current law requires the State Fire Marshal, in consultation with specified state officials, to identify building retrofits and structure hardening measures, and the department to identify defensible space, vegetation management, and fuel modification activities, that are eligible for financial assistance under the program. Current law specifies the types of designated wildfire hazard areas eligible for funding under the program. Current authorizes the joint powers authority administering the program to accept federal funds for the purposes of the program. Current law makes the operation of the program contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature and would repeal the program’s provisions on July 1, 2025. This bill would authorize the joint powers authority implementing the above-described program to accept voluntary contributions and would require the contributions be deposited in the California Wildfire Mitigation Financial Assistance Fund, which the bill would establish in the State Treasury. The bill would provide that moneys in the fund are available, upon appropriation by the Legislature for purpose of the program.

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**AB 448** (Mayes I) Fire safety.
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Summary: Current law authorizes any person who owns, controls, operates, or maintains any electrical transmission or distribution line to traverse land as necessary, regardless of land ownership or express permission to traverse land from the landowner, after providing notice and an opportunity to be heard to the landowner, to prune trees to maintain clearances, and to abate, by pruning or removal, any hazardous, dead, rotten, diseased, or structurally defective live trees. Current law does not exempt any person who owns, controls, operates, or maintains any electrical transmission or distribution line from liability for damages for the removal of vegetation that is not covered by any easement granted to that person for the electrical transmission or distribution line. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the above-described provisions.

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AB 497  (Waldron R)  Wildfire prevention.

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Summary: Current law requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to classify all lands within the state, without regard to any classification of lands made by or for any federal agency or purpose, for the purpose of determining areas in which the financial responsibility of preventing and suppressing fires is primarily the responsibility of the state. This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would enact statutory changes relating to wildfire prevention.

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Fire Prevention

AB 522  (Fong R)  Forestry: Forest Fire Prevention Exemption.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/10/2021  html  pdf
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Fire Prevention

AB 529  (Bauer-Kahan D)  Electrical utilities: fire safety, prevention, or mitigation services: notice.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/10/2021  html  pdf
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Summary: Would require each electrical corporation, local publicly owned electric utility, or electrical cooperative engaging in fire safety, prevention, or mitigation services in a high fire-risk area, as defined, to notify the fire protection district responsible for that area at least 48 hours before work is
commenced, except when waiting to commence critical or emergency repairs in order to provide that notification would endanger public health or safety, as specified. The bill would require those electrical utilities to also provide the fire protection district with a copy of any form used to document any daily safety briefing at those worksites no later than 72 hours after the completion of that workday.

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**AB 579 (Flora R) Fire prevention.**

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**Summary:** Current law establishes the California Conservation Camp program to provide for the training and use of the inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps in the furtherance of public conservation. Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to use inmates and wards assigned to conservation camps for fire prevention, fire control, and other work of the department. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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**AB 585 (Rivas, Luz D) Climate change: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/11/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2021

**Status:** 2/18/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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**Summary:** Would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program to coordinate the state's efforts to address extreme heat and to facilitate the implementation of regional and state climate change planning into effective projects through the awarding of competitive grants to eligible entities for implementation of those projects. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to administer the program. The bill would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Fund in the State Treasury and would require the office, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to expend moneys in the fund for the implementation of the program.

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**AB 642 (Friedman D) Wildfires.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/12/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

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**Summary:** Would require the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas in the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones. The bill would additionally require the director classify areas into fire hazard severity zones based on additional factors including possible lightning caused ignition. The bill would require a local agency, within 30 days of receiving a transmittal from the director that identifies fire hazard severity zones, to make the information available for public comment.

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**AB 697 (Chau D) Forest resources: national forest lands: Good Neighbor Authority Fund: ecological restoration and fire resiliency projects.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/16/2021

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**Summary:** Would reorganize the law relating to the State Treasury the Good Neighbor Authority Fund.
The bill would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, under an agreement between the state and the federal government, to establish a program for purposes of conducting ecological restoration and fire resiliency projects on national forest lands, with priority given to forest restoration and fuels reduction projects that are landscape scale, focused on ecological restoration and based on the best available science, emphasize the use of prescribed fire, and include community fire protection and protection of water infrastructure and other infrastructure as important goals, as provided.

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**AB 714**  
**Maienschein D**  
*Fire prevention*

**AB 792**  
**Flora R**  
*Forestry: prescribed burning agreements.*

**AB 800**  
**Gabriel D**  
*Wildfires: mitigation and prevention.*

**AB 909**  
**Frazier D**  
*Wildfire risk assessment map.*
Summary: Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the California Fire Science Consortium and the Department of Insurance to develop a fire risk assessment map for the state that quantifies the risks of wildfire for a parcel of land for a time span of 50 years. The bill would require the department to annually update the wildfire risk assessment map. The bill would require the department to make the wildfire risk assessment map available to the public.

