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California Seismic Safety Commission
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<u>New Legislation</u>				
	<i>Location/Status</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Comm. Position</i>
AB 38 (Tran)	Introduced	Eliminates the salaries of appointed members of State boards and commissions for the next three fiscal years (2005-2008).	Does not affect per diem payments.	
AB 39 (Walters)	Introduced	Establishes a pilot program to establish charter schools supervised by UC, CSU or California Community Colleges.	Similar to SB 844 (Poochigian)	
AB 44 (Cohn)	Assembly Health <u>Amended March 9.</u>	(1) Expedites the review of seismic improvements to hospitals (under the Alquist Act), allows hospitals to employ independent plan reviewers (certified by OSHPD) to check plans. Applies to projects of over \$50 million (or projects of \$20M-50M, under certain conditions); and (2) Allows certain extensions of existing deadlines.	Similar to 2004 measure. The March 9 amendments extend the “building compliance plan” deadline (to 1 Jan 2007 or one yr prior to any OSHPD-approved extension); and allows the HBSB to review and approve extensions of 2008* deadlines(SPC-2 and NPC-3 requirements).	
AB 58 (Nunez)	Introduced	Authorizes the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006. (Education Bond Act).	Amount unspecified.	
AB 162 (Leslie)	Introduced	The introduced version is a series of technical, non-substantive amendments to the Field Act as it applies to community colleges.	Spot Bill. Future amendments to this bill may include changes to the Field Act’s scope related to community colleges.	

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AB 211 (Cohn)	Assembly G.O.	Directs OES' Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee to establish a State radio interoperability program that is to recommend the purchase of "industry-standard, open-source, non-proprietary" equipment.	Spot bill. Similar to 2004 legislation. Sponsored by a Silicon Valley manufacturing group.	
AB 262 (Berg)	Introduced	Prohibits the Judicial Council from imposing a higher building code standard on buildings proposed for transfer from the County to the State (as compared to the building code standards applicable to other county facilities).	Under current law, the counties are transferring court facilities to the State's control and maintenance. <u>Before the transfer, the buildings must undergo a State-paid seismic safety inspection.</u>	
AB 287 (Negrete-Mcleod)	Introduced	Establishes the Rapid Disaster Response Act of 2005 that would authorize the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to use federal funds to obtain aircraft equipment for disaster response (including earthquakes).	Similar to 2004 legislation that failed.	
AB 304 (Hancock)	Assembly Housing & Community Development	Authorizes local government to establish reconstruction standards applicable to existing wood-frame, multiunit residential <u>soft-story buildings.</u>	Sponsored by the City of Berkeley.	

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AB 350 (Matthews)	Introduced	Authorizes counties and cities to create infrastructure bond-financing districts in job-housing opportunity zones located in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Stanislaus.	Funds would be used to fund public capital facilities. <u>Funds may be used for the seismic retrofit</u> of real or other tangible property (with a minimum estimated useful life of 15 years).	
AB 527 (Levine)	Introduced	Adds two voting members to the governing board for the California Earthquake Authority.	Sponsored by the CEA. Similar to 2004 legislation. Adds Senate rep and Assembly rep.	
AB 584 (Blakeslee)	Introduced	Repeals obsolete provisions (related to the Earthquake Research Evaluation Conference and related grant program), and transfer funds remaining in the Alfred E. Alquist Earthquake Fund to the Seismic Safety Account for expenditure in the 2005-06 fiscal year.	Commission-sponsored clean-up legislation.	<i>Sponsor</i>
AB 970 (Yee)	Introduced	Directs the State Architect to provide (upon request of a school district) written copies of a 2002 DGS survey of at-risk public school facilities. Those schools obtaining the DGS report would be immunized (for four years) from liability from any action based solely on the receipt of that information.	Commission-sponsored legislation, following up on AB 300 survey authorized under 1999 Commission-sponsored law.	<i>Sponsor</i>

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AB 1047 (Levine)	Introduced	Establishes the “Safe Hospitals Bond Act of 2005” authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds to finance hospital improvements required under the Alquist Act.	Amount of bond issue is unspecified. Recipients of bond funds must provide 25% matching funds.	
AB 1083 (Strickland)	Introduced	Authorizes CGS to establish a Natural Hazards Web Portal Pilot Program that allows consumers to access parcel and natural hazards data via Internet.	CGS would collect a “convenience fee” from users of the portal site (Natural Hazards Portal Fund).	
AB 1200 (Laird)	Introduced	Requires the Dept. of Water Resources to evaluate the impact of earthquakes and other conditions on water supplies obtained from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and to report findings by June 2005.	A follow-up to DWR Report “Seismic Stability of Delta Levees.” The new report is also to examine the impacts on the Delta of subsidence and floods.	
AB 1275 (Frommer)	Introduced	Converts OSHPD’s existing <u>permissive</u> authority to <u>mandatory</u> obligation for requested extensions of the 2008 hospital seismic improvements deadline.	Under current law, OSHPD has the <u>option</u> to grant extensions upon request from a hospital; this bill <u>requires</u> OSHPD to grant extension upon request.	

