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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 04/21/2017

The following bills of interest to the California Fire Chiefs Association and the Fire Districts Association of California were considered this week:

[AB 238 \(Steinorth\)](#): The language of this bill was struck and replaced with provisions prohibiting a cannabis licensee from manufacturing marijuana products using volatile solvents in a residential structure or on a residential property. The bill has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Business and Professions. *FIRE Position: PENDING*

[AB 288 \(Obernalte\)](#): Would extend the time for paying the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention fee from 30 to 60 days from the date of assessment and would authorize a petition for redetermination to be filed within 60 days after service of the notice of determination. AB 288 was approved by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and has been sent to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations for consideration. *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 between fire responders and individuals suffering from defined disabilities. The bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Public Safety and has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

[AB 561 \(Voepel\)](#): This bill has been amended to allow public safety and first responder vehicles and equipment purchased, 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 measure was approved by the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security and has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

[AB 583 \(Wood\)](#): Extends the operation of the Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act until January 1, 2030. The measure was approved by the Assembly Committee on Health and has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. *FIRE Position: SUPPORT*

[AB 871 \(Santiago\)](#): Would appropriate \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to OES to fund disaster preparedness in underserved communities. The bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization and was referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.

FIRE Position: WATCH

[AB 1116 \(Grayson\)](#): Would create the Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Act to provide peer support and crisis referral services for California's emergency services providers. The bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary and has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. *FIRE Position: WATCH*

[AB 1650 \(Maienschein\)](#): Would extend for 4 years, the pilot project creating a Community Paramedicine Program in the Emergency Medical Services Authority. The bill was approved by the Assembly Committee on Health and has been referred to the Assembly Committee on Appropriations. *FIRE Position: PENDING*

[SB 496 \(Cannella\)](#): Part of a package of items negotiated between Governor Brown and legislative leadership in the context of putting the votes together to secure passage of [SB 1](#) (Beall), the recent transportation funding legislation, SB 496 would limit the use of indemnity agreements in public agency contracts pertaining to design professional services. The bill was approved by the Senate this week and is awaiting committee assignment in the Assembly. *FIRE Position: OPPOSE*

[SB 523 \(Hernandez\)](#): Modeled after his [SB 1300](#) from last year that was [vetoed](#) by the Governor, this bill would impose a quality assurance fee for each emergency medical transport provided by public and private providers in accordance with a prescribed methodology. The bill would require the Director of Health Care Services to deposit the collected quality assurance fee into the Medi-Cal Emergency Medical Transport Fund. SB 523 was approved by the Senate Committee on Health and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations. *FIRE Position: PENDING*

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