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**AB 926**  
(Mathis R)  
Fire prevention: local assistance grant program: roadside vegetation management and defensible space.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a local assistance grant program for fire prevention activities in the state. Current law requires that the eligible activities include, among other things, fire prevention activities, as provided. This bill would add roadside vegetation management and projects to create and increase defensible space for critical infrastructure, as provided, to the eligible activities.

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| | Fire Prevention |

**AB 956**  
(Flora R)  
Wildfire mitigation plans: fire retardants.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to establish minimum standard requirements and adopt rules and regulations to regulate the manufacture, sale, and application of flame-retardant chemicals. This bill would expressly authorize a wildfire mitigation plan to include the use of fire-retardant chemicals approved by the State Fire Marshal on a planned basis for wildfire mitigation and risk management.

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**AB 968**  
(Frazier D)  
Wildfires.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current law requires a person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains an occupied building or structure within a very high fire hazard severity zone to take certain steps to reduce the risk of fire, under specified circumstances. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to enhance and improve efforts to harden homes against wildfires in the state.

Position | Priority | Subject
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| | Fire Prevention |

**AB 969**  
(Frazier D)  
Fire prevention and mitigation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.

Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT
Summary: Current law establishes grant programs aimed at funding disaster mitigation activities, including a local assistance grant program for fire prevention administered by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to enhance and improve landscape scale fire prevention and mitigation projects.

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**Fire Prevention**

**AB 1142** (Frazier D) **Fire prevention: detection and response.**
- **Current Text:** Introduced: 2/18/2021 [html](#), [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 2/18/2021
- **Status:** 2/19/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.
- **Location:** 2/18/2021-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop and implement a program to predict and respond to wildfire ignition events and to provide for the sharing of information regarding wildfire events and coordination of activities among local, state, and federal agencies in response to wildfires.

**SB 45** (Portantino D) **Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.**
- **Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#), [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 12/7/2020
- **Status:** 2/17/2021-Set for hearing March 16.
- **Location:** 1/28/2021-S. N.R. & W.

**Calendar:** 3/16/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, STERN, Chair

**Summary:** Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

**SB 63** (Stern D) **Fire prevention: vegetation management: public education: grants: defensible space: fire hazard severity zones: forest management.**
- **Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020 [html](#), [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 12/7/2020
- **Status:** 2/17/2021-Set for hearing March 16.
- **Location:** 1/28/2021-S. N.R. & W.

**Calendar:** 3/16/2021 9 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, STERN, Chair

**Summary:** Would, among other things, require the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas of the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones and would require a local agency to make this information available for public review and comment, as provided. By expanding the responsibility of a local agency, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**SB 244** (Archuleta D) **Lithium-ion batteries: illegal disposal: fire prevention.**
- **Current Text:** Introduced: 1/21/2021 [html](#), [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 1/21/2021
- **Status:** 2/3/2021-Referred to Coms. on EQ. and N.R. & W.
- **Location:** 2/3/2021-S. E.Q.
Summary: Would prohibit a person from knowingly disposing of a lithium-ion battery in a container or receptacle that is intended for the collection of solid waste or recyclable materials, unless the container or receptacle is designated for the collection of batteries for recycling, as provided.

Position Priority Subject
Under Review Fire Prevention

SB 312  
(Nielsen R) Electrical lines and equipment: wildfire mitigation plans.
Introduced: 2/4/2021
Status: 2/17/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Location: 2/4/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires each electrical corporation to annually prepare and submit a wildfire mitigation plan to the Wildlife Safety Division within the Public Utilities Commission for review and approval, as specified. Following approval, the commission is required to oversee compliance with the plans pursuant to the Public Utilities Act. Current law requires each local publicly owned electric utility and electrical cooperative to annually prepare a wildfire mitigation plan and to verify that the wildfire mitigation plan complies with all applicable rules, regulations, and standards, as appropriate. Current law declares that nothing in the chapter requiring the preparation and implementation of wildfire mitigation plans affects the commission’s authority or jurisdiction over an electrical cooperative or local publicly owned electric utility. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the declaration in existing law that nothing in the chapter requiring the preparation and implementation of wildfire mitigation plans affects the commission’s authority or jurisdiction over an electrical cooperative or local publicly owned electric utility.

Position Priority Subject
Under Review Fire Prevention

SB 396  
(Dahle R) Forestry: internal combustion engines: industrial operations: fire toolbox.
Introduced: 2/11/2021
Status: 2/12/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 14.
Location: 2/11/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law prohibits any person, except as specified, from using or operating any vehicle, machine, tool, or equipment powered by an internal combustion engine operated on hydrocarbon fuels, in any industrial operation located on or near any forest, brush, or grass-covered land between April 1 and December 1 of any year, or at any other time when ground litter and vegetation will sustain combustion permitting the spread of fire, without providing and maintaining, for firefighting purposes only, suitable and serviceable tools, as prescribed. Current law requires a sealed box of tools to be located within the operating area and accessible in the event of a fire, which fire toolbox shall contain: one backpack pump-type fire extinguisher filled with water, 2 axes, 2 McLeod fire tools, and a sufficient number of shovels so that each employee at the operation can be equipped to fight fire. This bill would require a dedicated set of tools to be located within the operating area and accessible in the event of a fire, which fire toolbox shall contain: a sufficient number of fire extinguishers, axes, 2 McLeod fire tools, and shovels so that, when added to any other tools on the industrial operation, each employee at the operation can be equipped to fight fire.

