

***BIC Regular
Meeting of
April 20, 2022***

Agenda Item 4d

Department of Building Inspection Legislative Update

Building Inspection Commission Meeting, April 20, 2022

DBI has compiled the following summary of legislation affecting the San Francisco Building Code from the Board of Supervisors, as well as from Code Advisory Committee meetings and recommendations.

UPDATES/CURRENT AND UPCOMING ORDINANCES

Upcoming Hearing Items

File No. 210198 – Hearing on the City's electric vehicle fleet to determine when the City could be expected to have an all-electric fleet at the current rate, what are the departments' projections for the next four years towards electrifying their fleet, and the status of each department's charging stations; and requesting the Department of Environment, San Francisco Airport, Public Utilities Commission, Police Department, Department of Building Inspection, Port, City Administrator's Office, and Real Estate Division to report.

STATUS: The hearing was referred to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee. The item was originally scheduled to be heard on March 3, 2022, but was rescheduled for May 5, 2022.

File No. 220249 - Hearing on the Building Operations Component of the 2022 Climate Action Plan. The Sponsor is Supervisor Mar. The hearing is on the findings, strategies, and supporting actions of the Buildings Operations component of the City's 2022 Climate Action Plan; and requesting the Department of the Environment to report.

STATUS: Received and Assigned to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

File No. 220164 - Hearing on permitted and illicit cannabis cultivation in San Francisco, the City's efforts to address public safety and fire hazard impacts, and to incentivize permitted cannabis cultivation in appropriate locations; and requesting the Office of Cannabis, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Building Inspection, and Planning Department to report. Sponsor is Supervisor Mar.

STATUS: Introduced on 2/15. Not scheduled.

File No. 210954 – Hearing to receive progress updates on the seismic retrofit plan options for 301 Mission Street (also known as the Millennium Tower), based on public documents obtained by the Board of Supervisors and archived in File No. 160975; and requesting the Department of Building Inspections and project sponsor to present.

STATUS: A follow-up hearing was held at the January 6 meeting of the GAO committee. At the conclusion of the hearing, the item was continued.

File No. 210514 – Hearing on the oversight and safety of the construction conducted under the Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Program to fully evaluate the concerns raised by the Structural Subcommittee of the Code Advisory Committee and the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California, specifically, but not limited to, the risk of gas pipe ruptures; and requesting the Department of Building Inspection, Structural Subcommittee of the Code Advisory Committee, Board of Examiners, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Structural Engineers Association of Northern California, and other subject matter experts to report. Assigned to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

STATUS: The hearing was held on June 7, 2021 and was continued to the call of the chair.

File No. 210625 – Hearing to determine the nature and status of delays in permit processing and approval by the Department of Building Inspection and the Planning Department, specifically delays in the processing of "over the counter" permits and permits pursuant to Section 32 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, which created a deadline of 30 days for the completion of permit review for storefront commercial uses, approved by the voters in November 2020; and requesting the Department of Building Inspection and Planning Department to report.

STATUS: The hearing was referred to the Land Use Committee. No date has been set.

File No. 211121 – Hearing to receive testimony on the allegations of preferential enforcement actions and related issues detailed in two Mission Local articles, dated October 17, 2021 and October 18, 2021, pursuant to the Board of Supervisors' unlimited power of inquiry; and requesting the Director of the Department of Building Inspection to report.

STATUS: The hearing item was assigned to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee. No date has been set.

Current Legislation

File No. 211297 – Ordinance amending the Police Code to add Article 330 to require owners and covered contractors on certain residential construction projects to maintain a labor compliance bond and to condition release of such bond on specified labor standards compliance for work on the project; and amending the Building Code to require owners of such projects to file a labor compliance bond as a condition of receiving a permit for construction.

STATUS: The proposed ordinance was voted out of Land Use Committee on 4/12/22 and sent to the full Board of Supervisors.

File No. 211302 – Ordinance de-appropriating \$200,000 previously appropriated to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development and re-appropriating \$200,000 to the Department of Building Inspection for tenant outreach in Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development-funded buildings and other publicly financed residential developments in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022.

STATUS: The proposed ordinance was tabled at the 3/23/22 Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

No File No. – Ordinance amending the San Francisco Fire Code to require automatic sprinkler systems in existing high-rise buildings.

