

State of California
Seismic Safety Commission

Memo

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Subject: Legislation Update

Background

Currently we are tracking two bills for the Governor's Office and we are watching some other bills

California Bills with Analysis

AB 184- Swanson- Contractual Assessments- Seismic Safety

Same bill as vetoed last year- Authorizes contractual assessments to be used for seismic safety upgrades or retrofits

Currently-SEN Rules

SB 301-DeSaulnier

Building Code Clean Up- No effect on Seismic Codes

Currently ASM- Housing and Community Development

Bills the Commission are watching

SB 788- Lowenthal- AMENDED

This bill would require the State Allocation Board, in consultation with the State Department of Education and the Department of Finance, to report, on or before March 1, 2012, to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the status of the school facility program, including funds remaining, future eligibility for programs, and when funds are estimated to be depleted.

Currently- SEN Rules

AB 510-Lowenthal- AMENDED

Existing law requires, no later than January 1, 2030, owners of all acute care inpatient hospitals to either demolish, replace, or change to non acute care use all hospital buildings not in substantial compliance with the regulations and standards developed by the office pursuant to existing

seismic safety laws or seismically retrofit all acute care inpatient hospital buildings so that they are in substantial compliance. The office is required to notify the department of hospital owners that have been notified of a failure to comply with the above-described deadlines. Unless the notified hospital places its license in voluntary suspension, the department is required to suspend or refuse to renew the hospital's license.

This bill would, instead, prohibit a hospital that receives the above-described notice from providing general acute care inpatient services in the noncompliant building. It would also require the department to suspend or refuse to renew the license of a hospital that does not provide basic general acute care services because of this bill's requirements.

Currently-ASM Health

AB 496-Alejo School Safety

This bill would require the comprehensive school safety plan also to include a protocol for ensuring that all school personnel have access to classrooms and other school facilities during a disaster or other emergency if a school restricts that access during regular hours of school operation. The inclusion of this protocol would increase the duties of local officials and thus impose a state-mandated local program

Currently in ASM Appropriations

AB 263-Buchanan-Placeholder

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the construction of school facilities.

Currently- no movement, placeholder

AB 56-Hill Gas Pipeline Safety

This bill would prohibit a public utility from recovering any fine or penalty in any rate approved by the commission

This bill would designate the commission as the state authority responsible for development, submission, and administration of a state pipeline safety program certification for natural gas pipelines. The bill would require the commission to adopt and enforce compatible safety standards, as defined, for commission-regulated gas pipeline facilities, as defined, to accomplish specified results. The bill would require the commission to track proposed repairs for which a gas corporation requested compensation in any rate request that was granted by the commission in order to determine if the repairs are made and to require any gas corporation that fails to make repairs for which the commission granted recovery in rates to promptly make a public filing as to the justification for failing to make the approved repairs. The bill would prohibit a gas corporation from recovering in rates any uninsured expense resulting from a fire, explosion, or other catastrophic event involving a commission-regulated gas pipeline facility that resulted from negligence by the utility

Currently- ASM Appropriations