Position Priority Subject
Under Review Fire Prevention

SB 440  
(Dodd D) Earthquake and wildfire loss mitigation.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/16/2021
Status: 2/17/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.
Location: 2/16/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Wildfire Fund Administrator, the Office of Emergency Services, and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety to create the California Wildfire Residential Loss Mitigation Program as a joint powers authority. The bill would require that program to provide mitigation against wildfire risk, including a grant program to assist qualifying owners to retrofit their structures to protect against wildfire or to create a defensible space around their structures. The bill would establish the Wildfire Loss Mitigation Fund as a continuously appropriated subaccount in the Wildfire Fund to fund the program.

Position Priority Subject
Under Review Fire Prevention
**SB 450**  
(Hertzberg D)  
**Fire protection: police protection: special taxes.**  
*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/16/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/16/2021  
*Status:* 2/17/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 19.  
*Location:* 2/16/2021-S. RLS.  

**Summary:** Current law authorizes a local agency that provides fire protection or prevention services, or that provides police protection services, to propose a special tax for those services, as provided. Current law requires the proposed special tax be submitted to voters in the area receiving the services, and the special tax then takes effect upon approval of 2/3 of the voters voting on the proposal. Current law requires that all revenues from the special tax are used for the service for which the tax was imposed. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that provision.

**SB 533**  
(Stern D)  
**Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans: deenergization events: microgrids.**  
*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/17/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/17/2021  
*Status:* 2/18/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.  
*Location:* 2/17/2021-S. RLS.  

**Summary:** Would require an electrical corporation to ensure its electrical transmission and distribution system achieves the highest level of safety, reliability, and resiliency by modernizing, upgrading, including by installing one or more microgrids, replacing, hardening, or undergrounding, any portion of its transmission and distribution wires or poles that experiences a specified number of recurring deenergization events, as defined. The bill would require that these measures be completed within 12 months of reaching the specified number of recurring deenergization events. The bill would require that an electrical corporation’s wildfire mitigation plan include a description of measures implemented pursuant to this requirement and the number of transmission and distribution wires and poles affected.

**SB 618**  
(Borgeas R)  
**Fire prevention activities: local assistance grant program.**  
*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/18/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/18/2021  
*Status:* 2/19/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 21.  
*Location:* 2/18/2021-S. RLS.  

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a local assistance grant program for fire prevention activities in California. Current law defines “fire prevention activities” for these purposes to mean those lawful activities that reduce the risk of wildfire in California, as provided. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the definition of “fire prevention activities.”

**Fireworks**

**SB 277**  
(Archuleta D)  
**Fireworks: dangerous fireworks: seizure: management.**  
*Current Text:* Introduced: 1/29/2021  
*Introduced:* 1/29/2021  
*Status:* 2/10/2021-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.  
*Location:* 2/10/2021-S. G.O.
Summary: Would expand the definition of a dangerous firework to include any firework that contains lead and lead compounds and hexachlorobenzene, as provided. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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Under Review |  | Fireworks

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AB 648 (Fong R) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: healthy forest and fire prevention: appropriation.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2021 [html, pdf]

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 2/13/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/12/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Would continuously appropriate, beginning in the 2021–22 fiscal year and ending in the 2028–29 fiscal year, $200,000,000 of the annual proceeds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for (1) healthy forest and fire prevention programs and projects that improve forest health and reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by uncontrolled wildfires and (2) prescribed fire and other fuel reduction projects through proven forestry practices consistent with the recommendations of the California Forest Carbon Plan, including the operation of year-round prescribed fire crews and implementation of a research and monitoring program for climate change adaptation.

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Under Review |  | Fireworks


Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2021 [html, pdf]

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Status: 2/13/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 15.

Location: 2/12/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Would enact the California Just Transition Act, which would require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to work with the state board to update, by July 1, 2023, the funding guidelines for administering agencies to ensure that all applicants to grant programs funded by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund meet specified standards, including fair and responsible employer standards and inclusive procurement policies, as defined. The bill would require administering agencies to give preference to applicants that demonstrate a partnership with an educational institution or training program targeting residents of disadvantaged, tribal, and low-income communities.

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Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.

Location: 2/17/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Would prohibit the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from requiring applicants for a grant or other funds made available to the department from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to consider the greenhouse gas emissions impacts of vegetation management projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a condition of applying for or receiving a grant or other funds from moneys made available to the department from the fund. The bill would define “vegetation management projects” as projects that improve forest health, reduce fuel loading, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by uncontrolled wildfires that involve the thinning of overgrown brush and trees, as specified, by mechanical thinning, piling, pile burning, chipping, prescribed fire, cultural fire, or grazing.

