



California Building Officials' Bills of Interest – March 2011

CA AB 19

AUTHOR: Fong (D)

TITLE: Building Standards: Water Meters: Multiunit Structures

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 12/06/2010

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Requires a water purveyor that provides water service to a multiunit residential structure or mixed-use residential and commercial structure to require the installation of a water meter or a submeter. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and submit to the commission building standards that require the installation of water meters or submeters in individual dwelling units within a newly constructed multiunit residential structure.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 85

AUTHOR: Mendoza (D)

TITLE: School Facilities: Security Locks

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 01/06/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Requires both new construction and modernization projects for school facilities submitted to the Division of the State Architect, as well as construction plans for community college facilities submitted to the Department of General Services, to include locks that allow doors to be locked from the inside.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 129

AUTHOR: Beall (D)

TITLE: Local Government: Fines and Penalties: Assessments

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 01/11/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Authorizes a city, county, or city and county to, after notice and public hearing, specially assess any fines or penalties not paid after demand by the city, county, or city and county against real property owned by the person owing those fines and penalties where the fines or penalties are related to ordinance violations on the real property upon which the fines or penalties would be specially assessed, and the ordinance violations constitute a public nuisance or threat to public health and safety.

CALBO POSITION: Support

CA AB 184

AUTHOR: Swanson (D)
TITLE: Contractual Assessment Programs: Seismic Safety
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/25/2011
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:

Enacts the Seismic Safety Finance Act, to authorize contractual assessments to finance the installation of seismic strengthening improvements that are permanently fixed to real property. Defines "public agency," for purposes of financing the installation of seismic strengthening improvements, to mean a city, county, or city and county.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 249

AUTHOR: Berryhill B (R)
TITLE: Contractors
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/03/2011
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:

Authorizes a person who utilizes the services of an unlicensed contractor for the construction or improvement of residential property to bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction in this state to recover all compensation paid to the contractor for performance of any act or contract during the time the contractor was not properly licensed.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 275

AUTHOR: Solorio (D)
TITLE: Rainwater Capture Act of 2011
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/07/2011
DISPOSITION: Pending
SUMMARY:

Enacts the Rainwater Capture Act of 2011, which authorizes landowners to install, maintain, and operate rain barrel systems and rainwater capture systems for specified purposes, provided that the systems comply with specified requirements. Authorizes a landscape contractor to enter into a prime contract for the construction of a rainwater capture system if the system is used for landscape irrigation.

CALBO POSITION: Support

CA AB 370

AUTHOR: Smyth (R)

TITLE: Appliances: Tankless Water Heater Venting Materials

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/14/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Relates to the sale, purchase, or offer for sale of various appliances and devices, including heating appliances and automatic garage door openers. Requires a plastic pipe or plastic pipe fitting to be used for venting hot gases from a tankless water heater only if that pipe or pipe fitting meets specified certification requirements.

CALBO POSITION: Oppose

CA AB 482

AUTHOR: Williams (D)

TITLE: Green Buildings

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/15/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to encourage innovation in green building design and natural buildings that meets or exceeds all existing health and safety requirements.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 510

AUTHOR: Lowenthal B (D)

TITLE: Hospitals: Seismic Safety

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/15/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Provides that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would amend the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Act of 1983.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 511

AUTHOR: Yamada (D)

TITLE: Building Standards: Towers

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/15/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Amends the California Building Standards Law as regards the California Building Standards

Commission. Enacts legislation that would regulate the construction of low-level towers.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 801

AUTHOR: Swanson (D)

TITLE: Code Enforcement Officers: Training

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/17/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Establishes minimum training standards and a continuing education requirement for code enforcement officers. Requires public entities that employ a code enforcement officer to adopt requirements for, and require all code enforcement officers to wear, apparel or a uniform that allows members of the public to recognize the person as a public officer.

CALBO POSITION: Oppose Unless Amended

CA AB 915

AUTHOR: Fletcher (R)

TITLE: California Solar Initiative

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Declares the intent of the Legislature to modify the California Solar Initiative.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 927

AUTHOR: Huffman (D)

TITLE: Health Facilities: Seismic Safety

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that requires that any general acute care hospital building that is determined to be a potential risk of collapse be used only for nonacute care hospital purposes, except that the office may grant an extension under prescribed circumstances. Revises the criteria for granting an additional 2-year extension for a building owned by a health care district.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA AB 930

AUTHOR: Gordon (D)

TITLE: The California Building Standards Commission

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Requires that at least one member of the California Building Standards Commission be experienced and knowledgeable in sustainable building, design, construction, and operation.

