



**Date:** May 26, 2017

**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 05/26/2017

## 2017-18 LEGISLATION

### [2017 Assembly & Senate Legislative Calendar](#)

Many bills of interest to the CFCA and FDAC were taken up on this week by the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees as they dispensed with their Suspense Files.

**[AB 211 \(Bigelow\)](#):** Would update the SRA fire prevention fee reporting to the Legislature. The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be considered by the full Assembly next week. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**[AB 238 \(Steinorth\)](#):** Would prohibit a cannabis licensee from manufacturing marijuana using volatile solvents in a residential structure. The bill was approved by the Assembly and is pending in the Senate. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**[AB 263 \(Rodriguez\)](#):** Would require an employer that provides emergency medical services as part of an E.M.S. plan to provide their employees with prescribed rest periods. The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be considered by the full Assembly next week. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

**[AB 288 \(Oberholte\)](#):** Would establish an SRA amnesty program to eliminate penalties for late payments by homeowners. The bill was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**[AB 437 \(Rodriguez\)](#):** Would require the Attorney General to establish within the Violent Crime Information Center, an Online At Risk Community Network to provide information to first responders to prevent harmful interactions with individuals suffering from various defined disabilities. The bill became a two-year bill and will not be taken up again this year. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

**AB 561 (Voepel)**: Would allow public safety and first responder vehicles, which are in excess of \$800,000, to be exempt from sales and use tax with the savings being allocated to an employer's contribution to a local public employee retirement system. The bill became a two-year bill and will not be taken up again this year. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**AB 579 (Flora)**: Would develop a statewide firefighters pre-apprenticeship program. The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be considered by the full Assembly next week. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**AB 583 (Wood)**: Would extend the operation of the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act until January 1, 2030. The bill was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**AB 708 (Quirk-Silva)**: Would streamline the Cal/OSHA accident reporting requirement. The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be considered by the full Assembly next week. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**AB 871 (Santiago)**: Would appropriate \$3M to OES to fund current disaster preparedness, resiliency and response programs in underserved communities that may be subject to earthquakes, fire, or other disasters. The bill was held by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

**AB 979 (Lackey)**: A California Special Districts Association-sponsored bill to streamline the process for selection of representatives of independent special districts on LAFCOs. The bill passed the Assembly Floor and is pending in the Senate. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**AB 1116 (Grayson)**: Would create the Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Act to provide peer support and crisis referral services for emergency service providers. The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be considered by the full Assembly next week. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**AB 1120 (Cooper)**: Would prohibit the purchase of large quantities of butane in an effort to restrict the use of "honey oil" in the home production of marijuana products. The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will be considered by the full Assembly next week. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

**AB 1650 (Maienschein)**: Would extend for 4 years the pilot project creating a Community Paramedicine Program in the EMSA. The bill became a two-year bill and will not be taken up again this year. *FIRE Position: PENDING*

**SB 35 (Wiener)**: Would streamline the ministerial approval process for planning and zoning for affordable housing. The bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, as amended to address some of our concerns. *FIRE Position: OPPOSE*

**SB 265 (Berryhill)**: Would provide for additional funds for the removal of dead and dying trees in Tuolumne County. The bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be heard by the full Senate next week. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

**SB 523 (Hernandez)**: Would establish a quality assurance fee for each emergency medical transport provided by private or public providers in accordance with a prescribed methodology. The bill was approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be heard by the full Senate next week. *FIRE Position: PENDING*

**SB 562 (Lara)**: Would establish a government-run single payer health care system in California. Estimated to cost the General Fund in excess of \$400 Billion; the bill passed the Senate Appropriations Committee, which is chaired by the author, contingent upon development of a funding source. *FIRE Position: WATCH*