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Under Review |  | Fireworks
**AB 480**  
(Carrillo D) **Hazardous substances.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/8/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/8/2021  
**Status:** 2/18/2021-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.  
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**Summary:** Current law requires a business that handles a hazardous material, or an employee, authorized representative, agent, or designee of that business, to, upon discovery, immediately report any release or threatened release of a hazardous material, or an actual release of a hazardous substance, as defined, to the UPA and the Office of Emergency Services, as provided. This bill would require that reporting of the release or threatened release to the UPA and the Office of Emergency Services, as provided. The bill would require a handler, employee, authorized representative, agent, or their designee to provide state, city, or county fire or public health or safety personnel and emergency response personnel with access to the handler's facility if there is a release or threatened release at the facility.

**Position**  
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Hazardous Substances

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**AB 721**  
(Bloom D) **Covenants and restrictions: affordable housing.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)  
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**Summary:** Would make any private recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, or private limits on the use of private or publicly owned land contained in any deed, contract, security instrument, or other instrument affecting the transfer or sale that restricts the number or size of the residences that may be built on the property, or that restricts the number of persons who may reside on the property unenforceable against the owner of an affordable housing development, as defined.

**Position**  
**Priority**  
**Subject**  
Housing

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**AB 880**  
(Aguirar-Curry D) **Affordable Disaster Housing Revolving Development and Acquisition Program.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)  
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**Summary:** Would, upon appropriation of the Legislature, establish the Affordable Disaster Housing Revolving Development and Acquisition Program to fund the predevelopment expenses, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation of property to develop or preserve affordable housing in the state’s declared disaster areas that have experienced damage and loss of homes occupied by or affecting lower income households. The bill would require the department to administer the program. The bill would require the department to establish an application process for community development financial institutions, as defined, to apply for emergency short-term or temporary loans under the program.

**Position**  
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**Subject**  
Housing

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**Insurance**
**SB 11** (Rubio D) Residential property insurance: ratemaking strategies.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 12/7/2020-S. RLS.

**Summary:** The Insurance Rate Reduction and Reform Act of 1988, an initiative measure enacted by Proposition 103, as approved by the voters at the November 8, 1988, statewide general election, prohibits specified insurance rates from being approved or remaining in effect that are excessive, inadequate, unfairly discriminatory, or otherwise in violation of the act. The act requires an insurer that wishes to change a rate to file a complete rate application with the Insurance Commissioner, as specified. This bill would require the commissioner to convene a stakeholder group of expert parties to identify ways to measure and incorporate various fire damage mitigation strategies into the homeowners’ insurance ratemaking process and to report the group’s findings to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2023.

**Position**  | **Priority**  | **Subject**  
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Under Review |  | Insurance

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**AB 17** (Cooper D) Peace officers: disqualification from employment.

**Current Text:** Amended: 1/12/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 1/12/2021

**Status:** 1/13/2021-Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 1/11/2021-A. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Would disqualify a person from being a peace officer if the person has been discharged from the military for committing an offense that would have been a felony if committed in California or if the person has been certified as a peace officer and has had that certification revoked by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

**Position**  | **Priority**  | **Subject**  
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Under Review |  | Insurance

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**AB 26** (Holden D) Peace officers: use of force.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Status:** 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 1/11/2021-A. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Current law requires each law enforcement agency, on or before January 1, 2021, to maintain a policy that provides a minimum standard on the use of force. Current law requires that policy, among other things, to require that officers report potential excessive force to a superior officer when present and observing another officer using force that the officer believes to be unnecessary, and to require that officers intercede when present and observing another officer using force that is clearly beyond that which is necessary, as specified. This bill would require those law enforcement policies to require those officers to immediately report potential excessive force, and to intercede when present and observing an officer using excessive force, as defined.

**Position**  | **Priority**  | **Subject**  
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**AB 48** (Gonzalez, Lorena D) Law enforcement: kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/7/2020  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Status:** 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 1/11/2021-A. PUB. S.
Summary: Would prohibit the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents, as defined, by any law enforcement agency to disperse any assembly, protest, or demonstration, except in compliance with specified standards set by the bill, and would prohibit their use solely due to a violation of an imposed curfew, verbal threat, or noncompliance with a law enforcement directive. The bill would prohibit the use of chloracacetophenone tear gas or 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile gas by law enforcement agencies to disperse any assembly, protest, or demonstration. The bill would include in the standards for the use of kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents to disperse gatherings the requirement that, among other things, those weapons only be used to defend against a threat to life or serious bodily injury to any individual, including a peace officer.

Position  Priority  Subject
Law enforcement

AB 60  (Salas D)  Law enforcement.
Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020  html  pdf
Introduced: 12/7/2020
Status: 1/11/2021-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.
Location: 1/11/2021-A. PUB. S.

Summary: Would disqualify a person from being employed as a peace officer if that person has been convicted of, or has been adjudicated by a military tribunal as having committed an offense that would have been a felony if committed in this state. The bill would also disqualify any person who has been certified as a peace officer by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and has had that certification revoked by the commission.

