May 21, 2021

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

From: Russell Noack and Julee Malinowski Ball
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Re: FIRE Legislative Report – Week Ending 05/21/2021

Legislative Update

With the unveiling of the State Budget “May Revise”, Governor Newsom augmented many programs that will benefit local fire departments, particularly in his Wildfire Resiliency Package. However, he failed to include COVID-19 relief funding for all special districts despite an ongoing request that has been actively pursued throughout the Session by a CSDA-led coalition of special districts that includes FDAC. The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO), Little Hoover Commission, 46 Legislators, 15 members of Congress, both of our U.S. Senators and over 750 organizations have submitted letters of support for the requested COVID-19 relief funding. Along with the coalition, we are actively engaged in a lobbying effort to encourage legislative leadership to provide for this funding in their negotiations with the Governor before the State Budget is finalized next month.

Both the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees met this week to determine the fate of all the measures placed on their Suspense Flies. The following bills passed committee and are now headed to their respective Floors for votes later this month:

Assembly Bill 9 (Wood) would establish the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program to develop projects that create fire-adapted communities by improving wildfire preparedness and fire resilience. FIRE POSITION: Under Review.

Assembly Bill 450 (Lorena Gonzalez) would create a Paramedic Board within Cal-EMSA for licensure actions. FIRE POSITION: Support.
Assembly Bill 480 (Carrillo) would expand reporting to Cal OES and CUPAs of hazardous releases and would provide clear access routes for local fire agencies to potential hazardous release sites.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Support.

Assembly Bill 642 (Friedman) would create a Cultural Burning Liaison within CAL FIRE and establish a policy to establish a prescribed fire training center.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Support/Coalition.

Assembly Bill 1071 (Rodriguez) would require OES to conduct tabletop exercises of the State’s catastrophic response plans on a biennial basis.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Watch.

Assembly Bill 1104 (Grayson) would extend the sunset date on the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act penalty assessment until December 31, 2022 and require air ambulance rates in fee-for-service and managed care Medi-Cal to be reimbursed at 80% of Medicare rates effective Jan. 1, 2023.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Recommend Support.

Assembly Bill 1255 (Bloom) would require the Natural Resources Agency to collaborate with other state agencies to develop a document that describes best practices in each region for ecologically appropriate, habitat-specific fire risk reduction.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Watch.

Assembly Bill 1431 (Frazier) would establish goals for fuel treatment and vegetation management contained in the California Carbon Plan.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Under Review.

Assembly Bill 1568 (Comm. on Emergency Management) would require OES to establish a statewide registry of businesses and organizations that assist in disaster response and recovery.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Watch.

Senate Bill 12 (McGuire) would require fire hazard planning findings prior to permitting development in very high fire hazard severity zones and provide for a grant program to help defray the planning costs.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Support.

Senate Bill 45 (Portantino) would put a $5.5 Billion bond measure on next year’s Ballot to fund wildfire prevention, drought preparedness among other things.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Under Review.

Senate Bill 63 (Stern) would provide grant opportunities for local assistance in support of defensible space and vegetation management projects.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Support.

Senate Bill 72 (Susan Rubio) would require the Department of Insurance to report on recommendations for vegetation management projects based on nonrenewal of insurance policies and would require the FAIR Plan to contract for a study on community fire mitigation risks.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Under Review.

Senate Bill 109 (Dodd) would establish the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development within Cal OES.  
**FIRE POSITION:** Support.
**Senate Bill 277 (Archuleta)** would establish a program managed by the State Fire Marshal pertaining to seized illegal fireworks and allow commercially viable and federally approved fireworks to be repositioned for sale by licensed fireworks companies who pay a fee for such a permit to reduce storage costs and contribute to the overall enforcement program. **FIRE POSITION: Recommend Support.**

**Senate Bill 332 (Dodd)** would provide limited immunity for damages caused by negligent prescribed burns to fire suppression, rescue and emergency services and investigators. **FIRE POSITION: Under Review.**

**Senate Bill 450 (Hertzberg)** would require the State Board of Fire Services to convene a working group to administer and disburse funds to the Special Districts Fire Response Fund created by the passage of Proposition 19 on last year’s November Ballot. **FIRE POSITION: Recommend Support.**

**Senate Bill 804 (Glazer)** would require the California Conservation Corps, in partnership with CAL FIRE and the Department of Corrections, to establish a forestry training center that will allow for eligible formerly incarcerated individuals to enroll. **FIRE POSITION: Watch.**

Bills that we have been tracking that were held on Suspense in the Appropriations Committees and are therefore 2-year bills include:

**Assembly Bill 792 (Flora)** would have extended CAL FIRE’s jurisdictional authority to conduct prescribed fires. **FIRE POSITION: Recommend Support.**

**Assembly Bill 926 (Mathis)** would have widened the definition of fire prevention activities for funding purposes. **FIRE POSITION: Recommend Support.**

**Assembly Bill 981 (Frazier)** would have created a statewide Fire Safe Council. **FIRE POSITION: Support.**

**Assembly 1229 (Rodriguez)** would have required CAL EMSA to convene an advisory committee to recommend a plan to improve ambulance patient offload delays due to COVID-19. **FIRE POSITION: Recommend Support.**

**Senate Bill 289 (Newman)** would have required battery producers to establish a stewardship program for collecting, storing, and recycling batteries. An amendment under discussion was to have fire departments designated to be one of the collection sites. The bill will not move this year. **FIRE POSITION: Under Review.**

**Senate Bill 617 (Wiener)** would have required local agencies to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits to a licensed contractor for solar energy systems. **FIRE POSITION: Under Review.**
If you would like to find information on a legislative bill, please use this link.

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### AB 79
- **Budget Act of 2020.**
- **Current Text:** Amended: 4/8/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 12/7/2020
- **Last Amend:** 4/8/2021
- **Status:** 5/18/2021-Re-referred to Com. on B. & F.R.
- **Location:** 5/18/2021-S. BUDGET & F.R.

**Summary:** The Budget Act of 2020 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2020-21 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2020 by amending and adding items of appropriation and making other changes. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as a Budget Bill.

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### SB 85
- **Budget Act of 2020.**
- **Current Text:** Chaptered: 4/13/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 12/16/2020
- **Last Amend:** 4/8/2021
- **Status:** 4/13/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 14, Statutes of 2021.
- **Location:** 4/13/2021-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:** The Budget Act of 2020 made appropriations for the support of state government for the 2020–21 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2020 by amending and adding items of appropriation and making other changes.

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### Building Permits/Standards

#### AB 115
- **Planning and zoning: commercial zoning: housing development.**
- **Current Text:** Amended: 4/20/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 12/18/2020
- **Last Amend:** 4/20/2021
- **Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 4/15/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)
- **Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

**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
- **Affordable housing cost study: housing plan addendum.**
**AB 345**  (Quirk-Silva D)  **Accessory dwelling units: separate conveyance.**

*Current Text:* Amended: 3/9/2021  html  pdf  
*Introduced: 1/28/2021  
*Last Amend: 3/9/2021  
*Location: 4/14/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE  
*Calendar:  5/24/2021  #51  ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS  

**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 allow an accessory dwelling unit to be sold or conveyed separately from the primary residence to a qualified buyer if the above-described conditions are met.

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**AB 357**  (Kamlager D)  **Affordable housing.**

*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/1/2021  html  pdf  
*Introduced: 2/1/2021  
*Status: 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/1/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)  
*Location: 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR  

**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**  (Quirk-Silva D)  **Homeless shelters: safety regulations.**

*Current Text:* Amended: 5/4/2021  html  pdf  
*Introduced: 2/1/2021  
*Last Amend: 5/4/2021  
*Location: 5/19/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE  

**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.
Calendar: 5/24/2021 #270 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

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 establish minimum health and safety standards for homeless shelters, as defined, including, but not limited to, minimum standards for homeless shelter maintenance, interior air quality, sleeping rooms, and laundries. The bill would require the housing, building, or health department of a local agency to serve as the enforcement agency and enforce the minimum health and safety standards within their jurisdiction, unless the local agency enters an agreement with the Department of Housing and Community Development to enforce those standards.

Position Priority Subject
Watch Building Permits/Standards

AB 561 (Ting D) Help Homeowners Add New Housing Program: accessory dwelling unit financing.

Current Text: Amended: 4/6/2021 html pdf
Introduced: 2/11/2021
Last Amend: 4/6/2021
Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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 authorize 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, authorize the Treasurer to consult with the California Housing Financing Agency, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and various other entities, including private lenders, community development financial institutions, community-based organizations, and local housing trust funds.

Position Priority Subject
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AB 571 (Mayes I) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: affordable housing.

Introduced: 2/11/2021
Last Amend: 5/3/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.
Location: 5/19/2021-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

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 and in-lieu fees, from being imposed on a housing development’s affordable units.

Position Priority Subject
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AB 602 (Grayson D) Development fees: impact fee nexus study.
Summary: Current law requires a city, county, or special district that has an internet website to make available on its internet website certain information, as applicable, including its current schedule of fees and exactions. This bill, among other things, would require, on and after January 1, 2022, a city, county, or special district that conducts an impact fee nexus study to follow specific standards and practices, including, but not limited to, (1) that prior to the adoption of an associated development fee, an impact fee nexus study be adopted, (2) that the study identify the existing level of service for each public facility, identify the proposed new level of service, and include an explanation of why the new level of service is necessary, and (3) if the study is adopted after July 1, 2022, either calculate a fee levied or imposed on a housing development project proportionately to the square footage of the proposed units, or make specified findings explaining why square footage is not an appropriate metric to calculate the fees.

**AB 678**

(Grayson D) Housing development projects: fees and exactions cap.

Summary: Would prohibit a city or county from imposing a specified fee or exaction if the total dollar amount of the fees and exactions that a city or county would impose on a proposed housing development is greater than 12% of the city’s or county’s median home price unless approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. The bill would authorize a city or county to seek approval from the department to impose a fee or an exaction that would result in the total dollar amount of fees and exactions exceeding that limitation by making a specified finding and submitting a completed application for a waiver. The bill would require the department to develop a standard form application for a waiver in conjunction with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research.

**AB 682**

(Bloom D) Planning and zoning: cohousing buildings.

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.

**AB 712**

(Calderon D) Local Agency Public Construction Act: change orders: County of Los Angeles.

Summary: Would require a city with a population of more than 100,000 people to require that the department of public works of the county of Los Angeles prepare a standard form for the submission of change orders to the department of public works. The bill would require the department of public works of the county of Los Angeles to provide a copy of the standard form to the county board of supervisors and to any other local agency that is the recipient of change orders from the department of public works of the county of Los Angeles.
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 authorize the County of Los Angeles to add a new change order cap of $400,000 for contracts whose original cost exceeds $25,000,000 and of $750,000 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.

AB 721 (Bloom D) Covenants and restrictions: affordable housing.

AB 827 (Rivas, Robert D) Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

AB 838 (Friedman D) State Housing Law: enforcement response to complaints.
Would, beginning July 1, 2022, require a city or county that receives a complaint of a
substandard building or a lead hazard violation, as specified, 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. The
bill would require the city or county, as applicable, to advise the owner or operator of each violation
and of each action that is required to be taken to remedy the violation and to schedule a reinspection
to verify correction of the violations.

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### AB 916  
*(Salas D)*  
**Zoning: accessory dwelling units: bedroom addition.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/6/2021  [html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2021

**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was H. & C.D. on
2/25/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

**Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would prohibit a city or county legislative body from adopting or enforcing an ordinance
requiring a public hearing as a condition of adding space for additional bedrooms or reconfiguring
existing space to increase the bedroom count within an existing house, condominium, apartment, or
dwelling. 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: streamlined housing development: nonprofit corporations.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/18/2021  [html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amend:** 3/18/2021

**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was H. & C.D. on
3/18/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

**Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would authorize a development proponent to submit for approval, and require a local
government to approve, a housing development, as specified, pursuant to a streamlined, ministerial
process if it meets certain objective planning standards, including that the development be built or
developed by a qualified nonprofit corporation and have 25 or fewer units. The bill would require the
development proponent to submit a notice of intent to submit an application to the local government,
following which the local government is required to conduct a scoping consultation regarding the
proposed development with any California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally
affiliated with the geographic area, as provided.

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### AB 1056  
*(Grayson D)*  
**Infrastructure financing: industrialized housing.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/18/2021  [html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amend:** 3/18/2021

**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was H. & C.D. on
3/18/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)
Summary: The Bergeson-Peace Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank Act establishes the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (bank) and sets forth the powers and duties of the bank including authority to make loans, issue bonds, and provide financial assistance relating to economic development or public development facilities. This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development and the bank to develop a proposed program, as specified, to invest in the building of offsite industrialized housing to support the policy goal of increasing the state's capacity to quickly respond to additional housing needs precipitated by homelessness, wildfires, COVID-19, or other emergency situations. The bill would require the department and the bank to report its recommendations to the Legislature by January 1, 2023, including whether and how industrialized housing would alleviate the state's housing, homelessness, and disaster response needs.

