



April 12, 2019

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

From: Russell Noack, Public Policy Advocates

Re: FIRE Legislative Report – Week Ending April 12, 2019

Legislative Update

[Assembly Bill 1705 \(Bonta\)](#) – Our sponsored bill to exempt public ambulance providers from the QAF and create a Medi-Cal intergovernmental transfer program for public ground emergency medical transportation providers. I am happy to report that AB 1705 passed the Assembly Health Committee by a unanimous vote and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Thank you to Chief Ted Peterson for sweating out a long committee hearing to a successful conclusion.

[Senate Bill 438 \(Hertzberg\)](#) – Our co-sponsored bill with CPF to ensure local public agencies are in charge of EMS dispatching passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee this week. Deep thanks go to Chiefs Mike McLaughlin, Randall Bradley and Michael Urquides for their testimony in committee to provide the basis for the bill to move out of committee.

[Assembly Bill 651 \(Grayson\)](#), which would provide for an appropriate level of funding for air ambulance services, has been amended and referred to the Assembly Health Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

[Assembly Bill 720 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) would maintain funding for community college instructional service agreements with public safety agencies. The bill passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

[Assembly Bill 911 \(Rodriguez\)](#) would establish a “Smart 911 System” to allow the public to provide vital health and safety information about their disabilities to enable first responders to be in a better position to assist them during an emergency passed the Assembly Communications & Conveyance Committee and now moves to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

[Assembly Bill 1116 \(Grayson\)](#) would create a Firefighters Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Pilot Program. The bill passed the Assembly Health Committee and has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

[Assembly Bill 1544 \(Gipson\)](#) would establish the Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act of 2019. The bill passed the Assembly Health Committee despite the strong opposition of the California Nurses Association. It now moves to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

[Senate Bill 4 \(McGuire\)](#) to encourage affordable housing has amended out the provisions designed to eliminate developer fees on these projects. *FIRE POSITION: WATCH WITH CONCERNS.*

[Senate Bill 13 \(Wieckowski\)](#) would expand the use of ADUs if a local government zones for it, reduces ministerial review process and reduces developer fees for ADUs. The bill passed the Senate Governance and Finance Committee and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. *FIRE POSITION: OPPOSE.*

[Senate Bill 190 \(Dodd\)](#) would establish model defensible space program and create a wildland-urban interface fire safety building standards compliance training manual. SB 190 passed the Senate Natural Resources Committee and now moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

[Senate Bill 542 \(Stern\)](#) would establish a rebuttable presumption in workers' compensation for firefighters who suffer from post-traumatic stress. The bill passed the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

[Senate Bill 670 \(McGuire\)](#) would require telecommunications companies to report outages to CAL EOS and directs OES to notify applicable local governmental agencies. Chief Gossner testified in support of the measure. The bill passed the Senate Governmental Organization Committee and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. *FIRE POSITION: SUPPORT.*

Upcoming Informational & Budget Hearings

- **Monday, April 22, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.**
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 (Health)
Item Description
4120 Emergency Medical Services Authority
- **Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 (Resources)
APRIL FINANCE LETTERS

- **Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session**
Senate Budget Sub #2 (Resources)
SPRING FINANCE LETTERS – ALL DEPARTMENTS
- **Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
Assembly Budget Sub #3 (Resources)
OPEN ISSUES
- **Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session**
Senate Budget Sub #2 (Resources)
ALL DEPARTMENTS – OPEN ISSUES
- **Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
Assembly Budget Sub#3 (Resources)
OPEN ISSUES
- **Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**
Senate Insurance Committee Information Hearing: Update on Wildfires and Homeowner’s Insurance: Access and Affordability
- **Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**
Joint Hearing Assembly Local Government, Governmental Organization and Housing and Community Development Committees
Informational Hearing: The Age of Wildfires: Pre and Post-Wildfire Planning and Housing Delivery at the Local Level.
- **Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session**
Senate Budget Sub #2 (Resources)
ALL DEPARTMENTS – OPEN ISSUES
- **Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
Assembly Budget Sub#3 (Resources)
MAY REVISE PROPOSALS
- **Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session**
Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)
May Revise Proposals – All Departments
- **Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.**
Assembly Budget Sub#3 (Resources)
MAY REVISE PROPOSALS II

- Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. or Upon Adjournment of Session
Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 (Resources)
May Revise Proposals – All Departments

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