Position  Priority  Subject
Law enforcement

AB 89  (Jones-Sawyer D)  Peace officers: minimum qualifications.
Current Text: Amended: 2/17/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 12/7/2020
Last Amend: 2/17/2021
Status: 2/18/2021-Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.
Location: 1/11/2021-A. PUB. S.

Summary: Current law requires peace officers in this state to meet specified minimum standards, including age and education requirements. This bill would increase the minimum qualifying age from 18 to 25 years of age. This bill would permit an individual under 25 years of age to qualify for employment as a peace officer if the individual has a bachelor’s or advanced degree from an accredited college or university. The bill would specify that these requirements do not apply to individuals 18 to 24 years of age who are already employed as a peace officer as of the effective date of this act. The bill would provide legislative findings in support of the measure.

Position  Priority  Subject
Law enforcement

SB 2  (Bradford D)  Peace officers: certification: civil rights.
Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020  html  pdf
Introduced: 12/7/2020
Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Location: 12/7/2020-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation amending the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act and to provide a decertification process for peace officers.

Position  Priority  Subject
Law enforcement

SB 16  (Skinner D)  Peace officers: release of records.
Summary: Would, commencing July 1, 2022, make every incident involving use of force to make a member of the public comply with an officer, force that is unreasonable, or excessive force subject to disclosure. The bill would, commencing July 1, 2022, require records relating to sustained findings of unlawful arrests and unlawful searches to be subject to disclosure. The bill would, commencing July 1, 2022, also require the disclosure of records relating to an incident in which a sustained finding was made by any law enforcement agency or oversight agency that a peace officer or custodial officer engaged in conduct involving prejudice or discrimination on the basis of specified protected classes. The bill would require the retention of all complaints and related reports or findings currently in the possession of a department or agency. The bill would require that records relating to an incident in which an officer resigned before an investigation is completed to also be subject to release.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Law | Enforcement

**Liability**

**AB 575** (Fong R) Civil liability: prescribed burning activities: gross negligence.

Summary: Would provide that a private entity engaging in a prescribed burning activity that is supervised by a person certified as burn boss is liable for damages to a third party only if the prescribed burning activity was carried out in a grossly negligent manner.

**SB 332** (Dodd D) Civil liability: prescribed burning operations: gross negligence.

Summary: Would provide that a certified burn boss and a private landowner upon whose property a certified burn boss performs, supervises, or oversees a prescribed burn are not liable for damage or injury to property or persons that is caused by a prescribed burn authorized by law unless the prescribed burn was conducted in a grossly negligent manner.

**Local Government**

**AB 59** (Gabriel D) Mitigation Fee Act: fees: notice and timelines.

Summary: Would provide that a certified burn boss and a private landowner upon whose property a certified burn boss performs, supervises, or oversees a prescribed burn are not liable for damage or injury to property or persons that is caused by a prescribed burn authorized by law unless the prescribed burn was conducted in a grossly negligent manner.
Summary: Current law authorizes any party to protest the imposition of a fee, dedication, reservation, or other exactions imposed on a development project within 90 or 120 days of the imposition of the fee, as applicable, and specifies procedures for those protests and actions. The Mitigation Fee Act imposes the same requirements on a local agency for a new or increased fee for public facilities. Current law, for specified fees, requires any judicial action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance, resolution, or motion adopting a new fee or service charge or modifying an existing fee or service charge to be commenced within 120 days of the effective date of the ordinance, resolution, or motion. Current law also provides that, if an ordinance, resolution, or motion provides for an automatic adjustment in a fee or service charge and the adjustment results in an increase in the fee or service charge, that any action to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the increase to be commenced within 120 days of the increase. This bill would increase, for fees and service charges and for fees for specified public facilities, the time for mailing the notice of the time and place of the meeting to at least 45 days before the meeting.

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**AB 339**  
**(Lee D)**  
State and local government: open meetings.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/28/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 1/28/2021  
**Status:** 1/29/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee February 28.  
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Summary: Current law requires all meetings, as defined, of a house of the Legislature or a committee thereof to be open and public, and requires all persons to be permitted to attend the meetings, except as specified. This bill would require all meetings, including gatherings using teleconference technology, to include an opportunity for all persons to attend via a call-in option or an internet-based service option that provides closed captioning services and requires both a call-in and an internet-based service option to be provided to the public.

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**AB 361**  
**(Rivas, Robert D)**  
Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/1/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/1/2021  
**Status:** 2/12/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.  
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Summary: Would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting for the purpose of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state or local emergency, as those terms are defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and during a declared local emergency provided the legislative body makes certain determinations by majority vote.

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**AB 428**  
**(Mayes I)**  
Local government planning.  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/4/2021  
**Status:** 2/5/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 7.  
**Location:** 2/4/2021-A. PRINT  

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Summary: Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organizations, including, among other things, the encouragement of orderly growth and development, and the logical formation and modification of the boundaries of local agencies. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these findings and declarations.