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**AB 1135**  
*Grayson D*  
**State of California Housing Allocation Act.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/25/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amend:** 3/25/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

**Location:** 5/19/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would enact the State of California Housing Allocation Act, which would require the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency, HCD, CalHFA, and CTCAC, no later than January 1, 2023, to jointly establish and operate a single, centralized housing funding allocation committee, which would be within the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency and comprised of representatives of those entities. The bill would require the committee to be responsible for allocating state controlled financing to housing developments and to serve as the point of contact for developers seeking to build affordable housing in California.

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**AB 1295**  
*Muratsuchi D*  
**Residential development agreements: very high fire risk areas.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/4/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)

**Location:** 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas in the state as very high fire hazard severity zones based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas, as specified, and requires each local agency to designate, by ordinance, the very high fire hazard severity zones in its jurisdiction. Current law additionally requires the director to classify lands within state responsibility areas into fire hazard severity zones. This bill, beginning on or after January 1, 2022, would prohibit the legislative body of a city or county from entering into a residential development agreement for property located in a very high fire risk area. The bill would define "very high fire risk area" for these purposes to mean a very high fire hazard severity zone designated by a local agency or a fire hazard severity zone classified by the director.

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**Attachments:**

AB 1295 (Muratsuchi) Assm. Local Government Oppose Letter 3-18-21
AB 1295 FACT SHEET

**Notes:** AB 1295 (Muratsuchi) Assm. Local Government Oppose Letter 3-18-21

**AB 1329**  
*Nazarian D*  
**Building codes: earthquakes: functional recovery standard.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/4/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)
Would, in addition to making specified findings and declarations, require the Building Standards Commission to develop, adopt, and publish building standards that would require new construction of buildings, except for buildings regulated by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development or the Division of the State Architect, to be designed and built to a functional recovery standard, as defined, for earthquake loads. The bill would require the commission to actively consult with interested parties, as specified, in proposing and adopting functional recovery standards.

**Position Priority Subject**

**Watch** Building Permits/Standards

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**AB 1398** (Bloom D) Planning and zoning: housing element: rezoning of sites: prohousing local policies.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/3/2021 html pdf

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Last Amend:** 5/3/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location: 5/20/2021-A. THIRD READING**

**Calendar: 5/24/2021 #448 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS**

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law, requires a county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city, and specified land outside its boundaries, that includes, among other things, a housing element. Current law requires that the housing element include, among other things, an inventory of land suitable and available for residential development. If the inventory of sites does not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for groups of all household income levels, as provided, current law requires that the local government rezone sites within specified time periods. If the local government fails to adopt a housing element within 120 days of the applicable statutory deadline, existing law requires that the local government (A) complete this rezoning no later than 3 years and 120 days from the statutory deadline for the adoption of the housing element and (B) revise its housing element every 4 years until the local government has adopted at least 2 consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. This bill would require that a local government that fails to adopt a housing element that the Department of Housing and Community Development has found to be in substantial compliance with state law within 120 days of the statutory deadline to complete this rezoning no later than one year from the statutory deadline for the adoption of the housing element.

**Position Priority Subject**

**Watch** Building Permits/Standards

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**AB 1442** (Ting D) Accessory dwelling units.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021 html pdf

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 2/22/2021-Read first time.

**Location:** 2/19/2021-A. PRINT

**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.

**Position Priority Subject**

**Watch** Building Permits/Standards

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**AB 1521** (Kamlager D) Earthquake protection standards.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021 html pdf
**AB 1584**  
(Committee on Housing and Community Development)  
**Housing omnibus.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/7/2021  
**Introduced:** 3/10/2021  
**Last Amend:** 4/7/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Would make void and unenforceable any covenant, restriction, or condition contained in any deed, contract, security instrument, or other instrument affecting the transfer or sale of any interest in real property that either effectively prohibits or unreasonably restricts the construction or use of an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit on a lot zoned for single-family residential use that meets the above-described minimum standards established for those units, but would permit reasonable restrictions that do not unreasonably increase the cost to construct, effectively prohibit the construction of, or extinguish the ability to otherwise construct, an accessory dwelling unit or junior accessory dwelling unit consistent with those aforementioned minimum standards provisions.

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

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2021  
**Introduced:** 12/7/2020  
**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021


**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #178 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

**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.

**Position**
Watch

**Priority**

**Subject**
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**SB 8**  
(Skinner D)  
**Housing Crisis Act of 2019.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/3/2021  
**Introduced:** 12/7/2020
Would clarify, for various purposes of the Housing Crisis Act of 2019, that "housing development project" includes projects that involve no discretionary approvals, projects that involve both discretionary and nondiscretionary approvals, and projects that include a proposal to construct a single dwelling unit. The bill would specify that this clarification is declaratory of existing law.

### SB 9

**Atkins D**  
**Housing development: approvals.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/27/2021  
[html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 4/27/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #165 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** The Planning and Zoning Law provides for the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions. This bill, among other things, would require a proposed housing development containing no more than 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.

### SB 10

**Wiener D**  
**Planning and zoning: housing development: density.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/27/2021  
[html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 4/27/2021


**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #179 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** Would, notwithstanding any local restrictions on adopting zoning ordinances, authorize a local government to adopt 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, 2023, based on specified criteria. The bill would specify that an ordinance adopted under these provisions, and any resolution to amend the jurisdiction’s General Plan, ordinance, or other local regulation adopted to be consistent with that ordinance, is not a project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act.
**SB 12**  (McGuire D)  Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/4/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 5/4/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

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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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**Position**  
Support

**Priority**  

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**Attachments:**

- SB 12 (McGuire) Senate Appropriations Support Letter 5-7-21
- SB 12 Support Letter AUTHOR/SEN. HOUSING 03-08-2021
- SB 12 Support Letter AUTHOER/SEN. GOV & FINANCE 03-08-2021
- SB 12 FACT SHEET

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**Notes:**  
SB 12 (McGuire) Senate Appropriations Support Letter 5-7-21  
SB 12 (McGuire) Senate Housing Support Letter 3-8-21  
SB 12 (McGuire) Senate Governance and Finance Support Letter 3-8-21

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**SB 55**  (Stern D)  Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition: supplemental height and density bonuses.

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/5/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 4/5/2021

**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was GOV. & F. on 3/3/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

**Location:** 4/30/2021-S. 2 YEAR

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**Summary:** Would, in furtherance of specified state housing production, sustainability communities strategies, greenhouse gas reduction, 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 unless there is substantial evidence that the local agency has adopted a comprehensive, necessary, and appropriate wildfire prevention and community hardening strategy to mitigate significant risks of loss, injury, or death, as specified. 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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**Position**  
Oppose

**Priority**  

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**Attachments:**  

- SB 55 Oppose Letter AUTHOR/SEN. GOV & FINANCE 03-08-2021  
- SB 55 Oppose Letter AUTHOR/SEN. HOUSING 03-08-2021  
- SB 55 FACT SHEET

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**Notes:**  
SB 55 (Stern) Senate Housing Oppose Letter 3-8-21  
SB 55 (Stern) Senate Governance and Finance Oppose Letter 3-8-21

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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:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. L. GOV.
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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### SB 478

**(Wiener D)** Planning and Zoning Law: housing development projects.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/20/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021

**Last Amend:** 5/20/2021


**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #72 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: The Planning and Zoning Law 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. Would prohibit a local agency, as defined, from imposing a floor-to-area ratio standard that is less than 1.0 on a housing development project that consists of 3 to 7 units, or less than 1.25 on a housing development project that consists of 8 to 10 units. The bill would prohibit a local agency from imposing a lot coverage requirement that would preclude a housing development project from achieving the floor-to-area ratios described above.

### SB 617

**(Wiener D)** Residential solar energy systems: permitting.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/4/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amend:** 5/4/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-May 20 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

**Location:** 5/17/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require every city and county to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and instantaneously issues permits for a solar energy system that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating and an energy storage system paired with a solar energy system that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating, as specified. The bill would require a city or county to amend a certain ordinance to authorize a residential solar energy system and an energy storage system to use the online, automated permitting platform. The bill would prescribe a compliance schedule for satisfying these requirements, which would exempt a county with a population of less than 150,000 and all cities within a county with a population of less than 150,000.

### SB 765

**(Stern D)** Accessory dwelling units: setbacks.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was HOUSING on 3/3/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)
SB 778  (Becker D)  Planning and zoning: accessory dwelling units: mixed-use or multifamily structures.


Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 5/3/2021


Location: 5/20/2021-A. DESK

Summary:  Current law requires a local agency to ministerially approve an application for a building permit within a residential or mixed-use zone to create multiple accessory dwelling units within the portions of an existing multifamily dwelling structure that are not used as livable space, if each unit complies with state building standards for dwellings. Current law requires a local agency to allow at least one accessory dwelling unit within an existing multifamily dwelling structure and up to 25% of the existing multifamily dwelling units. This bill, until January 1, 2025, would specify that a local agency is required to allow an accessory dwelling unit under these provisions within an existing mixed-use or multifamily structure, and that the accessory dwelling unit may be constructed within portions of the structure used for commercial space, industrial space, retail space, or other vacant space if each unit complies with state building standards for dwellings.

SB 462  (Borgeas R)  Disaster relief: Creek Fire: allocation to local agencies.

Current Text:  Introduced: 2/16/2021  html  pdf

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-May 20 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

Location: 3/22/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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.
**AB 389**  

(Grayson D) **Ambulance services.**  

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/2/2021  

**Introduced:** 2/2/2021  

**Status:** 4/15/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  

**Location:** 4/15/2021-A. THIRD READING

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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.

**Attachments:**  
AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Appropriations Support Letter 4-30-21  
AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Emergency Management Support Letter 4-15-21  
AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Health Support Letter 4-9-21  
AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Health Support Letter 4-9-21

**Notes:** AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Appropriations Support Letter 4-30-21  
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AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Health Support Letter 4-9-21  
AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Health Support Letter 4-9-21

**AB 450**  

(Gonzalez, Lorena D) **Paramedic Board of California.**  

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/3/2021  

**Introduced:** 2/8/2021  

**Last Amend:** 5/3/2021  

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).  

**Location:** 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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**Summary:** The bill would create the Paramedic Board of California to take disciplinary actions previously granted to the authority against an EMT-P licenseholder and to hear appeals regarding the authority's denial of licensure, among other things. The bill would specify the composition and appointment of the 7-member board, which would be required to select a salaried executive officer to perform duties delegated to them by the board.

**Attachments:**  
AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Appropriations Support Letter 4-30-21  
AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Emergency Management Support Letter 4-15-21  
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AB 450 (Gonzalez) Assm. Health Support Letter 4-9-21  
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**AB 454**  

(Rodriguez D) **Health care provider emergency payments.**  

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/3/2021  

**Introduced:** 2/8/2021  

**Last Amend:** 5/3/2021  

**Status:** 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.  

**Location:** 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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**Summary:** The Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975 provides for the licensure and regulation of health care service plans by the Department of Managed Health Care, and makes a willful violation of the act a crime. Current law provides for the regulation of health insurers by the Department of Insurance. Current law authorizes a health care service plan or health insurer to contract with a provider for alternative rates of payment and authorizes a plan or insurer to seek reimbursement from a provider who has been overpaid for services. This bill 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 or other circumstance if two conditions occur, as specified.

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

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2021  
**Introduced:** 2/18/2021  
**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).  
**Location:** 4/28/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**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. These provisions remain in effect until January 1, 2024, and are repealed effective January 1, 2025. This bill would extend the assessment of penalties pursuant to the above-described provisions until December 31, 2022, and would extend the collection and transfer of penalties until December 31, 2023.

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**AB 1229** *(Rodriguez D)*  
**Advisory task force: ambulance services.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/19/2021  
**Introduced:** 2/19/2021  
**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.  
**Location:** 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Would require the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority to appoint and convene an advisory task force, and would further require the director to recommend a project plan for the advisory task force that includes an evaluation relating to ambulance patient offload delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as specified, and an evaluation of adopting technologies to allow EMS systems to better manage resources and improve response times. The bill would require the director to transmit the evaluations conducted by the advisory task force to the authority, in a manner that allows for their timely inclusion in an existing reporting requirement from the authority to the Commission on Emergency Medical Services, and to specified legislative committees.