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AB 1297 (Evans)	Introduced	Establishes the California Building Rehabilitation Code Advisory Council under the supervision of the California Building Standards Commission. The Council is to advise the CBSC on the development of a Calif. building rehabilitation guideline and whether guideline should be adopted as a separate appendix to Calif. Building Standards Code.	SSC is one of the specifically named organizations to sit on the new Council. Council recommendation is due by June 2007 and CBSC action by March 2008.	
AB 1316 (Salinas)	Introduced	Expedites the review of seismic improvements to public hospitals (under the Alquist Act), allows hospitals to employ independent plan reviewers (certified by OSHPD) to check plans. Applies to projects of over \$25,000 in construction costs.	Compared with AB 44 (Cohn), this bill applies only to public hospitals and has a lower threshold (\$25,000).	
AB 1374 (Liu)	Introduced	Repeals the current sunset date (July 1, 2007) on the Commission's funding arrangement under the Insurance Fund.	Commission-sponsored bill supported by the Insurance Commissioner	<i>Sponsor</i>
AB 1632 (Blakeslee)	Introduced	Contains intent language regarding thermal power plant regulation (Diablo Canyon).	Spot bill that will be later amended to address safety issues involving Diablo Canyon plant.	
AB 1639 (Runner)	Introduced	Directs OSHPD to "prepare engineering judgments for alternate construction details" for hospital buildings subject to the Alquist Hospital Act	Spot bill to be developed.	

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AB 1673 (Nation & Richman)	Introduced	Repeals the current 2008 deadline for compliance with hospital seismic safety standards; accelerates the current <u>2030</u> building standard to 2020.	Similar to SB 167 (Speier). Tied to AB 1673, Nation (mandatory electronic patient record-keeping system)	
AB 1679 (Mullin)	Introduced	Makes a minor technical change to URM law.	Spot bill to be developed.	
AB 1714 (Plescia)	Introduced	Revises the estimated costs for the Bay Bridge seismic retrofit project from \$4.6 million to \$7.1 million, including funds for the demolition of the replaced east span. Requires quarterly reports from Caltrans.	Compare with SB 172 (Torlakson): this bill requires reports within 60 days after the end of each quarter. Torlakson bill requires reports within 45 days.	
HR 4 (Dymally)	Approved by Assembly Rules Committee	House Resolution urging Governor and "appropriate state agency" to review California's preparedness for tsunamis and to report back to Assembly.	Nonbinding proclamation of the State Assembly.	

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SB 2 (Speier)	Introduced	Imposes conditions on policy limits for recovery for “total losses” under homeowner insurance policies.		
SB 10 (Dunn)	Introduced	Expresses legislative intent to enact legislation for the equitable resolution of construction defect claims and litigation and the costs of liability insurance.	Spot bill to be developed.	
SB 167 (Speier)	Senate Health	Effectively suspends the current 2008 deadline for compliance with hospital seismic safety standards; accelerates the current <u>2030</u> standards to 2020.	Sponsored by the California Hospital Association.	
SB 172 (Torlakson)	Introduced	Requires the Dept. of Transportation to report within <u>45</u> days after each quarter to the Legislature and California Transportation Commission for each seismic retrofit project. Requires the department to take actions to manage the risks of seismic retrofit projects.	Compare with AB 1714 (Plescia). This bill requires additional reporting; Plescia bill increases budget, allows additional administrative flexibility and provides funding for demolition of replaced east span.	
SB 224 (Chesbro)	Introduced	Broadens the current exemptions from <u>pre-construction</u> plan review by OSHPD (including seismic standards) to include all hospital projects so long as the projects meet certain specified criteria (e.g., routine maintenance).	Current exemption is restricted to skilled nursing facilities that are single-story, wood-frame or light steel frame construction.	

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SB 477 (Soto)	Senate G.O.	Directs OES to establish a post-disaster (community-based) recovery process with guidelines for community recovery.	Need for community recovery procedures discovered in the aftermath of Southern California fires of 2003.	
SB 491 (Ducheny)	Senate Rules	Legislative intent to define Alquist Hospital Safety Act “insofar as practical.”	Spot bill to be developed.	
SB 546 (Dutton)	Senate G.O.	Encourages OES to explore integrating private sector emergency planning preparedness measures into government disaster planning programs.	Creates a Disaster Resistant Communities Account in the General Fund to manage reimbursable costs.	
SB 844 (Poochigian)	Introduced	Authorizes charter schools supervised by UC, CSU or California Community Colleges.	Similar to AB 39 (Walters).	
SB 955 (Soto)	Introduced	Creates the Response and Rescue Fire Engine Act of 2005 and directs that \$25 million in federal funds be allocated for the purchase of 150 additional OES fire engines to manage local, and regional disasters.	Need for additional fire trucks identified by Blue Ribbon Panel investigating 2003 Southern California fires. New trucks would be acquired by CDFFP.	
SB 1024 (Perata and Torlakson)	Introduced	Creates the Essential Facilities Seismic Retrofit Bond Act authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for retrofitting of bridges, hospitals and other essential facilities.	Total amount of bonds is unspecified, but bill allocates \$3.2 billion for seismic projects on state-owned highways and toll bridges.	

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SB 1054 (Soto)	Introduced	Adds "Compliance with the California Building Code" to the list of those state laws from which a charter school may <u>not</u> be exempted.	Commission-sponsored bill.	<i>Sponsor</i>
SB 1090 (Maldonado)	Introduced	Minor, technical changes relating to earthquake insurance	Spot bill to be developed.	