STATUS: The proposed ordinance was introduced on January 11, 2022 and has not yet been assigned to a committee. This item was heard at the 4/13/22 Code Advisory Committee and is scheduled to be heard at the 4/20/22 Building Inspection Commission. Staff will recommend potential amendments to align the existing Building Code with the new Fire Code. Staff recommends the BIC should forward these amendments to the sponsor.

File No. 190946 – Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to add a definition of Tourist or Transient Use under the Residential Hotel Unit Conversion Ordinance.

STATUS: The proposed ordinance was considered by the BIC on June 17, 2020 and recommended for approval. It has been continued to the call of the chair at the Land Use Committee. In November 2021, sponsor requested that this item remain active for an additional six months.

File No. 220241 - Ordinance amending the Building Code to prohibit construction projects in buildings with any residential rental units, where the project would require the suspension of water or utility service to residential tenants, without the property owner providing alternative sources of water and power or reaching agreement with tenants, and to require installation of temporary insulation to mitigate noise and disruption to impacted residential tenants.

Status – Assigned under 30-day rule to Land Use and Transportation Committee. Hearing date not set.

File No. 220193 - Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Dennis Richards, Rachel Swann and Six Dogs, LLC against the City and County of San Francisco for \$1,800,000; the lawsuit was filed on February 21, 2020 and involves alleged civil rights violations and claims that the Department of Building Inspection revoked building permits to retaliate against persons critical of the Department.

Status – Item was passed unanimously 10-0 by the BOS on 4/12/22 with Melgar excused.

Recently Passed Ordinances

File No. 210699/ ORD 208-21 – Ordinance amending the Planning Code to clarify the requirements for applications to construct Accessory Dwelling Units under the City's local Accessory Dwelling Unit approval process; amending the Administrative Code to clarify that landlords may not remove tenant housing services without just cause and that issuance of a building permit does not constitute just cause; making findings as required by the Tenant Protection Act of 2019.

STATUS: The proposed ordinance was signed by Mayor Breed on November 12, 2021.

File No. 210934/ ORD 204-21 – Ordinance amending the Building Code to extend the time by approximately two years for existing buildings with a place of public accommodation to comply with the requirement to have all primary entries and paths of travel into the building accessible to persons with disabilities or to receive a City determination of equivalent facilitation, technical infeasibility, or unreasonable hardship; to extend the period for granting extensions from those deadlines; and to extend the time for the Department of Building Inspection's Report to the Board of Supervisors.

STATUS: The proposed ordinance was signed by Mayor Breed on November 12, 2021.

File No. 210741/ ORD 143-21 – Ordinance waiving certain first-year permit, license, and business registration fees for businesses that commence engaging in business within the City from November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022, have estimated first-year San Francisco gross receipts of \$2,000,000 or less, and have a registered business location that is for storefront commercial use and not formula retail uses; and refunding any waived fees paid to the City.

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by Mayor Breed on September 17, 2021.

File No. 210536/ ORD. 155-21– Ordinance amending the Health Code to 1) lower the threshold from 250,000 to 100,000 square feet of gross floor area for requiring that new buildings be constructed, operated, and maintained using specified alternate water sources for required non-potable uses; 2) exempt certain affordable housing projects and property uses from that requirement; 3) require that certain categories of new buildings use specific sources of non-potable water for specific purposes; 4) require that new developments with multiple buildings install an alternate water source system serving the entire development; 5) modify certain administrative review fees; and 6) require the payment of excess use charges and penalties for failure to properly use and maintain alternate water source systems; amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to update certain annual license fee amounts for operating alternate water source systems

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by Mayor Breed on October 8, 2021.

File No. 201151/ ORD 144-21 – Ordinance amending the Environment Code and the Public Works Code to require transporters of construction and demolition debris to obtain a temporary or annual permit from the Department of Environment for their vehicles and debris boxes and to require facilities that process such debris to register with the Department of Environment.

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by Mayor Breed on September 24, 2021.

File No. 210285/ ORD 111-21 – Ordinance amending the Planning, Business and Tax Regulations, and Police Codes to assist small businesses in recovering from the economic effects of the pandemic. Among other things, it would expand the Proposition H streamlined review and inspection procedures to all principally permitted storefront uses.

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by the Mayor on August 4, 2021.

File No. 210563/ ORD. 117-21 – Ordinance amending the Environment Code to update the City's climate action goals and planning process, and establish departmental roles and responsibilities. The climate action goals include requiring zero onsite fossil fuel emissions from all large existing commercial buildings by 2035.

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by the Mayor on August 4, 2021.