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**Emergency Planning**

**AB 9** *(Wood D)*  
**Fire safety: wildfires: fire adapted communities.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/19/2021  
**Introduced:** 12/7/2020  
**Last Amend:** 4/19/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).  
**Location:** 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
**Summary:** Would establish in the Department of Conservation the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program to support regional leadership to build local and regional capacity and develop, prioritize, and implement strategies and projects that create fire adapted communities and landscapes by improving watershed health, forest health, community wildfire preparedness, and fire resilience. The bill would require, among other things, the department to, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, provide block grants to regional entities, as defined, to develop regional strategies that develop governance structures, identify wildfire risks, foster collaboration, and prioritize and implement projects within the region to achieve the goals of the program.

**Position**
- Under Review

**Priority**
- Emergency Planning

**Subject**
- AB 21
    - **Current Text:** [Amended: 4/5/2021](html) [pdf]
    - **Introduced:** 12/7/2020
    - **Last Amend:** 4/5/2021
    - **Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was JUD. on 3/24/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)
    - **Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR
      - Desk [2 year] Fiscal Floor 1st House
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**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 a clearance between all vegetation and all conductors that are carrying electric current, 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 firebreak, as specified. This bill would impose a civil penalty of up to $100,000 for each violation of the above-described provisions after the person that owns, controls, operates, or maintains any electrical transmission or distribution line is offered a reasonable opportunity to cure.

**Position**
- Watch

**Priority**
- Emergency Planning

**Subject**
- AB 52
    - **Current Text:** [Introduced: 12/7/2020](html) [pdf]
    - **Introduced:** 12/7/2020
    - **Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 1/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)
    - **Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR
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**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**
- Watch

**Priority**
- Emergency Planning

**Subject**
- AB 280
  - **(Rivas, Robert D)** Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans.
    - **Current Text:** [Introduced: 1/21/2021](html) [pdf]
    - **Introduced:** 1/21/2021
    - **Status:** 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was U. & E. on 1/28/2021)
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.

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Watch |  | Emergency Planning

**AB 418** (Valladares R) Emergency services: grant program.

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/4/2021

Last Amend: 4/19/2021


Location: 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #277 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would establish the Community Power Resiliency Program (program), to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services, to support local governments’ efforts to improve resiliency in response to power outage events, as provided. 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 certain entities, in order to be eligible for funding, to either describe the portion of their emergency plan that includes power outages or confirm that power outages will be included when the entity revises any portion of their emergency plan.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Support |  | Emergency Planning

Attachments:
AB 418 (Valladares) Assm. Appropriations Support Letter 4-30-21
AB 418 FACT SHEET

Notes: AB 418 (Valladares) Assm. Appropriations Support Letter 4-30-21

**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: 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.

Location: 4/21/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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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Watch |  | Emergency Planning

**AB 981** (Frazier D) Forestry: California Fire Safe Council.

Current Text: Amended: 4/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021
Current law establishes the Office of Emergency Services (OES) within the office of the Governor and sets forth its powers and duties relating to responsibility over the state’s emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies, including responsibility for activities necessary to prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters to people and property. This bill would require OES 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.
### AB 1100  
**[Aguiar-Curry D]**  Communications service: emergencies and disasters: reports.

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

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 12. Noes 4.) (May 20).

**Location:** 5/12/2021- A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021  #173  ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

**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.

### AB 1123  

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

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

**Location:** 5/5/2021- A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021  #178  ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

**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.

### AB 1141  
**[Frazier D]**  Wildfires: Wildland Urban Interface Fire Research Center.

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/18/2021  
[html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021  
**Last Amend:** 3/18/2021  
**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 3/18/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

**Location:** 4/30/2021- A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require the Natural Resources Agency, on or before June 1, 2023, to develop and fund, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, a Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Research Center that addresses the wildland-urban interface fire problem and the need for wildfire prevention, detection, and mitigation planning, building, and response, and related economic, insurance, and modeling practices in the state. The bill would require the center to act as a think tank for purposes of discussing policy, exchanging information, and training fire personnel in best practices.

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

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 3/4/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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.

AB 1409  (Levine D)  Planning and zoning: general plan: safety element.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021  html, pdf

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 5/19/2021-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Location: 5/19/2021-S. GOV. & F.

Summary: Current law, upon the next revision of a local hazard mitigation plan on or after January 1, 2022, or beginning on or before January 1, 2022, if a local jurisdiction has not adopted a local hazard mitigation plan, requires the safety element to be reviewed and updated as necessary to identify evacuation routes and their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios. This bill would also require the safety element to be reviewed and updated to identify evacuation locations. By increasing the duties of local planning officials with respect to the update of general plans, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 1565  (Committee on Emergency Management)  California Emergency Services Act: Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee.


Introduced: 3/3/2021

Status: 3/11/2021-Referred to Com. on E.M.

Location: 3/11/2021-A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act establishes the Office of Emergency Services and sets forth its powers and duties relating to mitigating the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies. Current law assigns the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee, comprised of 14 specified state entities, primary responsibility in state government to develop and implement a statewide integrated public safety communication system for state government agencies that facilitates interoperability and coordinates other shared uses of the public safety spectrum, as provided. This bill would require the committee to post a current version of its Working Group Charter to the internet website of the Office of Emergency Services.

AB 1566  (Committee on Emergency Management)  Office of Emergency Services: written threat assessment and federal homeland security grant program report.


Introduced: 3/3/2021

Status: 3/11/2021-Referred to Com. on E.M.
AB 1567
(Committee on Emergency Management) Emergency services: catastrophic plans: recovery frameworks.

Current Text: Amended: 4/14/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 3/3/2021
Last Amend: 4/14/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.
Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act establishes the Office of Emergency Services (OES) within the office of the Governor, and sets forth its powers and duties, including responsibility for addressing natural, technological, or manmade disasters and emergencies, including activities necessary to prevent, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of emergencies and disasters to people and property. This bill would require OES to develop state recovery frameworks for California’s catastrophic plans, as provided. The bill would also require the governing body of a political subdivision, as defined, to develop regional recovery frameworks for California’s catastrophic plans and would require OES to provide technical assistance in this regard.

AB 1568

Introduced: 3/3/2021
Location: 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
Calendar: 5/24/2021 #240 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: The California Emergency Services Act, among other things, establishes the Office of Emergency Services, under the supervision of the Director of Emergency Services, and vests the office with responsibility for the state’s emergency and disaster response services for natural, technological, or human-made disasters and emergencies, as provided. Current law finds and declares the necessity for collaboration between the public and private sectors, and authorizes the office to establish a statewide registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are interested in donating services, goods, labor, equipment, resources, or facilities to assist in disaster preparedness. This bill would instead require the office to establish this statewide registry of private businesses and nonprofit organizations.

AB 1569
(Committee on Emergency Management) Office of Emergency Services: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program: annual report.

Introduced: 3/3/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.
Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would, 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 the federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered by the office, as provided.

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**SB 52**

(Dodd D)  **State of emergency: local emergency: planned power outage.**

*Current Text:* Amended: 4/12/2021  html pdf  
*Introduced:* 12/7/2020  
*Last Amend:* 4/12/2021  
*Status:* 5/13/2021-Referral to Com. on E.M.  
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**Summary:** Would define a 'deenergization event' as a planned power outage, as specified, and would make a deenergization event one of those conditions constituting a local emergency, with prescribed limitations.

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**Attachments:**  
SB 52 FACT SHEET  
SB 52 Support Letter AUTHOR/SEN. GO 03-08-2021

**Notes:**  
SB 52 (Dodd) Senate Governmental Organization Support Letter 3-8-21

**SB 259**

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

*Current Text:* Introduced: 1/26/2021  html pdf  
*Introduced:* 1/26/2021  
*Status:* 2/22/2021-Art. IV. Sec. 8(a) of the Constitution dispensed with. (Ayes 32. Noes 4.) Joint Rule 55 suspended. (Ayes 32. Noes 4.)  
*Location:* 1/26/2021-S. RLS.

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**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.

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**SB 468**

(Dodd D)  **State of emergency: local emergency: electromagnetic pulse attack.**

*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/16/2021  html pdf  
*Introduced:* 2/16/2021  
*Status:* 5/20/2021-Referral to Com. on E.M.  
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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.**

*Current Text:* Amended: 4/13/2021  html pdf  
*Introduced:* 2/18/2021  
*Last Amend:* 4/13/2021  
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 support and training of a network of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to assist in the veterinary care of household and domestic animals and livestock in emergencies, including disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. 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.

**SB 816**

(Committee on Governmental Organization) Master Mutual Aid Agreement: tribes.

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/6/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 3/3/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on E.M.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Current law requires, during any state of war emergency, or state of emergency when the need arises for outside aid in any county, city and county, or city, aid to be rendered in accordance with approved emergency plans. In periods other than a state of war emergency, a state of emergency, or a local emergency, current law authorizes state agencies and political subdivisions to exercise mutual aid powers in accordance with the Master Mutual Aid Agreement and local ordinances, resolutions, agreements, or plans. Existing law defines the Master Mutual Aid Agreement, an agreement between the state and its various departments and agencies, and the various political subdivisions to facilitate implementation of the act, for the purposes of the California Emergency Services Act. This bill would add federally recognized California Indian tribes to that definition describing the agreement.

**SB 687**

(Hueso D) Emergency response: trauma kits.

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/8/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/8/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

Current law exempts from civil liability any person who, in good faith and not for compensation, renders emergency medical or nonmedical care or assistance at the scene of an emergency other than an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. Current law exempts public or private organizations that sponsor, authorize, support, finance, or supervise the training of people, or certifies those people in emergency medical services, from liability for civil damages alleged to result from those training programs. This bill would define “trauma kit” to mean a first aid response kit that contains specified items, including, among other things, at least 2 tourniquets. The bill would require a person or entity that supplies a trauma kit to provide the person or entity that acquires the trauma kit with all information governing the use, installation, operation, training, and maintenance of the trauma kit.
**AB 7 (Rodriguez D)** Emergency ambulance employees: multithreat body protective gear.

Current Text: Amended: 4/13/2021  html  pdf

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amend: 4/13/2021


Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would, upon request by an emergency ambulance employee, require an emergency ambulance provider to provide that employee with multithreat body protective gear, defined as material or equipment that is worn by an employee and is bullet, strike, slash, and stab resistant, and, for these purposes only, to be considered as part of the above-described safety devices and safeguards. The bill would require the provider to make the protective gear readily available for the requesting employee to use when responding to an emergency call, and to provide training to that employee on the proper fitting and use of the protective gear, as specified.

**AB 118 (Kamlager D)** Emergency services: community response: grant program.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/18/2020  html  pdf

Introduced: 12/18/2020


Location: 12/18/2020-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: 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.

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

Current Text: Introduced: 1/15/2021  html  pdf

Introduced: 1/15/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 1/28/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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.
### AB 270

**Core Behavioral Health Crisis Services System.**

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

**Introduced:** 1/19/2021

**Status:** 1/28/2021-Referred to Coms. on HEALTH and C. & C.

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

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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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**Attachments:**
- AB 270 Fact Sheet

### AB 536

**Office of Emergency Services: mutual aid gap analysis.**

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

**Introduced:** 2/10/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 75. Noes 0.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-S. RLS.

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**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.

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### AB 580

**Emergency services: vulnerable populations.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/11/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 75. Noes 0.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

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**Summary:** Current law requires OES 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. This bill instead would require the director to appoint representatives of the access and functional needs population, provided a majority of appointees are from specified groups, to serve on those committees and to ensure the needs of that population are met within that system.

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### AB 662

**Mental health: dispatch and response protocols: working group.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/28/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/28/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 75. Noes 0.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

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**Attachments:**
- AB 536 Fact Sheet
Summary: Would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to convene a working group, as specified, no later than July 1, 2022, to examine the existing dispatch and response protocols when providing emergency medical services to an individual who may require evaluation and treatment for a mental health disorder. The bill would require the working group to develop recommendations for improvements to those dispatch and response protocols and recommend amendments to existing law, including, but not limited to, the provisions governing involuntarily taking an individual into temporary custody for a mental health evaluation and treatment. The bill would require the working group to submit periodic reports to the Legislature every 6 months to update the Legislature on its progress, and to submit a final report of its recommendations to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2024.

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**AB 793**

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

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

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/16/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)

Location: 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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.**

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

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was HEALTH on 2/25/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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 1107**

(Boerner Horvath D) **Emergency ground medical transportation.**

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

Introduced: 2/18/2021
**AB 1202** (Cervantes D)  Emergency services: local government: local assistance centers: access and functional needs.

