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<u>Carry-over Legislation from 2003</u>				
	<i>Location/Status</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Comm. Position</i>
AB 699 (Lieber)	Assembly Appropriations Committee <u>DIED</u>	Calls for a study by the Legislative Analyst's Office concerning the construction inspector certification programs of OSHPD and DSA.	The Commission opposed the original version of this bill because it proposed transferring DSA and OSHPD duties to another state entity. However, in April, the position was changed to neutral (reflecting the current version).	Neutral
AB 736 (Hancock)	Senate Appropriations Committee <u>SUSPENSE</u>	Requires that new schools would be designed according to criteria developed by the "Collaborative for High Performance Schools."	The Collaborative for High Performance Schools is a group of agencies that includes DSA. The intent of the criteria is to produce more energy-efficient schools.	Watch
AB 1066 (Liu)	Assembly Appropriations Committee <u>DIED</u>	Authorizes the issuance of up to \$700 million in state general obligation funds-on a 75:25 matching basis- for the retrofit and reconstruction of local government buildings.	Died on the Suspense Calendar of the Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Commission-sponsored legislation.
AB 920 (Nakano)	Senate Judiciary Committee <u>PENDING</u>	Modifies Natural Hazards Disclosure Form (EQs) used by transferees of real property.	Sponsored by the Calif. Association of Realtors. Modifies the nature of the disclosure to allow reliance on representations by third party consultants.	RECOMMEND: Watch

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AB 1113 (Garcia)	Assembly Local Government Committee <u>DIED</u>	Creates a supplemental firefighting services fund to support local firefighting units.	Imposes a surcharge on fines and penalties (criminal offenses), generates funding for fire safety, equipment and training (local agencies).	Support
AB 1633 (Levine)	Senate Housing & Comm. Dev. Committee <u>PENDING</u>	Allows the State Building Standards Commission to adopt, if necessary, building standards (for buildings that are otherwise outside State jurisdiction) for public interest or uniformity purposes.	Stalled in Senate Housing Committee.	Watch
AB 1647 (Wiggins)	Senate Floor (3 rd Reading) <u>PENDING</u>	Calls for a study and DGS report of the use of prefabricated materials in the construction of public schools (applies to San Bernardino & Riverside Counties only).	This bill is sponsored by labor and is intended to address prevailing wages issues for off-site assembly of building materials.	Watch
AB 1658 (Maddox)	Assembly <u>DIED</u>	Makes a non-substantive, technical change to existing law that requires residential property insurance companies to offer earthquake insurance.	Spot Bill.	Watch

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SB 9 (McClintock & Perata)	Assembly Inactive File	Establishes a State Realignment and Closure Commission to study certain state entities and make recommendations for the termination or re-organization of those agencies	SSC would be subject to review by new Commission. Bill failed on the Assembly floor, but reconsideration was granted (Assembly Inactive File). It is expected that this review will instead be conducted through the Calif. Performance Review.	Neutral
SB 111 (Knight)	Assembly Desk <u>PENDING</u>	Clean-up measure that deletes reporting requirements for several previously issued reports by various state agencies.	Deletes obsolete seismic report requirement deadlines and law requiring a 1991 report by DSA and CBSC on expediting design review of buildings using earthquake mitigation technologies.	Neutral
SB 351 (Ducheny)	Senate Appropriations Committee <u>DIED</u>	Allocates federal funds received by the State to emergency services in rural areas of the State.	Commission supports additional funding for emergency services personnel, equipment and training.	Support
SB 694 (Natural Resources Committee)	Assembly Floor (3 rd Reading) <u>ENROLLED</u>	Among its several technical clean-up items, this bill repeals provisions relating to Regional EQ Preparedness Projects, and to a 1988 early warning seismic detection system report (by Dept. of Conservation).	Omnibus Clean-up bill—Bay Area Regional EQPP and So. Calif. Regional EQPP have an existing 6/30/95 sunset clause.	

