

State of California
Seismic Safety Commission

Memo

To: Seismic Safety Commissioner

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Subject: Agenda Item XII

Background

Staff is reviewing legislation that may impact the Commission or its policies and provides a brief overview and current status.

SB 1345, Natural Resources Committee- This bill will extend the Commission's review reporting time of the SFPUC seismic retrofit of the Hetch Hetchy water project by 7 years to 2022. This is an omnibus bill and staff is working to review the proposal. Staff wants to understand the value of extending the reporting period.

SB1155- Lieu- Approval of Geological Hazards- This bill would allow local government to require additional fault identification in known areas where the CA Geological Society has not completed mapping.(Alquist-Priolo Fault Zones)

AB 2181- Bloom- Building Standards for seismic retrofits. This bill would additionally authorize each city, city and county, or county to require that owners assess the earthquake hazard of soft story and older concrete buildings, and would include concrete residential buildings that were constructed prior to the adoption of local building codes that ensure ductility, as specified, as potentially hazardous if an earthquake occurs. The bill would authorize a city, city and county, or to employ seismic evaluation of older concrete residential buildings to address individual seismically hazardous buildings without regard to how the buildings came to the attention of its officials. The bill would require the seismic retrofit of a concrete residential building identified as potentially hazardous to comply with the recommendations of a qualified expert, with nationally recognized research recommendations, or with a nationally recognized model code, as specified.

AB 1510- Nazarian- Local Government: at-risk properties: retrofit: lower assessment values. This is a spot bill that deals with financing seismic retrofits. Staff has provided information to the author.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission listen to the Mr. King's presentation ask questions.