Current Text: Amended: 4/15/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amend: 4/15/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: The California Disaster Assistance Act authorizes the Office of Emergency Services to establish a model process to assist a community in recovering from an emergency proclaimed by the Governor which may include, among other things, the role of the office to facilitate the establishment of temporary structures, including local assistance centers, showers and bathroom facilities, and temporary administrative offices. Existing law defines the term "emergency plan" for purposes of emergency services provided by local governments. This bill would require a county, including a city and county, to ensure that local assistance centers are accessible to people with access and functional needs, provide accessible notifications about local assistance centers, and provide diverse communication services through partnerships with the county homeless and housing services. The bill would require a county, including a city and county, to designate, prearrange, and procure space, as necessary, to aid in sheltering and transporting its homeless population during local and state emergencies and emergency evacuations.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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Watch |  | Emergency Services

**AB 1345** (Wicks D)  Emergency services: licensed childcare providers.

Current Text: Amended: 4/14/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 4/14/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.

Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the Office of Emergency Services, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services and specified childcare stakeholders, to develop best practices regarding the use, by licensed childcare providers, of funds provided either by the state, or to the state by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after the Governor has declared a disaster, state of emergency, or statewide state of emergency. The bill would require these best practices to be developed by June 1, 2022. The bill would require the best practices document to specify, subject to any limitations imposed on the use of funds by the state, FEMA, or federal law, how the funds will be allocated to licensed childcare providers, the timelines at which the funds will be distributed, and any purpose for which the funds may be used, as specified.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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Under Review |  | Emergency Services

**AB 1403** (Levine D)  Emergency services.


Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 4/8/2021
Summary: The California Emergency Services Act, authorizes the Governor to proclaim a state of emergency, and local officials and local governments to proclaim a local emergency, when specified conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist, and authorizes the Governor or the appropriate local government to exercise certain powers in response to that emergency. Existing 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 caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a “deenergization event,” defined as a planned power outage, as specified, within those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.

Position  Priority  Subject
Recommend  Support  Emergency Services

AB 1441 (Cervantes D)  Emergency services: emergency plans: critically ill newborn infants.

Introduced: 2/19/2021
Last Amend: 3/25/2021
Location: 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require a county, in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Services and hospitals in the county, to prepare for a neonatal intensive care unit in the county an emergency disaster evacuation plan for critically ill newborn infants in the neonatal intensive care unit. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  Support  Emergency Services

AB 1480 (Rodriguez D)  Employers: prohibited disclosure of information: arrest or detention.

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/19/2021
Last Amend: 4/21/2021
Location: 5/20/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law prohibits an employer from asking an applicant to disclose, or from utilizing as a factor in determining any condition of employment, information concerning an arrest or detention that did not result in a conviction, or information concerning a referral or participation in, any pretrial or posttrial diversion program, except as specified. Current law also prohibits an employer, as specified, from asking an applicant to disclose, or from utilizing as a factor in determining any condition of employment, information concerning a conviction that has been judicially dismissed or ordered sealed, except in specified circumstances. Applicants for employment as peace officers, or with the Department of Justice, or with other criminal justice agencies, or persons already employed as peace officers, are an exception to these prohibitions, so that information about applicants for these positions or employees may be disclosed or sought. Existing law makes it a crime to intentionally violate these provisions. This bill would additionally include persons already employed as nonsworn members of a criminal justice agency, as specified, within the exception to these prohibitions, so that information about these employees may be disclosed or sought.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  Support  Emergency Services

AB 1488 (Cervantes D)  Emergency services: local government: access and functional needs: medical equipment.

Current Text: Amended: 4/14/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/19/2021
Summary: Existing law requires a county, upon the next update to its emergency plan, to integrate access and functional needs into its emergency plan by addressing, at a minimum, how the access and functional needs population is served by, among other things, emergency evacuation, including the identification of certain transportation resources and resources for individuals who are dependent on public transportation. This bill would require the emergency plan to include a plan for the movement, storage, acquisition, and deployment of durable medical equipment, as defined, to address how the access and functional needs population is served by emergency evacuation.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Watch |  | Emergency Services

ACR 57

(Gallagher R) California Emergency Services Act.


Introduced: 3/24/2021

Status: 3/25/2021-From printer.

Location: 3/24/2021-A. PRINT

Summary: This measure would express the Legislature's support of the ruling by Sutter County Superior Court Judge Sarah Heckman in Gallagher v. Newsom (Sup. Ct. No. CVCS20-0912) and urge the Governor to comply with the court's directive not to exercise legislative powers.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Watch |  | Emergency Services

ACR 76

(Rodriguez D) Emergency Medical Services Week.


Introduced: 4/26/2021

Status: 5/18/2021-In Senate. To Com. on RLS.

Location: 5/18/2021-S. RLS.

Summary: This measure would proclaim the week of May 16, 2021, to May 22, 2021, inclusive, to be Emergency Medical Services Week in California.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Watch |  | Emergency Services

SB 109

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

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021 [html, pdf]

Introduced: 1/6/2021

Last Amend: 5/20/2021


Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #24 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2029, 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.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Support |  | Emergency Services
SB 448  
( Melendez R )  
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021  [html, pdf]  
Introduced: 2/16/2021  
Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was G.O. on 2/25/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)  
Location: 4/30/2021-S. 2 YEAR  
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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.

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SB 784  
( Glazer D )  
State government: emergency services: nonprofit service providers.  
Current Text: Amended: 3/16/2021  [html, pdf]  
Introduced: 2/19/2021  
Last Amend: 3/16/2021  
Status: 5/13/2021-Referral to Com. on E.M.  
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Summary: Would authorize a nonprofit entity that provides services pursuant to a contract with the state, during a state of war emergency or a state of emergency, to adjust the method in which it provides those services so long as the purpose of the contract is served. The bill would require the nonprofit entity to notify all departments from which it receives funding of a closure or of an impacted program, including whether a closure is location specific or due to executive order, and why the service level may be impacted. The bill would require a nonprofit entity to identify and thoroughly document all expenditures associated with the closed program, and to retain documentation to justify expenses and to support claiming continued state funding, as specified.

Position  
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Services

Employment Issues

AB 123  
( Gonzalez, Lorena D )  
Paid family leave: weekly benefit amount.  
Current Text: Introduced: 12/18/2020  [html, pdf]  
Introduced: 12/18/2020  
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Calendar: 5/24/2021 #27 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS  
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.

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

Current Text: Amended: 2/12/2021  
Introduced: 2/3/2021  
Last Amend: 2/12/2021  
Status: 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was INS. on 2/12/2021)  
(May be acted upon Jan 2021)

Location: 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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.

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

Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021  
Introduced: 2/16/2021  
Status: 5/20/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 4/21/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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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**AB 845**  
(Rodriguez D)  

Current Text: Amended: 3/30/2021  
Introduced: 2/17/2021  
Last Amend: 3/30/2021  
Status: 5/19/2021-Referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.  
Location: 5/19/2021-S. L., P.E. & R.
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 applicable governing board of a public retirement system would be required to find in accordance with the presumption.

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Watch |  | Employment Issues

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

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

Introduced: 2/17/2021


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Calendar: 5/24/2021  #136  ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

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.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Watch |  | Employment Issues

**AB 991** (Ward D) Workers’ compensation: presumed injuries.


Introduced: 2/18/2021

Last Amend: 3/11/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was INS. on 3/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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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 employment. This bill would expand presumptions for hernia, pneumonia, heart trouble, cancer, tuberculosis, bloodborne infectious disease, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus skin infection, and meningitis-related illnesses and injuries to a lifeguard employed on a year-round, full-time basis by the City of San Diego. The bill would increase the period of time after termination of employment that a lifeguard employed on a year-round, full-time basis by the City of San Diego can file a claim for skin cancer. The bill would expand the presumptions for illness or injury related to post-traumatic stress disorder or exposure to biochemical substances, as defined, to a lifeguard employed by the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Watch |  | Employment Issues

**AB 1217** (Rodriguez D) Personal protective equipment: stockpile.


Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amend: 4/8/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was INS. on 3/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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**AB 1217** (Rodriguez) **Assembly Appropriations Support Letter 5-7-21**
**AB 1217** (Rodriguez) **Assembly Emergency Management Support Letter 3-18-21**
**AB 1217 FACT SHEET**

**Notes:** AB 1217 (Rodriguez) Assembly Appropriations Support Letter 5-7-21
AB 1217 (Rodriguez) Assembly Emergency Management Support Letter 3-18-21

**Summary:** Would authorize the State Department of Public Health to rotate PPE in the stockpile by selling the PPE to a nonprofit agency, local government, or provider, and by contracting to purchase PPE on behalf of a local government or provider. The bill would require a nonprofit agency, local government, or provider that obtains PPE pursuant to these provisions to reimburse the department for the costs of the PPE. The bill would also make a technical change to the date in these provisions.

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Support |  | Employment
Issues

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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Watch |  | Employment
Issues

**Summary:** Current law, the California Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013, prescribes various limits on public employee retirement systems and public employers, as specified. The act generally prohibits a retired person from being employed by a public employer in the same public retirement system from which the retiree receives pension benefits without reinstatement from retirement into that system, subject to certain exceptions. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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Watch |  | Employment
Issues

**Summary:** Would require, to the extent authorized by federal law, a state agency that receives and disburse ARP funds or other federal recovery funds to consider projects’ potential impact on specified goals, including, among other things, restoring frontline communities and rapidly accelerating achievement of environmental justice and climate goals, including, but not limited to, climate, environmental, and biodiversity protection and stimulating growth. The bill would require state agencies to document how proposed projects meet or align with the goals and require the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to establish an internet website where the public can track the expenditure of federal ARP funds by the state and how funded projects meet the goals.

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Watch |  | Employment
Issues

**Summary:** Employment: COVID-19: supplemental paid sick leave.

**Current Text:** Chaptered: 3/19/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/16/2020

**Last Amend:** 3/15/2021

**Status:** 3/19/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 13, Statutes of 2021.
Summary: Would provide for COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave for covered employees, as defined, who are unable to work or telework due to certain reasons related to COVID-19, including that the employee has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19. The bill would entitle a covered employee to 80 hours of COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave if that employee either works full time or was scheduled to work, on average, at least 40 hours per week for the employer on the 2 weeks preceding the date the covered employee took COVID-19 supplemental paid sick leave. The bill would provide a different calculation for supplemental paid sick leave for a covered employee who is a firefighter subject to certain work schedule requirements and for a covered employee working fewer or variable hours, as specified.

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Watch |  | Employment Issues

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

Introduced: 1/11/2021
Last Amend: 3/25/2021

Summary: The Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights Act grants certain employment rights to firefighters, as defined. Under the act, when a firefighter is investigated and 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. Current law excepts from the act any employee who has not successfully completed the probationary period established by the employee's employer as a condition of employment. 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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Watch |  | Employment Issues

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

Introduced: 1/29/2021
Last Amend: 3/23/2021

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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Watch |  | Employment Issues
**SB 284**  
*(Stern D)*  
**Workers’ compensation: firefighters and peace officers: post-traumatic stress.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 3/16/2021  html, pdf  
**Introduced:** 2/1/2021  
**Last Amend:** 3/16/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING  
**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, the Military Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, 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.

**Position**  
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Employment

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**SB 294**  
*(Leyva D)*  
**Public retirement: leave of absence: service credit.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/2/2021  html, pdf  
**Introduced:** 2/2/2021  
**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on P.E. & R.  
**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. P.E. & R.  
**Summary:** PERS and STRS require employees to make contributions to the system based on their creditable 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)*  
**Public Employees’ Retirement System: employment without reinstatement.**  
**Current Text:** Amended: 4/13/2021  html, pdf  
**Introduced:** 2/12/2021  
**Last Amend:** 4/13/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-Referenced to Com. on P.E. & R.  
**Location:** 5/20/2021-A. P.E. & R.  
**Summary:** The Public Employees’ Retirement Law (PERL), creates the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS), which provides pension and disability benefits to its members and prescribes their rights and duties. Current law, the Public Employees’ Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), prescribed various limitations on public employees, employers, and retirement systems concerning, among other things, work after retirement. PERL generally prohibits retired PERS members from working for an agency participating in the system without reinstatement in the system, unless that employment is otherwise specifically authorized. This bill would eliminate the above-described requirement that a person employed without reinstatement in a manner other than authorized by PERL be reinstated, instead providing that reinstatement is permissive. The bill would limit the circumstances pursuant to...
which retired members and employers are obligated to pay employee and employer contributions, which would have otherwise been paid, plus interest, to apply only to specified reinstatements.

### Fire Equipment

**AB 798**  
(Ramos D)  
**Vehicles: fire department: federally recognized tribes.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/8/2021  
[html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/16/2021  
**Last Amend:** 4/8/2021  
**Status:** 5/13/2021-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 75. Noes 0.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-S. RLS.