File No. 210643/ ORD. 108-21 – Budget and Appropriation ordinance appropriating all estimated receipts and all estimated expenditures for Departments of the City and County of San Francisco as of June 1, 2021 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

STATUS: The Budget and Appropriation ordinance was approved by the Mayor on July 29, 2021.

File No. 210259/ ORD. 077-21 – Ordinance amending the Fire Code and Existing Building Code to extend the deadline for building owners to upgrade existing fire alarm systems from July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2023.

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by Mayor Breed on May 28, 2021.

File No. 210346/ ORD. 072-21 – Ordinance amending the Housing Code to prohibit removal of existing community kitchens in group housing.

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by Mayor Breed on May 14, 2021.

File No. 210015/ ORD 040-21 – Ordinance amending the Building Code to implement expanded compliance control and consumer protection for projects, individuals, agents, and entities with a history of significant violations.

STATUS: The ordinance was signed by the Mayor on March 26, 2021.

File Nos. 210030/ ORD 031-21 and 210031/ ORD 032-21 – Ordinances amending the Building Code to waive specified fees for certain Accessory Dwelling Unit projects through June 30, 2023 and appropriating the required money from the City's general fund.

STATUS: The ordinances were signed by the Mayor on March 19, 2021.

File No. 210076/ ORD 027-21 – Ordinance to renew "Shelter-in-Peace" emergency ordinance (Ordinance No. 154-20), which requires building owners to provide replacement water and electricity in the event of utility shutoffs for construction work, advanced notice to tenants of planned utility shutoffs, and the installation of temporary sound insulation in some circumstances.

STATUS: The emergency ordinance was signed by the Mayor on March 12, 2021.

CALBO All Bills as of Friday, April 15, 2022

AB 682 (Bloom D) Planning and zoning: density bonuses: cohousing buildings.

Introduced: 2/12/2021

Last Amended: 1/13/2022

Status: 1/27/2022-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 1/27/2022-S. RLS.

Summary:

Current law, commonly referred to as the Density Bonus Law, requires a city or county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development within the city or county with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions, as specified, if the developer agrees to construct, among other options, specified percentages of units for moderate-income, lower income, or very low income households and meets other requirements. This bill would additionally require that a density bonus be provided under these provisions to a developer who agrees to construct a housing development that is a cohousing building, as defined, that meets specified requirements and will contain either 10% of the total square footage for lower income households, as defined, or 5% of the total square footage for very low income households, as defined.

Position: Watch

AB 916 (Salas D) Zoning: accessory dwelling units: bedroom addition.

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Last Amended: 1/3/2022

Status: 1/27/2022-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 1/27/2022-S. RLS.

Summary:

The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes the legislative body of any county or city to adopt ordinances that regulate the use of buildings, structures,

and land as between industry, business, residences, open space, and other purposes. This bill would prohibit a city or county legislative body from adopting or enforcing an ordinance requiring a public hearing as a condition of adding space for additional bedrooms or reconfiguring existing space to increase the bedroom count within an existing house, condominium, apartment, or dwelling. The bill would include findings that ensuring adequate housing is a matter of statewide concern and is not a municipal affair, and that the provision applies to all cities, including charter cities. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

AB 965 (Levine D) Building standards: electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Introduced: 2/17/2021

Last Amended: 6/29/2021

Status: 9/10/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/10/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 9/10/2021-S. 2 YEAR

Summary:

Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to, when considering proposed building standards for future electric vehicle charging infrastructure in existing multifamily dwellings, consider whether electric vehicle charging standards shall only apply to multifamily dwellings or during the time of construction activity requiring a building or electrical permit in order to minimize the cost of installing infrastructure, and whether to require up to 20% of parking spaces in existing multifamily dwellings to support future installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The bill would require the commission, by July 1, 2024, or the publication of the next interim California Building Code, whichever comes first, to research, develop, and propose building standards regarding the installation of future electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces for existing nonresidential development, as specified.

Position: Watch

AB 1078 (Patterson R) Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.

Introduced: 2/18/2021

Status: 1/27/2022-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. (Ayes 61. Noes 0. Page 3410.) In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 1/27/2022-S. RLS.