CALBO POSITION: Support

CA AB 991

AUTHOR: Olsen (R)

TITLE: Licenses: California Licensing and Permit Center

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Requires the Governor to establish an Internet web site, known as the California Licensing and Permit Center, to assist the public with licensing, permitting, and registration requirements of state agencies.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA SB 44

AUTHOR: Corbett (D)

TITLE: Public Utilities: Gas Pipeline Response Standards

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 12/08/2010

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to commence a process to establish compatible emergency response standards that owners or operators of commission-regulated gas pipeline facilities would be required to follow. Requires owners or operators of commission-regulated gas pipeline facilities to implement emergency response plans that are compatible with federal regulations concerning emergency plans.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA SB 209

AUTHOR: Corbett (D)

TITLE: Common Interest Developments: Electric Vehicle Charging

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/08/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Provides that any covenant contained in any deed, contract, security instrument, or other instrument affecting the transfer or sale of an interest in a common interest development that prohibits or restricts the installation or use of an electrical vehicle charging station is void and unenforceable. Authorizes an association to impose reasonable restrictions on those stations. Imposes requirements with respect to an association's approval process for those stations.

CALBO POSITION: Support

CA SB 301

AUTHOR: DeSaulnier (D)

TITLE: Housing and Community Development: Seismic Retrofits

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/14/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Amends the Community Redevelopment Law that authorizes a redevelopment agency, to take those actions within a project area that it determines necessary, and that are consistent with local, state and federal law, to provide for seismic codes, with respect to specified types of buildings.

CALBO POSITION: Support

CA SB 454

AUTHOR: Pavley (D)

TITLE: Energy Efficiency Standards: Energy Commission.

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/16/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Subjects a contractors licensee to discipline for the failure to comply with specified energy efficiency standards under the state Code of Regulations. Requires the Contractors' State License Board to submit a report to the Legislature with regard to any civil penalties assessed against a licensee or unlicensed person for a violation of those standards. Authorizes the Energy Commission to bring an action under the unfair competition laws to enforce any statute or regulation. Relates to utility rebates.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA SB 464

AUTHOR: Anderson (R)

TITLE: Property Taxation: New Construction Exclusion

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/16/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law regarding property taxation of new construction. Expands a property tax exclusion to include the construction or installation of any fire sprinkler system, other fire extinguishing system, and fire detection system in a new building.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA SB 541

AUTHOR: Price (D)

TITLE: Contractors' State License Board

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/17/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Extends the operation of the Contractors' State License Board.

CALBO POSITION: Support

CA SB 543

AUTHOR: Price (D)

TITLE: Business and Professions: Regulatory Boards

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/17/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Extends the operation of the Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, Board for professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, the State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind and the State Athletic Commission.

CALBO POSITION: Support

CA SB 562

AUTHOR: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

TITLE: Housing Omnibus Bill

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/17/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Amends existing law that establishes the Manufactured Home Recovery Fund and prescribes a fee for each reported sale of a manufactured home, to be deposited in the fund. Provides that whenever the balance in the fund exceeds a specified amount the Department of Housing and

Community Development is authorized to reduce or increase the fee. Provides that the department may reduce the fee when the balance exceeds a new specified amount.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA SB 692

AUTHOR: Walters (R)

TITLE: Professional Engineers

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: yes

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Prohibits the practice of agricultural, chemical, control system, fire protection, industrial, metallurgical, nuclear, petroleum, and traffic engineering by any person who has not passed a specified examination and who is not appropriately licensed by the board in the particular discipline. Authorizes any licensed engineer to practice engineering work in any of those fields in which he or she is competent and proficient.

CA SB 726

AUTHOR: Berryhill T (R)

TITLE: Fire Suppression: Fire Sprinkler Systems

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Authorizes a county, by ordinance or resolution, to opt not to be subject to a regulation published in the State Building Standards Code requiring the installation of a fire sprinkler system in a single-family residential dwelling.

CALBO POSITION: Watch

CA SB 730

AUTHOR: Kehoe (D)

TITLE: Online Building Permit Form: Electric Vehicle Charging

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Requires a city or county to make available an online building permit form for residential and nonresidential property owners who seek to install vehicle charging equipment, and to approve an online building permit submitted by such an owner within 24 hours of its receipt. Requires the home building inspector of each county or city that approves an online permit to review the work completed. Specifies projects eligible for funding under the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program.

CALBO POSITION: Oppose

CA SB 886

AUTHOR: Corbett (D)

TITLE: Sprinkler Fitters: Licensing

FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes

URGENCY CLAUSE: no

INTRODUCED: 02/18/2011

DISPOSITION: Pending

SUMMARY:

Enacts a comprehensive program for the certification and regulation of sprinkler fitter by the State Fire Marshal. Prohibits a person from performing work on any fire suppression system, unless he or she possesses a valid sprinkler fitter certificate issued by the State Fire Marshal.

CALBO POSITION: Oppose

CA SR 6

AUTHOR: Padilla (D)

TITLE: National Engineers Week

INTRODUCED: 12/16/2010

DISPOSITION: Adopted

SUMMARY:

Recognizes the week of February 20, 2011, to February 26, 2011 as National Engineers Week, and acknowledges the services bestowed upon the citizens of California by engineers.

CALBO POSITION: Support