**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.

### AB 905

(Quirk D)  
**Mobile fueling on-demand tank vehicles: performance standards.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/5/2021  
[html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021  
**Last Amend:** 4/5/2021  
**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 2/25/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

**Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would require the State Air Resources Board to regulate a mobile fueling on-demand tank vehicle, as defined, as a mobile source, and, contingent upon an appropriation by the Legislature for this purpose, to adopt regulations on or before a specified date to control emissions attributable to mobile fueling on-demand tank vehicles and to certify equipment for those vehicles, as provided. The bill would authorize the state board to allow the use of onboard refueling vapor recovery (ORVR) systems to achieve or maintain the standards and procedures adopted in those regulations for the control of gasoline vapors resulting from the motor vehicle fueling operations of a mobile fueling on-demand tank vehicle.

### AB 267

(Valladares R)  
**California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: prescribed fire, thinning, and fuel reduction projects.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/16/2021  
[html](#), [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/15/2021  
**Last Amend:** 3/16/2021  
**Status:** 5/12/2021-Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and E.Q.

**Location:** 5/12/2021-S. N.R. & W.
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 to January 1, 2026.

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Attachments:
- AB 267 Fact Sheet

**AB 297**
(Gallagher R) **Fire prevention.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/21/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

Introduced: 1/25/2021

Last Amend: 4/21/2021

Status: 4/22/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 2/12/2021-A. NAT. RES.

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 297 Fact Sheet

**AB 373**
(Seyarto R) **State Emergency Plan: update.**


Introduced: 2/1/2021

Last Amend: 3/3/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT on 2/25/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law, the California Emergency Services Act, establishes the Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) within the office of the Governor, and requires Cal OES to update the State Emergency Plan on or before January 1, 2019, and requires Cal OES to update it every 5 years thereafter. This bill, instead, would require Cal OES to update the State Emergency Plan every three years commencing January 1, 2024.

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**AB 380**
(Seyarto R) **Forestry: priority fuel reduction projects.**

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

Introduced: 2/2/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/12/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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.

### AB 431

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

- **Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 2/4/2021
- **Status:** 5/12/2021-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.
- **Location:** 5/12/2021-S. N.R. & W.

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**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.

### AB 433

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

- **Current Text:** Introduced: 2/4/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 2/4/2021
- **Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was U. & E. on 2/12/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)
- **Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

**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.

### AB 448

(Mayes I) Fire safety: electrical transmission or distribution lines: clearances: notice and
opportunity to be heard.

- **Current Text:** Amended: 4/26/2021 [html](#) [pdf](#)
- **Introduced:** 2/8/2021
- **Last Amend:** 4/26/2021
- **Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on
4/21/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)
- **Location:** 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR
Under current law, the Public Utilities Commission, which has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, has established additional vegetation management requirements. Current law provides that a violation of a rule or order of the commission is a crime and provides that the willful or negligent commission of any acts prohibited or the omission of any acts required by specified laws relating to fire safety is a misdemeanor. This bill would revise and recast those provisions related to electrical lines and abatement activities for a person who owns, controls, operates, or maintains an electrical transmission or distribution line, specifying that abatement activities covered by this law include felling, cutting, or trimming trees. The bill would explicitly require all these line clearance and tree pruning and abatement activities to comply with the commission’s vegetation management rules.

### AB 460

(Mayes I) Fire protection: residential fire sprinklers: fees.

- **Current Text:** Amended: 3/25/2021  html  pdf
- **Introduced:** 2/8/2021
- **Last Amend:** 3/25/2021
- **Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/25/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Summary: Current law authorizes any public agency providing water for fire protection purposes to, by ordinance or resolution, fix and collect a charge to pay the costs of operation, installation, capital, maintenance, repair, alteration, or replacement of facilities and equipment related to supplying water for fire protection purposes. Current law authorizes specified local jurisdictions and fire protection districts to make changes or modifications that are more stringent than specified state standards, as provided. Current law neither authorizes nor prohibits a local jurisdiction or a fire protection district from mandating the installation of residential fire sprinkler systems within newly constructed or existing dwelling units. This bill, among other things, would, as provided, prohibit water-related fees imposed on the owner of residential property from being affected by the installation of a residential fire sprinkler system on that residential property, including those residential fire sprinkler systems mandated by a local jurisdiction or a fire protection district.

### AB 497

(Waldron R) Forestry and fire protection: local assistance grant program: fire prevention activities: street and road vegetation management.

- **Current Text:** Amended: 3/11/2021  html  pdf
- **Introduced:** 2/9/2021
- **Last Amend:** 3/11/2021
- **Status:** 3/15/2021-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Summary: Would appropriate the sum of $25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to be used to provide the local assistance grants described above. The bill would require the department, for purposes of this appropriation, to prioritize projects, in addition to the priorities specified above, that manage vegetation along streets and roads to prevent the ignition of wildfire and that require the funds for purposes of purchasing equipment necessary for the project.

### AB 522

(Fong R) Forestry: Forest Fire Prevention Exemption.

- **Current Text:** Introduced: 2/10/2021  html  pdf
- **Introduced:** 2/10/2021
- **Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/18/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Summary: Would appropriate the sum of $25,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to be used to provide the local assistance grants described above. The bill would require the department, for purposes of this appropriation, to prioritize projects, in addition to the priorities specified above, that manage vegetation along streets and roads to prevent the ignition of wildfire and that require the funds for purposes of purchasing equipment necessary for the project.
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 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 the harvesting of trees for the purpose of reducing the rate of fire spread, duration and intensity, fuel ignitability, or ignition of tree crowns, as provided, known as the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption. This bill would extend the operation of the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption indefinitely. The bill would delete the requirement that the tree harvesting area not exceed 300 acres and the requirement that temporary road construction or reconstruction be limited to no more than 2 miles of road per ownership in any 5-year period.

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

Current Text: Introduced: 2/10/2021  html, pdf

Introduced: 2/10/2021

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was U. & E. on 2/18/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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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Attachments:
AB 529 Support Letter AUTHOR/ASSM. UTILITIES 03-08-2021
AB 529 FACT SHEET

Notes: AB 529 (Bauer-Kahan) Assm. Utilities and Energy Support Letter 3-8-21

AB 579 (Flora R) Fire prevention: purchases of personal protective equipment: Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.


Introduced: 2/11/2021

Last Amend: 3/25/2021


Location: 5/19/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021  #98 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Under current law, the Department 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 provide that, notwithstanding requirements imposed on state agencies to purchase Prison Industry Authority products, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection may purchase personal protective equipment from the authority or private entities, based on the department’s needs and assessment of quality and value.

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

Current Text: Amended: 3/17/2021  html, pdf

Introduced: 2/11/2021

Last Amend: 3/17/2021


Location: 4/14/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021  #98 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Under current law, the Department 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 provide that, notwithstanding requirements imposed on state agencies to purchase Prison Industry Authority products, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection may purchase personal protective equipment from the authority or private entities, based on the department’s needs and assessment of quality and value.
Calendar: 5/24/2021 #287 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary: Would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program and would require the Office of Planning and Research to administer the program. Under the program, the bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to coordinate the state’s efforts to address extreme heat and to facilitate the implementation of local, 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 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]
Introduced: 2/12/2021
Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #107 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

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 642 (FRIEDMAN) COALITION SUPPORT LETTER ASSM. APPROPRIATIONS 04-15-2021
AB 642 (FRIEDMAN) COALITION SUPPORT LETTER ASSM. APPROPRIATIONS 04-20-2021 (FINAL)
AB 642 FACT SHEET

Notes: AB 642 (FRIEDMAN) COALITION SUPPORT LETTER ASSM. APPROPRIATIONS 04-20-2021 (FINAL)
AB 642 (FRIEDMAN) COALITION SUPPORT LETTER ASSM. APPROPRIATIONS 04-15-2021

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
Status: 5/13/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.
Location: 5/13/2021-A. THIRD READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021 #427 ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS

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 792 (Flora R) Forestry: prescribed burning agreements.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/16/2021 [html, pdf]
Introduced: 2/16/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.
Location: 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Current law authorizes the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to enter into an
agreement for prescribed burning or other hazardous fuel reduction for specified purposes, such as vegetation management and forest improvement. Current law requires an agreement that is entered into pursuant to that authorization to, among other requirements, provide that the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection be fully responsible for prescribed burns initiated at the department's request, with the consent of the landowner, for training or other purposes on lands owned by a nonprofit organization or other public agencies. This bill would delete the qualification that those prescribed burns initiated at the department's request be on lands owned by a nonprofit organization or other public agencies.

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**AB 800**  
*Wildfires: local general plans: safety elements: fire hazard severity zones.*  
*Current Text:* Amended: 3/18/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/16/2021  
*Last Amend:* 3/18/2021  
*Status:* 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 3/18/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)  
*Location:* 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR  

**Summary:**  
Current law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas of the state as very high fire hazard severity zones, as provided. Current law requires each planning agency to prepare, and the legislative body of each county and city to adopt, a comprehensive, long-term general plan, including a safety element, for the physical development of the county or city, as provided. Current law requires the draft element of, or draft amendment to, the safety element of a county or city’s general plan to be submitted to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection and to every local agency that provides fire protection to territory in the city or county at least 90 days before the adoption or amendment to the safety element of its general plan for each city or county that contains a very high fire hazard severity zone. This bill would require the director to also identify areas of the state as moderate and high fire hazard severity zones, as provided.

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**AB 909**  
*Wildfire risk assessment map.*  
*Current Text:* Introduced: 2/17/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/17/2021  
*Status:* 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 2/25/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)  
*Location:* 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR  

**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**  
*Fire prevention: local assistance grant program: projects: report.*  
*Current Text:* Amended: 3/8/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/17/2021  
*Last Amend:* 3/8/2021  
*Status:* 5/20/2021-Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. In committee: Held under submission.  
*Location:* 5/19/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE  

**Summary:**  
Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a local assistance grant program for fire prevention activities, as defined, in the state. This bill would expand the definition of “fire prevention activities” to include the removal of hazardous dead trees, creation of fuel breaks and community defensible spaces, and creation of ingress and egress corridors. The bill would also require the department to prioritize projects that have a completed, or nearly completed, environmental review document, as provided. The bill would authorize the department to consider and evaluate the wildfire risk within the proposed project area, as well as the socioeconomic characteristics.
of communities that the various education and mitigation projects are intended to protect, when awarding local assistance grants.

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- **AB 926 FACT SHEET**

**AB 954** (Petrie-Norris D)  City of Laguna Woods: leases: fire protection and public safety.

*Current Text:* Amended: 3/25/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

*Introduced:* 2/17/2021

*Last Amend:* 3/25/2021

*Status:* 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/25/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

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**Summary:** Would authorize the City of Laguna Woods to lease to a public agency or joint powers authority, for purposes related to fire protection or public safety, the park property upon which improvements were made pursuant to specified grant agreements funded in accordance with the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002. The bill would require those leases to be subject to the requirements set forth in the grant contracts that are otherwise applicable to property sales or other dispositions. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Laguna Woods.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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Recommend | Support | Fire Prevention

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

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

*Introduced:* 2/17/2021

*Status:* 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was U. & E. on 3/4/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)

*Location:* 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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**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.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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Watch | | Fire Prevention

**AB 968** (Frazier D)  Wildfire resilience: community certification.

*Current Text:* Amended: 3/18/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

*Introduced:* 2/17/2021

*Last Amend:* 3/18/2021

*Status:* 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 3/18/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

*Location:* 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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**Summary:** Would require, on or before January 1, 2023, the agency to research, and provide a report to the Legislature with recommendations for, ways in which a community that undertakes science-supported wildfire resilience actions can be recognized with a peer-reviewed, community-level certification in order to acknowledge and motivate wildfire resilience activity, as provided. The bill would provide that the sum of $2,000,000 shall be appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the annual Budget Act each year through the 2022–23 fiscal year to the agency for purposes of this research and report.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**
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Recommend | Support | Fire Prevention

**AB 969** (Frazier D)  Natural Resources Agency: wildfire technology support: community organizations.
Would require the Natural Resources Agency to provide a basic level of technological support to community organizations for wildfire risk reduction and resiliency, including technology for data, geospatial mapping, and data management, as well as software and limited technical support, and would require the Natural Resources Agency to structure this wildfire technology support in the same way that technology support is provided for similar services for wildfire-program building, outreach, and planning. The bill would provide that the sum of $5,000,000 shall be appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund in the annual Budget Act each year through the 2023–24 fiscal year to the Natural Resources Agency for purposes of providing the technological support described above.

Position  Priority  Subject
Recommend  Support  Fire Prevention

**AB 1142**  (Frazier D)  Fire prevention: detection and response.

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.