Summary:

Current law, until January 1, 2023, specifies that residential construction intended to repair, restore, or replace a residential building damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor, before January 1, 2020, is required to comply with the photovoltaic requirements, if any, that were in effect at the time the damaged or destroyed residential building was originally constructed and is not required to comply with any additional or conflicting photovoltaic requirements in effect at the time of repair, restoration, or replacement. Current law provides that this provision applies if certain requirements are met with respect to the owner's income and insurance coverage and the location and square footage of the construction. This bill would extend the operation of the above-described exemption from the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission's requirements for the installation of photovoltaic systems until January 1, 2024, and would make the exemption inapplicable to emergencies declared by the Governor on and after January 1, 2021, thereby extending the exemption to residential buildings damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster declared during the 2020 calendar year.

Position: Watch

AB 1227 (Levine D) Building energy efficiency standards: solar reflectance of roofs.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amended: 1/3/2022

Status: 2/1/2022-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 2/1/2022-S. RLS.

Summary:

Would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, during one or more of the next 4 triennial code adoption cycles after January 1, 2023, to consider amendments to the roof replacement building standards for alterations to existing low-rise, steep-sloped roof residential buildings with the goal of increasing the value of minimum aged solar reflectance up to 0.40 in the 2033 standard and the goal of expanding the range of climate zones in which minimum aged solar reflectance values are prescribed for those alterations, as provided.

Position: Watch

AB 1329 (Nazarian D) Building codes: earthquakes: functional recovery standard.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amended: 6/30/2021

Status: 8/27/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/16/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 8/27/2021-S. 2 YEAR

Summary:

Would, in addition to making specified findings and declarations, require the Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop, adopt, approve, codify, and publish building standards that would require buildings not already under the authority of a different state agency to be designed and built to a functional recovery standard, as defined, for earthquake loads, as specified. The bill would require the commission and the department to actively consult with interested parties, as specified, in proposing and adopting functional recovery standards.

Position: Neutral

AB 1401 (Friedman D) Residential and commercial development: remodeling, renovations, and additions: parking requirements.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amended: 7/5/2021

Status: 8/27/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/16/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 8/27/2021-S. 2 YEAR

Summary:

Would prohibit a public agency in a county with a population of 600,000 or more from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement, on residential, commercial, or other development if the development is located on a parcel that is within 1/2 mile, as specified, of public transit, as defined. The bill would prohibit a public agency in a city with of 75,000 or more located in a county with a population of less than 600,000 from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement, on residential, commercial, or other development if the project is located within 1/4 mile, as specified, of public transit, as defined. The bill would create authorizations in this regard for a city or a county to which these prohibitions do not apply.

Position: Watch

AB 1551 (Santiago D) Planning and zoning: development bonuses: mixed-use projects.

Introduced: 2/19/2021

Last Amended: 1/13/2022

Status: 1/27/2022-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 1/27/2022-S. RLS.

Summary:

The Density Bonus Law requires a city or county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development within the city or county with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions, as specified, if the developer agrees to construct specified percentages of units for lower income, very low income, or senior citizen housing, among other things, and meets other

requirements. Previously existing law, until January 1, 2022, required a city, county, or city and county to grant a commercial developer a development bonus, as specified, when an applicant for approval of a commercial development had entered into an agreement for partnered housing with an affordable housing developer to contribute affordable housing through a joint project or 2 separate projects encompassing affordable housing. This bill would reenact the above-described provisions regarding the granting of development bonuses to certain projects. The bill would require a city or county to annually submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development information describing an approved commercial development bonus. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2028.

Position: Watch

AB 1674 (Voepel R) Building standards: photovoltaic requirements: accessory dwelling units.

Introduced: 1/20/2022

Status: 1/27/2022-Referred to Coms. on H. & C.D. and NAT. RES.

Location: 1/27/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Would prohibit an accessory dwelling unit, as defined, from being considered to be a newly constructed building for purposes of a specified provision of the California Energy Code, which is part of the California Building Standards Code, regarding the photovoltaic requirements for newly constructed buildings that are low-rise residential buildings. The bill would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, commonly known as the Energy Commission, to study exempting accessory dwelling units from specified photovoltaic requirements and make recommendations to the California Building Standards Commission in time for consideration and adoption in the next regularly occurring California Building Standards Code adoption cycle.

Position: Oppose Unless Amend

AB 1695 (Santiago D) Affordable housing loan and grant programs: adaptive reuse.