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**AB 588**  
**(Garcia, Eduardo D)** Local government.  
Introduced: 2/11/2021  
Status: 2/12/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.  
Location: 2/11/2021-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, except as specified. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the provision naming the act.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
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**AB 703**  
**(Rubio, Blanca D)** Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021  html, pdf  
Introduced: 2/16/2021  
Status: 2/17/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.  
Location: 2/16/2021-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current law, by Executive Order N-29-20, suspends the Ralph M. Brown Act’s requirements for teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, provided that notice requirements are met, the ability of the public to observe and comment is preserved, as specified, and that a local agency permitting teleconferencing have a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified. This bill would remove the requirements of the act particular to teleconferencing and allow for teleconferencing subject to existing provisions regarding the posting of notice of an agenda and the ability of the public to observe the meeting and provide public comment. The bill would require that, in each instance in which notice of the time of the teleconferenced meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, the local agency also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment and that the legislative body have and implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities, consistent with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act, as provided.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
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**AB 758**  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021  html, pdf  
Introduced: 2/16/2021  
Status: 2/17/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.  
Location: 2/16/2021-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current law, the Marks-Roos Local Bond Pooling Act of 1985, authorizes certain joint powers authorities, among other powers, to issue bonds and loan the proceeds to local agencies to finance specified types of projects and programs. Current law defines various terms for purposes of the act. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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**AB 821**  
**(Cooper D)** Local government: open meetings.  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021  html, pdf  
Introduced: 2/16/2021  
Status: 2/17/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.  
Location: 2/16/2021-A. PRINT  
Summary: Current law defines various terms for purposes of the act. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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Summary: Current law, the Ralph M. Brown Act, requires each legislative body of a local agency to provide notice of the time and place for its regular meetings and an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted. The act also requires that all meetings of a legislative body be open and public, and that all persons be permitted to attend unless a closed session is authorized. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to a provision of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

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**AB 885**  
(Quirk D) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.

Current Text:Introduced: 2/17/2021  html, pdf

Introduced: 2/17/2021
Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 20.
Location: 2/17/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Would require a state body that elects to conduct a meeting or proceeding by teleconference to make the portion that is required to be open to the public both audibly and visually observable. The bill would extend the above requirements of meetings of multimember advisory bodies that are held by teleconference to meetings of all multimember state bodies. The bill would require a multimember state body to provide a means by which the public may both audibly and visually remotely observe a meeting if a member of that body participates remotely. The bill would further require any body that is to adjourn and reconvene a meeting on the same day to communicate how a member of the public may both audibly and visually observe the meeting. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

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**ACA 1**  
(Aguilar-Curry D) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.

Current Text:Introduced: 12/7/2020  html, pdf

Introduced: 12/7/2020
Status: 12/8/2020-From printer. May be heard in committee January 7.
Location: 12/7/2020-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, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, 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.

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**ACR 17**  
(Voepel R) Special Districts Week.

Current Text:Introduced: 2/1/2021  html, pdf

Introduced: 2/1/2021
Status: 2/12/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Location: 2/12/2021-A. RLS.

Summary: This measure proclaims the week of May 16, 2021, to May 22, 2021, to be Special Districts Week.

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**SB 96**  
(Dahle R) Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District Fire Department Protection Act of 2021:
Would require the El Dorado County elections official, with the assistance of the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District, to conduct district elections pursuant to the Uniform District Election Law, except as otherwise provided in the bill. The bill, notwithstanding existing law, would provide that voters who are resident registered voters of the district, and voters who are not residents but either own a real property interest in the district or have been designated by the owner of a real property interest to cast the vote for that property, may vote in a district election in the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District, as specified. The bill would require the designations of voters and authority of legal representatives to be filed with the El Dorado County elections official and the secretary of the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District and maintained with the list of qualified voters of the district. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position**

Support

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Government

**SB 274**

(Wieckowski D)  Local government meetings: agenda and documents.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/29/2021  html pdf

**Introduced:** 1/29/2021

**Status:** 2/10/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Location:** 2/10/2021-S. GOV. & F.

**Summary:** The Ralph M. Brown Act, requires meetings of the legislative body of a local agency to be open and public and also requires regular and special meetings of the legislative body to be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, with specified exceptions. Current law authorizes a person to request that a copy of an agenda, or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet, of any meeting of a legislative body be mailed to that person. This bill would require a local agency with an internet website, or its designee, to email a copy of, or website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet if the person requests that the items be delivered by email. If a local agency determines it to be technologically infeasible to send a copy of the documents or a link to a website that contains the documents by mail or by other electronic means, the bill would require the legislative body or its designee to send by mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and to mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet, as specified.

**Position**

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Local

**Subject**

Government

**Miscellaneous**

**AB 473**


**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/8/2021  html pdf

**Introduced:** 2/8/2021

**Status:** 2/18/2021-Referred to Com. on JUD.

**Location:** 2/18/2021-A. JUD.

**Summary:** The California Public Records Act requires state and local agencies to make their records available for public inspection, unless an exemption from disclosure applies. This bill would recodify and reorganize the provisions of the act. The bill would include provisions to govern the effect of recodification and state that the bill is intended to be entirely nonsubstantive in effect. The bill would contain related legislative findings and declarations. The bill would become operative on January 1, 2023.