Position  Priority  Subject
Recommend  Support  Fire Prevention

**AB 1255**  (Bloom D)  Fire prevention: fire risk reduction guidance: local assistance grants.

Summary: Would require the Natural Resources Agency, on or before July 1, 2023, and in collaboration with specified state agencies and in consultation with certain other state agencies, to develop a guidance document that describes goals, approaches, opportunities, and best practices in each region of the state for ecologically appropriate, habitat-specific fire risk reduction. The bill would require the guidance document to be developed through a public process, including region-specific public workshops hosted by the agency, and would require the agency to post the document on its internet website.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  Support  Fire Prevention

**AB 1454**  (Bloom D)  The California Beverage Container and Litter Reduction Act.

Summary: Would require the Natural Resources Agency, on or before July 1, 2023, and in collaboration with specified state agencies and in consultation with certain other state agencies, to develop a guidance document that describes goals, approaches, opportunities, and best practices in each region of the state for ecologically appropriate, habitat-specific fire risk reduction. The bill would require the guidance document to be developed through a public process, including region-specific public workshops hosted by the agency, and would require the agency to post the document on its internet website.
Summary: The California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery to annually designate convenience zones on a statewide basis and requires that at least one certified recycling center or location that meets certain requirements be located within every convenience zone, with exemptions. The act defines convenience zone as either the area within a 1/2 mile radius of a supermarket or the area designated by the department in a rural region. This bill would allow the department to designate a regional convenience zone serving up to 5 unserved supermarket-based zones based on specified factors.

Position | Priority | Subject
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Watch | Priority | Subject
Home hardening and defensible space clearance.

**AB 1459**  
(Patterson R)  
**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
Watch | Priority | Subject
Home hardening and defensible space clearance.

**ACR 33**  
(Friedman D)  
**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
Watch | Priority | Subject
Wildfire mitigation.

**SB 45**  
(Portantino D)  
**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
Recommend | Priority | Subject

**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide funding for grants to homeowners in very high fire hazard severity zones for home hardening and defensible space clearance efforts.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
Watch | Priority | Subject
Wildfire mitigation.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
Watch | Priority | Subject
Fire Prevention

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
Recommend | Priority | Subject

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
Under Review | Priority | Subject
Fire Prevention

**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 $5,595,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/3/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 5/3/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021  #187  SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

**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. This bill would also make conforming changes.

**Position**  
Support

**Priority**  
Fire Prevention

**Subject**  

**Attachments:**
- SB 63 (Stern) Senate Appropriations Support Letter 5-7-21
- SB 63 (Stern) Senate Housing Support Letter 3-26-21
- SB 63 Support Letter AUTHOR/SEN. NATURAL RESOURCES 03-08-2021
- SB 63 FACT SHEET

**Notes:**
- SB 63 (Stern) Senate Appropriations Support Letter 5-7-21
- SB 63 (Stern) Senate Housing Support Letter 3-26-21
- SB 63 (Stern) Senate Natural Resources Support Letter 3-8-21

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**SB 244** *(Archuleta D)*  Lithium-ion batteries: illegal disposal: fire prevention.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/21/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 1/21/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021  #267  SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

**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**  
Under Review

**Priority**  
Fire Prevention

**Subject**  

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**SB 289** *(Newman D)*  Recycling: batteries and battery-embedded products.

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/13/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/1/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/13/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-May 20 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

**Location:** 5/17/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021  #187  SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** Would make the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act of 2006 and the Cell Phone Recycling Act of 2004 inoperative as of June 30, 2025, and would repeal those acts as of January 1, 2026. The bill would enact the Battery and Battery-Embedded Product Recycling and Fire Risk Reduction Act of 2021, which would require producers, as defined, either individually or through the creation of one or more stewardship organizations, to establish a stewardship program for batteries and battery-embedded products.

**Position**  
Under Review

**Priority**  
Fire Prevention

**Subject**  

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**SB 396** *(Dahle R)*  Forestry: internal combustion engines: industrial operations: fire toolbox.

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

**Introduced:** 2/11/2021
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**  
Watch

**Priority**  

**Subject**  
Fire Prevention

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**SB 440**  
(Dodd D)  
Earthquake and wildfire loss mitigation.

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

**Introduced:** 2/16/2021

**Status:** 3/22/2021-March 25 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 2/25/2021-S. INS.

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**  
Under Review

**Priority**  

**Subject**  
Fire Prevention

**Attachments:**

[SB 440 FACT SHEET](#)

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**SB 450**  
(Hertzberg D)  
Fire protection: fire districts: funding: working group: report.

**Current Text:**  
Amended: 3/10/2021  
[html](#)  
[pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/16/2021

**Last Amend:** 3/10/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

Summary: Current law creates in the Office of the State Fire Marshal a State Board of Fire Services, as provided. Current law requires the board to make full and complete studies, recommendations, and reports to the Governor and the Legislature for the purpose of recommending the establishment of minimum standards with respect to fire protection, as provided. Section 2.2 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution establishes the Special District Fire Response Fund as a subaccount within the California Fire Response Fund within the State Treasury. Current law requires moneys in the Special District Fire Response Fund to be appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of funding fire suppression staffing in underfunded special districts that provide fire protection services, as provided. This bill would require the board, on or before February 15, 2022, to convene a working group, with specified representatives, to discuss and make recommendations on the most efficient mechanisms and structure to administer the Special District Fire Response Fund.

**Position**  
Recommend

**Priority**  
Support

**Subject**  
Fire Prevention

**Attachments:**

[SB 450 (Hertzberg) Author & Senate Approps. Support Letter 4-9-21](#)
SB 450 FACT SHEET

Notes: SB 450 (Hertzberg) Author & Senate Approps. Support Letter 4-9-21

SB 456

(Laird D) Fire prevention: wildfire and forest resilience: action plan: reports.

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021  html  pdf

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Last Amended: 5/20/2021


Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021  #66  SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Current law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and requires the department to be responsible for, among other things, fire protection and prevention, as provided. The former Governor, Edmund G. Brown Jr., issued an executive order relating to, among other subjects, the streamlining of permitting for landowner-initiated projects for the improvement of forest health and the reduction of forest fire fuels on their properties. Pursuant to this executive order, a Forest Management Task Force involving specified state agencies was convened and an action plan was created. This bill would require the task force, including the agency and the department, on January 1, 2022, to develop a comprehensive implementation strategy to achieve the goals and key actions identified in the action plan, as provided.

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SB 533

(Stern D) Electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation plans: deenergization events: microgrids.

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021  html  pdf

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Last Amended: 5/20/2021


Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

Calendar: 5/24/2021  #80  SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Would require that an electrical corporation’s wildfire mitigation plan identify circuits that have frequently been deenergized to mitigate the risk of wildfire and the measures taken, or planned to be taken, by the electrical corporation to reduce the need for future deenergization of those circuits, including replacing, hardening, or undergrounding any portion of the circuit or of upstream transmission or distribution lines, or the installation of microgrids.

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SB 618

(Borgeas R) Fire prevention activities: local assistance grant program.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/18/2021  html  pdf

Introduced: 2/18/2021

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

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.”

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SB 694


Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021  html  pdf

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-Referred to Com. on U. & E.

Location: 5/20/2021-A. U. & E.
Summary: Current law requires each electrical corporation to annually prepare and submit a wildfire mitigation plan to the commission for review and approval, as specified. Current law requires an electrical corporation’s wildfire mitigation plan to include specified components. This bill would require an electrical corporation’s wildfire mitigation plan to include a description of how the electrical corporation will develop sufficient numbers of experienced personnel necessary to complete the work described in the plan, as provided.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  Fire Prevention

Fireworks

AB 1497  (Frazier D)  Fireworks: violations: penalties.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/19/2021  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/19/2021
Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was G.O. on 3/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)
Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to classify all fireworks and pyrotechnic devices and prohibits any fireworks or pyrotechnic devices from being imported, sold, or offered for sale before the fireworks or devices have been examined and classified by the State Fire Marshal. Current law authorizes the State Fire Marshal to issue licenses related to fireworks and pyrotechnic devices, including a wholesaler’s license. Current law makes it unlawful for a person to violate the State Fireworks Law and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, and to possess a specified amount of dangerous fireworks, punishable by a fine or by imprisonment, as specified. This bill would increase the amount of the fine to be imposed for violating the State Fireworks Law or related regulation, would increase the amount of certain fines for possessing a specified amount of dangerous fireworks, and would specify the fine and imprisonment penalties for a 3rd or subsequent conviction.

Position  Priority  Subject
Under Review  Fireworks

Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021  html, pdf
Introduced: 1/29/2021
Last Amend: 5/20/2021
Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING
Calendar: 5/24/2021 #37  SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Would expand the definition of a dangerous fireworks 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.

Position  Priority  Subject
Recommend Support  Fireworks

Funding/Bonds

AB 833  (Quirk-Silva D)  State government: grants: administrative costs.
Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/17/2021
Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was A. & A.R. on 2/25/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)
Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR
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.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  Funding/Bonds


Introduced: 2/19/2021
Last Amend: 5/11/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on RLS. (Ayes 12. Noes 3.) (May 20). Re-referred to Com. on RLS.
Location: 5/20/2021-A. RLS.

Summary: Would enact the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of $7,080,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for safe drinking water, wildfire prevention, drought preparation, flood protection, extreme heat mitigation, and workforce development programs.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  Funding/Bonds

Attachments:
GGRF

AB 1500 BOND BREAKDOWN

GGRF

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: 2/25/2021-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.
Location: 2/25/2021-A. NAT. RES.

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.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  GGRF


Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  html, pdf
Introduced: 2/17/2021
Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 2/25/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)
Location: 4/30/2021-S. 2 YEAR

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.

**Position**  
Watch

**Priority**  

**Subject**  
GGRF

### Hazardous Substances

**AB 480**  
*(Carrillo D)*  
**Hazardous substances.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/30/2021  
[html](#)  
[pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/8/2021

**Last Amend:** 3/30/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 12. Noes 4.) (May 20).

**Location:** 5/12/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #281 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

**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**  
Support

**Priority**  

**Subject**  
Hazardous Substances

**Attachments:**

AB 480 (Carrillo) Assm. Appropriations Support Letter 4-30-21  

**Notes:**  
AB 480 (Carrillo) Assm. Appropriations Support Letter 4-30-21  

### Insurance

**AB 1522**  
*(Levine D)*  
**Property insurance.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021  
[html](#)  
[pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was INS. on 3/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)

**Location:** 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would prohibit an insurer from canceling or refusing to renew a policy of residential property insurance or commercial insurance based solely on the fact that the insured property is located in a high-risk wildfire area.

**Position**  
Under Review

**Priority**  

**Subject**  
Insurance

**SB 11**  
*(Rubio D)*  
**The California FAIR Plan Association: basic property insurance: exclusions.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2021  
[html](#)  
[pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Refereed to Com. on INS.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. INS.
Summary: The California FAIR Plan Association is a joint reinsurance association in which all insurers licensed to write basic property insurance participate in administering a program for the equitable apportionment of basic property insurance for persons who are unable to obtain that coverage through normal channels. Current law defines “basic property insurance” for these purposes, and excludes from that definition insurance on automobile or farm risks. Current law authorizes the governing committee of the association to establish separate classifications of written premiums for the purpose of equitable distribution of basic property insurance, but prohibits those classifications from including premiums from automobile or farm risks. For purposes of the above-described provisions, this bill would exclude from “farm risks” a farm’s equipment or permanent structures, other than a private garage, used primarily for the production of commercial agricultural commodities or livestock.

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**SB 72**  
(Rubio D)  
**Property insurance: wildfire risk information reporting.**

Current Text: Amended: 3/10/2021  
Introduced: 12/10/2020  
Last Amend: 3/10/2021  

Calendar: 5/24/2021  
#256 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Current law establishes in state government the Natural Resources Agency under the supervision of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, consisting of various departments, including the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, which is responsible for the fire protection, fire prevention, maintenance, and enhancement of the state’s forest, range, and brushland resources, among other things. On or before November 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, this bill would require the commissioner to transmit to the secretary of the agency a report that makes geographic recommendations for vegetation management projects based on the commissioner’s analysis of specified information, including nonrenewal data on policies of residential property insurance, and to post that report on the Department of Insurance’s internet website.

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**Law Enforcement**

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

Current Text: Amended: 1/12/2021  
Introduced: 12/7/2020  
Last Amend: 1/12/2021  
Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was PUB. S. on 1/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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.

