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

From: Russell Noack, Public Policy Advocates

Re: FIRE Weekly Legislative Report – Week Ending 05/05/2017

The following bills of interest to the CFCA and FDAC were considered this week:

AB 190 (Steinorth): Would require a lead agency to approve or disapprove a design review of a development project within a 30-day period or the project would be deemed approved on the 31st day. This bill was scheduled to be heard this week by the Assembly Local Government Committee, but the author removed the bill from the hearing calendar. *FIRE Position: OPPOSE*

AB 211 (Bigelow): Would update SRA fire prevention fee reporting to the Legislature. The bill has been placed on the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

AB 220 (Ridley-Thomas): Would expand the definition of state of emergency to include acute homelessness. The bill is now a two-year bill and will not be taken up again this year. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

AB 238 (Steinorth): Would prohibit a cannabis licensee from manufacturing marijuana using volatile solvents in a residential structure. The bill passed the Assembly Business & Professions Committee this week and will be heard by the Assembly Health Committee next week. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

AB 565 (Bloom): Would allow a city or county to adopt alternative building regulations covering conversions of commercial or industrial buildings into joint living and workspace. The bill was approved by the Assembly and has been to the Senate. *FIRE Position: OPPOSE*

AB 886 (Bloom): Would require registration of illegal buildings by owners and would restrict evictions of tenants during renovations under prescribed circumstances. This bill failed to move out of the Assembly Local Government Committee and will not be considered again this year. *FIRE Position: OPPOSE*

[AB 1283 \(Rodriguez\)](#): Would provide for fire departments with volunteer firefighters that receive federal reimbursement for costs associated with firefighting to pass through a portion of the amount that would otherwise be required to hire an employee for those services. Clarifying amendments were added and the bill passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

[ACR 87 \(Rodriguez\)](#): Would declare the week of May 21, 2017 – May 27, 2017, to be Emergency Medical Services Week. This resolution was introduced this week. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

[SB 229 \(Wieckowski\)](#): Would authorize the expansion of maximum foot areas in ordinances which already authorize accessory dwelling units within its planning and zoning law. The bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee. *FIRE Position: OPPOSE*

[SB 496 \(Cannella\)](#) [*Chapter 8, Statutes of 2017*]: This bill was part of the package of measures negotiated between the Governor and Legislative Leadership to secure passage of **[SB 1](#)** (Beall) [*Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017*], the transportation/fuel tax bill. SB 496 limits the use of indemnity clauses in public agency agreements covering design professional services. As expected, Governor Brown signed the measure. *FIRE Position: OPPOSE*

Note: This week Assembly Member Travis Allen filed [initiative paperwork](#) with the Office of the Attorney General to repeal the recently signed SB 1 (Beall). The initiative will be issued a Title and Summary and then sent out for circulation to gather signatures; approximately 365,880 signatures will be required to qualify for the ballot.

[SB 718 \(Anderson\)](#): Would have expanded civil liability and civil forfeiture over persons aiding others in committing an act of terrorism. The bill has been held in Senate Judiciary Committee and will not be acted upon again this year.

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