**Position**

Support

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Miscellaneous

**Subject**

AB 474

AB 536  
(Rodriguez D) Office of Emergency Services: mutual aid gap analysis.

Summary: Would require the Office of Emergency Services to prepare a gap analysis of the state’s mutual aid systems on a biennial basis, beginning on January 1, 2022. The bill would require the gap analysis to be prepared as specified and would require the gap analysis to be provided to specified committees of the Legislature no later than February 1, 2022, and by February 1 thereafter on a biennial basis.

AB 833  
(Quirk-Silva D) State government: grants: administrative costs.

Summary: Would require any state grants to a local government to include a maximum allocation of funds that may be expended for administrative costs, as defined, and would prohibit a local government, as defined, from expending more than 5% of grant funds for administrative costs, except as provided. The bill would specify that it is not intended to affect federal funding.

AB 847  
(Quirk D) Electrically conductive balloons.

Summary: Current law requires a person who manufactures a balloon in this state that is constructed of electrically conductive material to permanently mark each balloon with, among other things, a statement warning about the dangerous risk of fire if the balloon comes in contact with an electrical power line. Current law also imposes specified requirements on a person who sells or distributes a balloon constructed of electrically conductive material that is filled with a gas lighter than air, including prohibiting the person from attaching the balloon to an electrically conductive object. This bill would make these provisions inoperative on September 1, 2022.

AB 884  
(Patterson R) State agencies: audits.

Summary: Would enact various conforming and technical changes related to another bill that recodifies and reorganizes the California Public Records Act. The bill would only become operative if the related bill recodifying the act is enacted and becomes operative on January 1, 2023. The bill would also specify that any other bill enacted by the Legislature during the 2021 calendar year that takes effect on or before January 1, 2022, and that affects a provision of this bill shall prevail over this act, except as specified.
Summary: Current law requires all state and local agencies with an aggregate spending of $50,000,000 or more annually to consider establishing an ongoing audit function. This bill would require all state agencies with an aggregate spending of $50,000,000 or more annually to establish an ongoing audit function.

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**AB 987** (Low D) Electrical corporations: reporting.

**Current Text:** [Introduced: 2/18/2021](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Status:** 2/19/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

**Location:** 2/18/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Under current law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Current law requires the commission to adopt inspection, maintenance, repair, and replacement standards for the distribution systems of electrical corporations in order to provide high-quality, safe, and reliable service. Current law requires the commission to require each electrical corporation to report annually on its compliance with those standards. Current law requires the electrical corporation’s report to be made available to the public, except as provided. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the public reporting provision.

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**AB 1044** (Rodriguez D) Governor: exercise of emergency powers.

**Current Text:** [Introduced: 2/18/2021](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Status:** 2/19/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.

**Location:** 2/18/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Under the California Emergency Services Act, in the exercise of the emergency powers vested in the Governor during a state of war emergency or state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to commandeer or utilize any private property or personnel deemed by the Governor necessary in carrying out the responsibilities vested in the Governor as Chief Executive of the state and the state is required to pay the reasonable value thereof. This bill, in regard to the Governor’s exercise of the powers described above, would specifically provide that the authority to commandeer includes manufacturing entities for the purpose of manufacturing personal protective equipment.

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**ACR 10** (Seyarto R) California Firefighter Appreciation Month and California Firefighters Memorial Day.

**Current Text:** [Introduced: 1/15/2021](#)

**Introduced:** 1/15/2021

**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/28/2021-A. RLS.

Summary: This measure would proclaim the month of September 2021 as California Firefighter Appreciation Month and September__, 2021, as California Firefighters Memorial Day.

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**SB 375** (Wilk R) Joint powers agreements.

**Current Text:** [Introduced: 2/10/2021](#)

**Introduced:** 2/10/2021

**Status:** 2/17/2021-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/10/2021-S. RLS.
**SB 477**  
**(Wiener D)** General plan: annual report.  
*Current Text: Introducted: 2/17/2021*  
[Introduced: 2/17/2021](#)  
*Status: 2/18/2021-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 20.*  
*Location: 2/17/2021-S. RLS.*  

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a general plan for land use development within its boundaries that includes, among other things, a housing element. That law requires the planning agency of a city or county to provide, by April 1 of each year, an annual report to, among other entities, the Department of Housing and Community Development that includes, among other specified information, the number of applications submitted, the location and total number of developments approved, the number of building permits issued, and the number of units constructed pursuant to a specific streamlined, ministerial approval process. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2023, require a planning agency to include in that annual report specified information on costs, standards, and applications for proposed housing development projects and specified information on housing development projects within the jurisdiction.