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

Current Text: Amended: 3/25/2021  
Introduced: 12/7/2020  
Last Amend: 3/25/2021  
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. The bill would additionally require those policies to, among other things, prohibit retaliation against officers that report violations of law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor, as specified, and to require that an officer who fails to intercede be disciplined in the same manner as the officer who used excessive force. By imposing additional duties on local agencies, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

### AB 48
(Gonzalez, Lorena D) Law enforcement: kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents.

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Would prohibit the use of kinetic energy projectiles or chemical agents 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 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.

### AB 60
(Salas D) Law enforcement.

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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.

### AB 89
(Jones-Sawyer D) Peace officers: minimum qualifications.

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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. The bill would additionally require those policies to, among other things, prohibit retaliation against officers that report violations of law or regulation of another officer to a supervisor, as specified, and to require that an officer who fails to intercede be disciplined in the same manner as the officer who used excessive force. By imposing additional duties on local agencies, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
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.

**SB 2**
(D) **Peace officers: certification: civil rights.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/20/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 5/20/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #2 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

**Summary:** Under current law, the Tom Bane Civil Rights Act, if a person or persons, whether or not acting under color of law, interferes or attempts to interfere, by threats, intimidation, or coercion, with the exercise or enjoyment by any individual or individuals of rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or of the rights secured by the Constitution or laws of this state, the Attorney General, or any district attorney or city attorney, is authorized to bring a civil action for injunctive and other appropriate equitable relief in the name of the people of the State of California, in order to protect the exercise or enjoyment of the right or rights secured. Current law also authorizes an action brought by the Attorney General, or any district attorney or city attorney, to seek a civil penalty of $25,000. Current law also allows an individual whose exercise or enjoyment of rights has been interfered with to prosecute a civil action for damages on their own behalf. This bill would eliminate certain immunity provisions for peace officers and custodial officers, or public entities employing peace officers or custodial officers sued under the act.

**Position**    **Priority**    **Subject**
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1st House    2nd House

**SB 16**
(D) **Peace officers: release of records.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/20/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 5/20/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (May 20). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #6 SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE

**Summary:** Would make every incident involving force that is unreasonable or excessive, and any sustained finding that an officer failed to intervene against another officer using unreasonable or excessive force, subject to disclosure. The bill would require records relating to sustained findings of unlawful arrests and unlawful searches to be subject to disclosure. The bill would 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 make the limitations on delay of disclosure inapplicable until January 1, 2023, for the described records relating to incidents that occurred before January 1, 2022.

**Position**    **Priority**    **Subject**
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**Liability**

**AB 575**
(R) **Civil liability: prescribed burning activities: gross negligence.**
SB 332  (Dodd D)  Civil liability: prescribed burning operations: gross negligence.
Current Text: Amended: 5/6/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/8/2021
Last Amend: 5/6/2021
Location: 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING
Calendar: 5/24/2021 #277 SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE
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.

Position  Priority  Subject
Under Review  Liability

Local Government

AB 59  (Gabriel D)  Mitigation Fee Act: fees: notice and timelines.
Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2020  html  pdf
Introduced: 12/7/2020
Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was L. GOV. on 1/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)
Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR
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.

Position  Priority  Subject
Watch  Local
Government

AB 339  (Lee D)  Local government: open and public meetings.
Introduced: 6/7/2020
Status: 10/6/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was JUD. on 8/14/2020) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)
Location: 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR
Summary: Would provide that no person shall be liable for any fire suppression or other costs otherwise recoverable for a prescribed burn if specified conditions are met, including, among others, that the burn be for the purpose of wildland fire hazard reduction, ecological maintenance and restoration, cultural burning, silviculture, or agriculture, and that a certified burn boss review and approve a written prescription for the burn. The bill would provide that any person whose conduct constitutes gross negligence shall not be entitled to immunity from fire suppression or other costs otherwise recoverable, as specified.

Position  Priority  Subject
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When the bill is filed, it is assigned to an appropriate committee, often referred to as a policy or fiscal committee. The assigned committee reviews the bill and holds hearings on the legislation. If the committee votes to advance the bill, it moves on to a floor or conference committee. If the committee sends the bill back, it is returned to the floor for consideration, and the process starts over. If the bill is advanced to a conference committee, it will be referred to the floor or conference for further action. If the conference committee approves the bill, it is then sent to the floor for a final reading. If the floor approves the bill, it is sent to the governor for signing, and the bill becomes law.
AB 361  
(Rivas, Robert D)  Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/10/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 1/28/2021  
**Last Amend:** 5/4/2021  
**Status:** 5/20/2021-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021  #442  ASSEMBLY THIRD READING FILE - ASSEMBLY BILLS

**Summary:** Would, until December 31, 2023, require all open and public meetings of a city council or a county board of supervisors that governs a jurisdiction containing least 250,000 people to include an opportunity for members of the public to attend via a telephonic option or an internet-based service option. The bill would require all open and public meetings to include an in-person public comment opportunity, except in specified circumstances during a declared state or local emergency. The bill would require all meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed legislation in person and remotely via a telephonic or an internet-based service option, as provided.

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AB 703  
(Rubio, Blanca D)  Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/29/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 2/1/2021  
**Last Amend:** 5/10/2021  
**Status:** 5/18/2021-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 5/18/2021-S. RLS.

**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 of emergency 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 determines, by majority vote, that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

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

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/24/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021  
**Status:** 5/18/2021-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 5/18/2021-S. RLS.

**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 notice requirements particular to teleconferencing and would revise the requirements of the act to allow for teleconferencing subject to existing provisions regarding the posting of notice of an agenda, provided that the public is allowed to observe the meeting and address the legislative body directly both in person and remotely via a call-in option or internet-based service option, and that a quorum of members participate in person from a singular physical location clearly identified on the agenda that is open to the public and situated within the jurisdiction.

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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 require a state body that elects to conduct a meeting or proceeding by teleconference to post an agenda at the designated primary physical meeting location in the notice of the meeting where members of the public may physically attend the meeting and participate. 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.

Summary: Current law, the Community Services District Law, authorizes the formation of community services districts for various specified purposes, including supplying water, treating sewage, disposing of solid waste, and providing fire protection. The law specifies its relation and effect on certain districts organized pursuant to former laws and to actions taken by them, among other things. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Summary: Current law authorizes any local agency to enact any ordinance that adopts a code by reference if the referenced code is specified in the title of the ordinance. Current law requires that after the first reading of the title of the adopting ordinance, and of the title of the code to be adopted thereby, and of the title of the secondary codes therein adopted by reference, the legislative body shall make copies of the primary code and also copies of the secondary codes, if any, being considered for adoption, open to public inspection with the clerk of the legislative body. Current law prohibits, however, the adoption by reference of any penalty clauses that may appear in any code that is adopted by reference; a penalty clause may be enacted only if set forth in full, and published, in the adopting ordinance. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to the latter provision.
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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Support |  | Local Government

Attachments:
- ACA 1 Support Letter AUTHOR 03-08-2021
- ACA 1 FACT SHEET

Notes: ACA 1 (Aguiar Curry) Support Letter 3-8-21

**ACR 17**

*Voepel R*  
Special Districts Week.

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

Introduced: 2/1/2021

Status: 5/20/2021-Coauthors revised. Adopted and to Senate.

Location: 5/20/2021-S. DESK

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

Position | Priority | Subject
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Support |  | Local Government

Attachments:
- ACR 17 (Voepel) Assembly Member Voepel - Author Support Letter 3-18-21

Notes: ACR 17 (Voepel) Assembly Member Voepel - Author Support Letter 3-18-21

**SB 96**

*Daahle R*  
Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District Fire Department Protection Act of 2021: elections.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/21/2020  html  pdf

Introduced: 12/21/2020

Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was GOV. & F. on 1/28/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 4/30/2021-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: 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.

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Support |  | Local Government

Attachments:
- SB 96 Support Letter AUTHOR 03-05-2021
- SB 96 FACT SHEET

Notes: SB 96 (DAHALE) - SUPPORT LETTER AUTHOR 03-05-2021

**SB 274**

*Wieckowski D*  
Local government meetings: agenda and documents.


Introduced: 1/29/2021
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 email 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.

**SB 375**

(Wilk R) **Employment Development Department: unemployment insurance claimants: assistance.**

Introduced: 2/10/2021
Last Amend: 3/5/2021
Status: 3/18/2021-Re-referred to Com. on L., P.E. & R.
Location: 3/18/2021-S. L., P.E. & R.

Summary: Would require the Employment Development Department to implement a formal policy no later than October 1, 2021, that establishes a process for tracking and periodically analyzing call information data to determine the reasons why unemployment insurance claimants call the department for assistance. The bill would require the department, every 6 months thereafter, to analyze the data it has collected in order to improve its call center. The bill would require the department, in conducting its analysis, to identify and resolve weaknesses or problems with the way it provides assistance to claimants.

**SB 780**

(Cortese D) **Local finance: public investment authorities.**

Introduced: 2/19/2021
Last Amend: 5/3/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-Referred to Coms. on L. GOV. and H. & C.D.
Location: 5/20/2021-A. L. GOV.

Summary: Would authorize the legislative bodies to appoint an alternate member to the public financing authority who may serve and vote in place of a member who is absent or disqualifies themselves from participating in a meeting of the authority. If a district has more than 3 participating affected taxing entities, the bill would authorize the legislative bodies of the taxing entities to, upon agreement, appoint only one member of their respective legislative bodies, and one alternate member, in addition to the public members.

**SB 813**

(Committee on Governance and Finance) **Local Government Omnibus Act of 2021.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/12/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/23/2021
Last Amend: 4/12/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.
Location: 5/20/2021-A. L. GOV.
**Summary:** Current law requires the officer of each local agency, who has charge of the financial records of the local agency, to furnish to the Controller a report of all the financial transactions of the local agency during the preceding fiscal year within 7 months of the close of each fiscal year in a form required by the Controller. Current law requires the report to include, among other things, the annual compensation of a local agency's elected officials, officers, and employees, as specified. This bill would specify that the reports shall be furnished at the time prescribed by the Controller and would revise the amount of time in which the report is required to be furnished to either 7 months or within the time prescribed by the Controller, whichever is later.

**Position**
- Watch

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**Subject**
- Local Government

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**AB 73**  

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2021  
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**Introduced:** 12/7/2020

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

**Location:** 4/28/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #256 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

**Summary:** Would, among other things, require the Division of Occupational Safety and Health to designate a wildfire smoke strike team within each regional office for purposes of enforcing regulations regarding air quality safety for agricultural workers, as defined. The bill would require the division, by January 1, 2023, to establish a stockpile of N95 filtering facepiece respirators, as defined, of sufficient size to adequately equip all agricultural workers during wildfire smoke emergencies. The bill would require the division to establish guidelines for procurement, management, and distribution of the N95 respirators.

**Position**
- Watch

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- Miscellaneous

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**AB 473**  

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

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

**Location:** 4/21/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #72 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

**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**
- Watch

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**Subject**
- Miscellaneous

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**AB 474**  

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

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

**Location:** 4/21/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Calendar:** 5/24/2021 #73 ASSEMBLY SECOND READING FILE -- ASSEMBLY BILLS

**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.

### AB 847
**Quirk D**  
**Electrically conductive balloons.**
- Current Text: 3/25/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- Introduced: 2/17/2021
- Last Amend: 3/25/2021
- Location: 4/28/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
- 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, 2023.

### AB 884
**Patterson R**  
**State agencies: audits.**
- Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- Introduced: 2/17/2021
- Status: 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.
- Location: 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
- 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.

### AB 987
**Low D**  
**Public utilities: civil penalties: unplanned electrical outages and deenergization events.**
- Introduced: 2/18/2021
- Last Amend: 3/25/2021
- Status: 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was U. & E. on 3/25/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)
- Location: 4/30/2021-A. 2 YEAR
- Summary: The Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Current law authorizes the commission to establish rules for all public utilities, subject to control by the Legislature. The Public Utilities Act provides for civil penalties for any violation of the act or for a failure to comply with any part of any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission. This bill would require the commission to require any penalty imposed on a public utility, person, or corporation for a violation of the act, or for a violation of any order, decision, decree, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission, to be paid no later than 2 years from the date the penalty was imposed, as provided.

### AB 1044
**Rodriguez D**  
**Office of Emergency Services: COVID-19 Pandemic after-action report.**
- Current Text: Amended: 3/30/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)
- Introduced: 2/18/2021
- Last Amend: 3/30/2021
**AB 1431**  (Frazier D)  Forestry: forest carbon and resilience goals.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/3/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Last Amend:** 5/3/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-Joint Rule 62(a), file notice suspended. From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (May 20).

**Location:** 5/19/2021-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement various fire protection programs intended to protect forest resources and prevent uncontrolled wildfires. This bill would establish state goals for fuel treatment and vegetation management, as specified. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency and the California Environmental Protection Agency, on or before January 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, to submit to the appropriate policy and budget committees of the Legislature a report on the progress made towards achieving those state goals.