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AB 3032 (Calderon/Yee)	Introduced 2/25/04	Exempt retrofitted URM buildings from placarding requirement. Authorize use of alternate signage indicating seismic upgrade.	<u>Commission-sponsored legislation.</u>	RECOMMEND: Sponsor
AB 3033 (Calderon/Yee)	Introduced 2/25/04	De-linking of seismic retrofit of URM buildings from other building improvement requirements.	<u>Commission-sponsored legislation.</u>	RECOMMEND: Sponsor
AB ____ (Assembly Judiciary Committee)	Introduction pending.	Technical correction of organic code section establishing Commission's funding source.	Included in omnibus technical corrections bill.	RECOMMEND: Support
AB 1790 (Corbett)	Assembly Education Committee	Retrofitting of public schools	Authorizes use of Education G.O. bond funds to retrofit K-12 schools.	RECOMMEND: Support
AB 1831 (Bermudez)	Introduced 1/21/04	Using federal funds for local agencies' communications upgrades.	Allocates \$25 million of state Off. of Homeland Security funds for purchase of interoperable radio communications equipment by local agencies.	RECOMMEND: Support, subject to clarification of funding impact.
AB 2533 (Salinas)	Introduced 2/20/04	Relating to the posting of placards on URM buildings	Complements SSC-sponsored legislation on URM buildings (see AB 3033, Calderon/Yee, above).	RECOMMEND: Watch

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AB 2570 (Dutton)	Introduced 2/20/04	Authorizes school districts to apply to State Allocation Board for funds to prevent damage to a building facing “imminent danger” from natural disaster.	Staff indicates that this bill is directed to San Bernardino area schools vulnerable to fire and flood hazards. Will be coordinated with AB 1790.	RECOMMEND: Support
AB 2632 (Bogh)	Introduced 2/20/04	Exempts alterations to skilled nursing facilities from conformance with the Calif. Building Code and from OSHPD (and local) review under prescribed conditions.	Exemption would apply if alterations: (1) Repair or upgrade existing systems; (2) Are routine maintenance; (3) Restore or improve operational status; and (4) Do not materially alter the structural, architectural or mechanical integrity of facility.	RECOMMEND: Watch
AB 2720 (Laird)	Introduced 2/20/04	Modifies conditions under which an engineer (other than an architect or structural engineer) may prepare plans and/or supervise projects involving seismic improvements to hospitals.	Existing law requires use of an architect or structural engineer, unless the alterations <u>do not affect</u> architectural or structural conditions. This bill changes the standard from “do not affect” to “ <u>do not substantially impact the structural design</u> or structural conditions.”	RECOMMEND: Oppose, subject to receipt of additional information from author’s office.
AB 3001 (Nunez)	Introduced 2/20/004	Requires DSA to perform inventory of all portable classrooms by 6/1/05.	Certain uses of portable classrooms are exempt from Field Act requirements.	RECOMMEND: Watch

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AB 3010 (Laird)	Introduced 2/20/04	Allows new construction joint-use facilities on community college campuses to comply with either CBC or Field Act.	SSC has opposed changing building code requirements for community college facilities (currently subject to Field Act). Bill is similar to SB 242 (Knight) of 2003, vetoed by Governor. Bill is identical to SB 1175 (Denham).	RECOMMEND: Oppose
SB 1175 (Denham)	Senate Education Committee	Allows new construction joint-use facilities on community college campuses to comply with either CBC or Field Act.	Existing law requires community college facilities be constructed per Field Act. Bill is similar to SB 242 (Knight) of 2003, vetoed by Governor Davis in 2003. Bill is identical to SB 3010 (Laird).	RECOMMEND: Oppose
SB 1474 (Escutia)	Senate Insurance Committee	Excludes claims resulting from earthquakes as basis for denying new coverage or renewal of homeowners residential property insurance.		RECOMMEND: Watch
SB 1654 (McPherson)	Senate Govt. Organ. Committee	Requires that purchases of public safety radio communication equipment comply with recommendations and standards set by the ANSI and TIA.	Identical bill (SB 605, McPherson) vetoed by Governor Davis in October 2003. Commission supported SB 605 because it promotes coordination of radio communications among local emergency personnel.	RECOMMEND: Support

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SB 1727 (Scott)	Introduced 2/20/04	Exempts all community college facilities from Field Act.	SSC has opposed changing building code requirements for community college facilities (currently subject to Field Act). This bill is much broader than the exemptions sought by AB 3010 (Laird) and SB 1175 (Denham).	RECOMMEND: Oppose
SB 1896 (Burton)	Introduced 3/3/04	Technical, nonsubstantive change to statute governing the California Earthquake Authority.	Spot bill. CEA Board is exploring converting the two non-voting Board positions into voting positions.	RECOMMEND: Watch
SB 1898 (Burton)	Introduced 3/3/04	Imposes new requirements for automatic gas shutoff devices certified by the State Architect.	Adds gas flow-volume measurement (during or following EQ) on automatic gas shutoff valves as a condition to qualify for certification by DSA.	RECOMMEND: Watch