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**SCR 5**  
*Current Text: Amended: 2/2/2021*  
[Introduced: 12/22/2020](#)  
*Last Amend: 2/2/2021*  
*Status: 2/10/2021-Re-referred to Com. on G.O.*  
*Location: 2/10/2021-S. G.O.*  

**Summary:** This measure, in accordance with specified law, would declare that the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on March 4, 2020, is at an end, thereby terminating the emergency powers granted to the Governor as a result of that proclamation.

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**SCR 12**  
*Current Text: Introducted: 2/18/2021*  
[Introduced: 2/4/2021](#)  
*Status: 2/17/2021-Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.*  
*Location: 2/17/2021-S. TRANS.*  

**Summary:** This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 15 near the community of Rainbow in the County of San Diego as the CAL-FIRE Chief William R. Clayton Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

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**SCR 14**  
**(Hurtado D)** Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones Memorial Highway.  
*Current Text: Introducted: 2/18/2021*  
[Introduced: 2/18/2021](#)  
*Status: 2/18/2021-Introduced. Referred to Com. on RLS.*  
*Location: 2/18/2021-S. RLS.*
Summary: This measure would designate a specified portion of State Route 65 in the County of Tulare as the Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

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TAX

**AB 324**  (*Choi* R)  Income taxes: credits: attic vent closures.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/26/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/26/2021

Status: 2/12/2021-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

**Location:** 2/12/2021-A. REV. & TAX

Summary: Would allow a credit against the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, 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. The bill also would include additional information required for any bill authorizing a new income tax credit.

Position	Priority	Subject
Support	TAX


Current Text: Introduced: 1/13/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/13/2021

Status: 1/28/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Location:** 1/28/2021-S. GOV. & F.

Summary: Current property tax law requires the county tax collector to collect all property taxes and provides for the payment of taxes on the secured roll in 2 installments, which are due and payable on November 1 and February 1, respectively. This bill would authorize the auditor or the tax collector to cancel any penalty, costs, or other charges resulting from tax delinquency upon a finding that failure to make a timely payment is due to a documented hardship, as determined by the tax collector, arising from a shelter-in-place order, as defined, if the principal payment for the proper amount of tax due is paid no later than June 30 of the fiscal year in which the payment first became delinquent. By increasing the duties of local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position	Priority	Subject
Under Review	TAX

**SB 303**  (*Borgeas* R)  Property taxation: transfer of base year value: disaster relief.


Introduced: 2/3/2021

Status: 2/10/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Location:** 2/10/2021-S. GOV. & F.

Summary: Current property tax law provides, pursuant to a requirement of the California Constitution, that the property tax base year value of real property that is substantially damaged or destroyed by a disaster, as declared by the Governor, may be transferred to a comparable property located within the same county that is acquired or newly constructed within 5 years after the disaster as a replacement property. This bill would extend the 5-year time period described above by 2 years if the last day to transfer the base year value of the substantially damaged or destroyed property was on or after March 4, 2020, but on or before the COVID-19 termination date, as defined.

Position	Priority	Subject
Under Review	TAX
AB 566  (Nguyen R)  Property taxation: revenue allocations.
Introduced: 2/11/2021
Status: 2/12/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 14.
Location: 2/11/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current property tax law generally requires the county auditor, in each fiscal year, to allocate property tax revenues to local jurisdictions in accordance with specified formulas and procedures, and generally requires that each jurisdiction be allocated an amount equal to the total of the amount of revenue allocated to that jurisdiction in the prior fiscal year, subject to certain modifications, and that jurisdiction’s portion of the annual tax increment, as defined. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to that provision.

Position  Priority  Subject
Taxation

AB 688  (Nazarian D)  Property tax: reassessment.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/16/2021
Status: 2/17/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 19.
Location: 2/16/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current property tax law authorizes a county board of supervisors to adopt ordinances that allow assessees whose property was damaged or destroyed to apply for a reassessment of that property, as provided, if certain conditions are met. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Position  Priority  Subject
Taxation

AB 1121  (Rodriguez D)  Sales and use taxes: exemption: emergency preparation items.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/18/2021
Status: 2/19/2021-From printer. May be heard in committee March 21.
Location: 2/18/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: Current sales and use tax laws impose taxes on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state, and provides various exemptions from the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill, on and after January 1, 2022, until January 1, 2024, would exempt from those taxes the gross receipts from the sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, emergency preparation items, as defined, sold or purchased during the 3-day period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the Saturday before the last Monday in June and ending at midnight on the last Monday in June.

Position  Priority  Subject
Taxation

Telecommunications

SB 341  (McGuire D)  Telecommunications service: outages.
Introduced: 2/9/2021
Status: 2/17/2021-Referral to Coms. on E., U. & C. and G.O.
Location: 2/17/2021-S. E. U., & C.
**Summary:** Would require each provider of telecommunications service to maintain on its internet website a public outage map showing that provider’s outages, and would require the office, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, on or before July 1, 2022, to adopt by regulation requirements for those maps, as specified. The bill would require the office to provide the commission with all of the information provided to it as part of a telecommunications service provider’s community isolation outage notification and to aggregate that data and post that aggregated data on its internet website.

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