**Position**  |  **Priority**  |  **Subject**  
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Watch |  | Miscellaneous  

**AB 1570**  (Committee on Natural Resources)  Public resources: omnibus bill.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 3/4/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 3/4/2021

**Status:** 5/19/2021-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Location:** 5/19/2021-S. N.R. & W.

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

**Position**  |  **Priority**  |  **Subject**  
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Watch |  | Miscellaneous  

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

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/15/2021  html  pdf

**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.

**Position**  |  **Priority**  |  **Subject**  
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**SB 98**  (McGuire D)  Public peace: media access.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/20/2021  html  pdf

**Introduced:** 3/4/2021

**Last Amend:** 5/20/2021

**Status:** 4/5/2021-Re-referred to Com. on E.M.

**Location:** 3/4/2021-A. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**Summary:** Would require the Office of Emergency Services, on or before September 30, 2021, to review, and make recommendations to the Legislature and the California congressional delegation on, how to enhance the effectiveness of the Strategic National Stockpile, the federal Defense Production Act of 1950, the California stockpile of personal protection equipment, and the procurement of personal protective equipment as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic after-action report. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.
### SB 412
(California Environmental Quality Act: emergency definition.)

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/12/2021  
**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021  
**Status:** 4/30/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was E.Q. on 3/18/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2022)

**Location:** 4/30/2021-S. 2 YEAR

**Summary:** Would expand the definition of “emergency” provided in CEQA to include a project jointly identified by a state or local agency and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection or the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection, with notice to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, as mitigating a high threat to life and safety by preventing, minimizing, or mitigating damage to life, health, property, natural resources, or essential public services, resulting from a catastrophic fire in areas of the state that a lead agency determines, based on substantial evidence, are at a heightened risk of the occurrence of that event. The bill would also specify that “emergency” includes, but is not limited to, man-made or natural occurrences, as specified, and would make other nonsubstantive changes.

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**Attachments:**
- [SB 412 FACT SHEET](#)

### SB 477
(General plan: annual report.)

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/20/2021  [html](#)  [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2021  
**Last Amend:** 5/20/2021  

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

**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, 2024, 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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SB 501  (Wieckowski D)  Claims against public entities.
Current Text: Amended: 5/20/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/17/2021
Last Amend: 5/20/2021
Location: 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING
Calendar: 5/24/2021  #76  SENATE SENATE BILLS - SECOND READING FILE
Summary: Under the Government Claims Act, current law requires certain claims, such as those relating to causes of action for death or for injury to a person or personal property, to be presented within 6 months after their accrual. For these actions, if a claim is not filed within the 6-month period, existing law authorizes an application for leave to present a claim to be made to the public entity within a reasonable time, not to exceed one year after the accrual of the cause of action, as specified. Current law generally requires the relevant public entity review board to grant or deny the application for leave to present the claim within 45 days after it is presented. Current law requires the application to be granted if one of several conditions is met, including that the person who sustained the alleged injury, damage, or loss was a minor or was physically and mentally incapacitated for the entire 6 months after the accrual of the cause of action, as specified. If the person was physically or mentally incapacitated during that period, existing law requires that the failure to present a claim be a result of the person’s disability. This bill would additionally require a board to grant an application for leave to present a claim, as described above, if the person who sustained the alleged injury, damage, or loss was a minor or was physically or mentally incapacitated during any of the 6 months after the accrual of the cause of action, if the application is presented within 6 months of the person turning 18 years of age, or of the person no longer being physically or mentally incapacitated, as applicable, or a year after the claim accrues, whichever occurs first.

Position  Priority  Subject
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SB 592  (Dahle R)  Fish and wildlife: working group: catastrophic wildfires: reports.
Current Text: Amended: 4/20/2021  html  pdf
Introduced: 2/18/2021
Last Amend: 4/20/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-May 20 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.
Location: 5/10/2021-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE
Summary: Would require the Director of Fish and Wildlife to establish a working group, composed of the director or the director’s representative, the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection or their representative, and a county government representative from each county impacted by any catastrophic wildfire being studied by the workgroup, as described below. The bill would require the working group to study, investigate, and report, on or before December 31, 2022, and by December 31 each year thereafter, to the Legislature on the impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat resulting from any catastrophic wildfire, as defined, that occurred during that calendar year, including specified information on a catastrophic wildfire’s impact on ecosystems, biodiversity, and protected species in the state, and would require, to the extent feasible, the department to obtain and keep current baseline data suitable for interpreting that impact.

Position  Priority  Subject
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SB 594  (Glazer D)  Elections: local redistricting.
Introduced: 2/18/2021
Last Amend: 5/3/2021
Status: 5/20/2021-Referred to Coms. on ELECTIONS and L. GOV.
Location: 5/20/2021-A. ELECTIONS
Summary: Current law requires counties, general law cities, and charter cities that elect members of their legislative bodies using district-based elections to adopt boundaries for those supervisorial or council districts following each federal decennial census, as specified. Current law expressly authorizes a city council to adopt district boundaries by resolution or ordinance. If a legislative body does not
adopt district boundaries by a specified deadline, existing law requires the legislative body, and
authorizes a resident of the county or city, to petition the superior court for an order adopting
boundaries. Current law provides that the superior court's order is immediately effective in the same
manner as an enacted ordinance or resolution of the legislative body. This bill would clarify that
“adopting” district boundaries for these purposes means the passage of an ordinance or resolution
specifying those boundaries.

**SB 804**

(Glazer D) California Conservation Corps: forestry training center: formerly incarcerated individuals: reporting.

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/20/2021 [html] [pdf]

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Last Amend:** 5/20/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass as amended. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time and amended. Ordered to second reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. SECOND READING

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**SB 810**

(Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2021 [html] [pdf]

**Introduced:** 2/23/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. L. GOV.

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**SB 811**

(Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2021 [html] [pdf]

**Introduced:** 2/23/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. L. GOV.

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**SB 812**

(Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/23/2021 [html] [pdf]

**Introduced:** 2/23/2021
**SB 817**

(Committee on Governmental Organization)  
Fire protection: Office of the State Fire Marshal:  
State Board of Fire Services: membership.

**Summary:** Current law creates in the Office of the State Fire Marshal a State Board of Fire Services to succeed to all the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the former State Fire Advisory Board. Current law requires the board to consist of 18 members, including, among others, the State Fire Marshal, the Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, the Director of Emergency Services, and the Chairperson of the California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Program. Current law prohibits proxy representation on the board. This bill would instead require the board to consist of 17 members and would authorize the members specified above to assign a designee to serve on the board. This bill would also make conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

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**Current Text:** Amended: 3/16/2021  
[html](#), [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 3/3/2021  
**Last Amend:** 3/16/2021  
**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on E.M.

**SCR 5**

(Melendez R)  

**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.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
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**Current Text:** Amended: 2/2/2021  
[html](#), [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 12/22/2020  
**Last Amend:** 2/2/2021  
**Status:** 2/10/2021-Referred to Com. on G.O.

**SCR 12**

(Bates R)  
CAL-FIRE Chief William R. Clayton Memorial Highway.

**Summary:** This measure would designate a specified portion of Interstate 5 in the City of Carlsbad 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.

**Position** | **Priority** | **Subject**  
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**Current Text:** Amended: 3/22/2021  
[html](#), [pdf](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/4/2021  
**Last Amend:** 3/22/2021  
**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on TRANS.
**SCR 14**  
(Hurttado D)  **Fire Captain Ramon Figueroa and Firefighter Patrick Jones Memorial Highway.**

*Current Text:* Amended: 3/9/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/18/2021  
*Last Amend:* 3/9/2021  
*Status:* 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on TRANS.  
*Location:* 5/13/2021-A. TRANS.  

**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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**Public Safety**

**AB 1450**  
(Gabriel D)  **Public safety: large-scale sporting events.**

*Current Text:* Amended: 4/13/2021  
*Introduced:* 2/19/2021  
*Last Amend:* 4/13/2021  
*Status:* 5/20/2021-In committee: Held under submission.  
*Location:* 5/5/2021-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE  

**Summary:** The California Emergency Services Act, among other things, establishes the Office of Emergency Services within the office of the Governor, under the charge of a Director of Emergency Services appointed by the Governor. The act and other existing laws set forth the duties and authority of the office and the director, with respect to specified emergency preparedness, mitigation, and response activities within the state. This bill would require the office to collaborate with cities hosting large-scale sporting and associated events, and to prepare for the planning, resourcing, management, and delivery of safety and security of those events. The bill would require the office to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the host cities and with other necessary parties to enhance safety and security, and would require the memorandum of understanding to comply with the state’s Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

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**ACR 63**  
(Salas D)  **California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.**

*Current Text:* Chaptered: 5/3/2021  
*Introduced:* 4/5/2021  
*Status:* 4/29/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 29, Statutes of 2021  
*Location:* 4/29/2021-A. CHAPTERED  

**Summary:** This measure would designate the week of April 11, 2021, to April 17, 2021, inclusive, as California Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

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**TAX**
**SB 219**  (McGuire D)  Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs: cancellation: public health orders.

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

**Introduced:** 1/13/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. REV. & TAX

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**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.

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

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/3/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/3/2021

**Status:** 5/13/2021-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

**Location:** 5/13/2021-A. REV. & TAX

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**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.

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**Current Text:** Amended: 4/12/2021  [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/18/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/12/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-From committee: Do pass. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (May 20). Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-S. THIRD READING

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**Calendar:** 5/24/2021  #307  SENATE SENATE BILLS -THIRD READING FILE

**Summary:** Would authorize a local agency, defined to mean a city, county, or city and county, including a charter city, county, or city and county, to enact an ordinance exclusively delegating its authority to collect any transient occupancy tax imposed by that local agency on short-term rentals to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration and to enter into a contract with the department for purposes of registration, rate posting, collection, and transmission of revenues necessary to collect and administer any transient occupancy tax imposed on a short-term rental as specified in this bill.

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**Taxation**

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

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

**Introduced:** 1/26/2021

**Status:** 3/22/2021-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

**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**

Support

**Priority**

**Subject**

Taxation

**Attachments:**

FIRE-AB 324 Support Letter AUTHOR/ASSM. REV & TAX 03-08-2021

AB 324 FACT SHEET

**Notes:** AB 324 (Choi) Assm. Rev & Tax Support Letter 3-8-21

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**AB 566**

(Choi) Property taxation: revenue allocations.


Introduced: 2/11/2021

Status: 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/11/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)

Location: 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR

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**

Watch

**Priority**

**Subject**

Taxation

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**AB 688**

(Nguyen) Property tax: reassessment.

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

Introduced: 2/16/2021

Status: 5/7/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/16/2021) (May be acted upon Jan 2021)

Location: 5/7/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current property tax law authorizes a county board of supervisors to adopt ordinances that allow assesses 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**

Watch

**Priority**

**Subject**

Taxation

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**AB 1121**

(Rodriguez) Sales and use taxes: exemption: emergency preparation items.

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

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 3/4/2021-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

Location: 3/4/2021-A. REV. & TAX

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**

Watch

**Priority**

**Subject**

Taxation
**AB 1249**  
( **Gallagher** R)  
**Income taxes: gross income exclusions: wildfires.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/19/2021  
[Introduced: 2/19/2021](html)  
[Introduced: 2/19/2021](pdf)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2021

**Status:** 3/4/2021-Referred to Com. on REV. & TAX.

**Location:** 3/4/2021-A. REV. & TAX

**Summary:** The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, in conformity with federal income tax law, generally defines “gross income” as income from whatever source derived, except as specifically excluded, and provides various exclusions from gross income. This bill would provide an exclusion from gross income for any qualified taxpayer, as defined, for amounts received for costs and losses associated with one or more specified fires from a settlement, as provided.

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**Telecommunications**

**SB 341**  
( **McGuire** D)  
**Telecommunications service: outages.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/28/2021  
[Introduced: 2/9/2021](html)  
[Introduced: 2/9/2021](pdf)

**Introduced:** 2/9/2021

**Last Amend:** 4/28/2021

**Status:** 5/20/2021-Referred to Coms. on C. & C. and E.M.

**Location:** 5/20/2021-A. C. & 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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**Attachments:**

- SB 341 (McGuire) Senate Appropriations Support Letter 4-14-21
- SB 341 (McGuire) Senate GO Support Letter 3-24-21
- SB 341 Support Letter AUTHOR/SEN. ENERGY 03-09-2021

**Notes:**

- SB 341 (McGuire) Senate Appropriations Support Letter 4-14-21
- SB 341 (McGuire) Senate GO Support Letter 3-24-21
- SB 341 (McGuire) Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Support Letter 3-9-21

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