Introduced: 1/25/2022

Last Amended: 3/17/2022

Status: 3/21/2022-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/17/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Current law establishes various programs and funding sources administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to enable the development of affordable housing, including, among others, the Building Homes and Jobs Act, the Multifamily Housing Program, and the Housing for a Healthy California Program. This bill would provide that any notice of funding availability issued by the department for an affordable housing loan and grant program shall state that adaptive reuse of a property for affordable housing purposes is an eligible activity. The bill would define "adaptive reuse" to mean the repurposing and rehabilitation of an existing building for use as permanent or long-term residences.

Position: Watch

AB 1710 (Lee D) Residential and outdoor light-emitting diodes (LED) fixtures.

Introduced: 1/26/2022

Status: 1/27/2022-From printer. May be heard in committee February 26.

Location: 1/26/2022-A. PRINT

Summary:

The California Building Standards Law, establishes the California Building Standards Commission within the Department of General Services and sets forth its powers and duties, including approval and adoption of building standards and codification of those standards into the California Building Standards Code. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to the regulation of residential and outdoor light-emitting diodes (LED) fixtures that create artificial light pollution at night, which causes harmful environmental and public health effects.

Position: Oppose

AB 1721 (Rodriguez D) California Emergency Services Act: emergency preparedness: mutual aid: seismic retrofitting soft story multifamily housing.

Introduced: 1/27/2022

Last Amended: 3/21/2022

Status: 4/5/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/4/2022-A. APPR.

Summary:

Would establish the Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Program, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES), to support local government efforts in responding to surges in demand for emergency medical services and provide effective mutual aid during disasters, as defined. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require OES to provide noncompetitive grant funding to local governments, special districts, and tribes for the purpose of acquiring emergency medical services, as specified. The bill would also require OES to provide an annual report to the Legislature regarding the program, as specified. The bill would, upon appropriation by the Legislature, require the Controller to transfer \$50,000,000 to the Director of Emergency Services to effectuate these provisions.

Position: Support

AB 1737 (Holden D) Children's camps: local registration and inspections.

Introduced: 1/31/2022

Last Amended: 3/28/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on PUB. S. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 4/5/2022-A. PUB. S.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Public Health Officer to establish rules and regulations establishing minimum standards for organized camps. Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to adopt minimum fire safety regulations for organized camps. Current law requires local health officers to enforce

building standards relating to organized camps and the other rules and regulations adopted by the State Public Health Officer. Current law defines “organized camp,” for these purposes, as a site with a program and facilities established for the primary purposes of providing an outdoor group living experience with social, spiritual, educational, or recreational objectives, for 5 days or more during one or more seasons of the year, except as specified. Existing law requires the Director of Public Health to consider the Camp Standards of the American Camping Association when adopting rules and regulations pursuant to these provisions. This bill would include “children’s camps” within the definition of organized camps and would define “children’s camp” as a camp that offers daytime or overnight experiences administered by adults who provide social, cultural, educational, recreational, or artistic programming to more than 5 children between 3 and 17 years of age for 5 days or longer during at least one season, except as specified.

Position: Watch

AB 1738 (Boerner Horvath D) Building standards: installation of electric vehicle charging stations: existing buildings.

Introduced: 1/31/2022

Last Amended: 4/7/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Read second time and amended.

Location: 4/5/2022-A. ED.

Summary:

Current law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose to the California Building Standards Commission for consideration mandatory building standards for the installation of future electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces in multifamily dwellings, as specified. Current law requires the commission to adopt, approve, codify, and publish mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces in multifamily dwellings and nonresidential development. This bill would recast these provisions to instead require mandatory building standards for the

installation of electric vehicle charging stations with Level 2 or direct current fast charger electric vehicle supply equipment, as defined, to be researched, developed, and proposed for adoption (1) by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the installation in existing parking facilities serving multifamily dwellings, hotels, and motels, (2) by the Division of the State Architect for the installation in existing parking facilities serving school buildings, and (3) by the commission for the installation in parking facilities serving existing nonresidential buildings, as specified.

Position: Oppose

AB 1747 (Quirk D) Contractors: disciplinary action.

Introduced: 1/31/2022

Status: 3/29/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 16. Noes 0.) (March 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/29/2022-A. APPR.

Summary:

Under current law, willful or deliberate disregard by a licensed contractor of various state building, labor, and safety laws constitutes a cause for disciplinary action by the board. Current law provides for related disciplinary proceedings, requires the board to promulgate regulations covering the assessment of civil penalties under those disciplinary provisions, and authorizes a civil penalty not to exceed \$30,000 for specified violations. This bill would provide that the list of violations that constitute cause for a disciplinary action by the board includes a willful or deliberate disregard of any state or local law relating to the issuance of building permits, and would authorize a civil penalty not to exceed \$30,000 for any violation included on that above-specified list.

Position: Support

AB 1755 (Levine D) Homeowners' insurance: home hardening.

Introduced: 2/1/2022

Last Amended: 3/8/2022

Status: 3/9/2022-Re-referred to Com. on INS.

Location: 2/10/2022-A. INS.

Summary:

Would require an admitted insurer licensed to issue homeowners' insurance policies to issue a policy to a homeowner who has hardened their home against fire, as specified, regardless of the home's location, on and after January 1, 2025, and would require an insurer to make conforming changes to its internet website and print materials on or before July 1, 2025. The bill would create the Wildfire Protection Grant Program, under which the Department of Insurance would be required to award grants of up to \$10,000 each to help homeowners pay for costs associated with wildfire mitigation improvements. The bill would require the department to promulgate regulations to administer the Wildfire Protection Grant Program.

Position: Support if Amended

AB 1858 (Quirk-Silva D) Substandard buildings.

Introduced: 2/8/2022

Status: 4/5/2022-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

Location: 2/18/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

The State Housing Law, establishes statewide construction and occupancy standards for buildings used for human habitation. Current law requires, for those purposes, that any building, including any dwelling unit, be deemed to be a substandard building when a health officer determines that any one of specified listed conditions exists to the extent that it endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the public or its occupants. This bill would instead specify that a building be deemed a substandard building when a health officer determines that any of those listed conditions exist to the extent that it endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the occupants of the building, nearby residents, or the public.

Position: Support

AB 1873 (Boerner Horvath D) Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: credits: electric vehicle charging stations.

Introduced: 2/8/2022

Status: 3/22/2022-In committee: Hearing for testimony only.

Location: 2/18/2022-A. REV. & TAX

Summary:

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws. This bill would allow a credit against those taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2030, in an amount equal to 40% of the amount paid or incurred in qualified costs by a qualified taxpayer during the taxable year for the installation of specified electric vehicle supply equipment in a covered multifamily dwelling, subject to certain maximum credit amounts. The bill would define various terms for these purposes. The bill would repeal these provisions as of December 1, 2030.

Position: Support

AB 1882 (Rivas, Robert D) Hospitals: seismic safety.

Introduced: 2/8/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-In committee: Set, second hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 2/18/2022-A. HEALTH

Summary:

The Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act of 1983 requires an owner of a general acute care inpatient hospital, no later than January 1, 2030, to either demolish, replace, or change to nonacute care use all hospital buildings not in substantial compliance with the regulations and standards developed pursuant to the act, or seismically retrofit all acute care inpatient hospital buildings so that they are in substantial compliance with those regulations and standards. Current law requires, within 60 days following the department's approval of a report relating to a general acute care hospital owner's plan to comply with those regulations and standards, a general acute hospital building owner to take specified actions, including

informing the local office of emergency services or the equivalent agency, the Office of Emergency Services, and the department, of each building's expected earthquake performance. This bill would instead require general acute hospital building owners, commencing July 1, 2023, to take those actions annually until each of the hospital buildings owned by that owner are compliant with those regulations and standards.

Position: Watch

AB 1953 (Maienschein D) Drinking water: accessible water bottle refill stations.

Introduced: 2/10/2022

Last Amended: 3/29/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 4/5/2022-A. APPR.

Summary:

Would require, by January 1, 2025, the owner or operator of a transit hub, local park, public building, publicly owned building, shopping mall, or municipal golf course that has a water infrastructure source to install and maintain at least one, or maintain at least one existing, accessible water bottle refill station, as prescribed and except as specified. The bill would also require those owners and operators that have a water bottle refill station that is not accessible to upgrade, by January 1, 2025, the water bottle refill station to an accessible water bottle refill station.

Position: Support if Amended

AB 1976 (Santiago D) Planning and zoning: housing element compliance: very low and lower income households.

Introduced: 2/10/2022

Last Amended: 3/17/2022

Status: 3/21/2022-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/17/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Current law requires the Department of Housing and Community

Development, in consultation with each council of governments, to determine each region's existing and projected housing need, and requires each council of governments, or the department for cities and counties without a council of governments, to adopt a final regional housing need plan that allocates a share of the regional housing need to each city and county, as provided. If the inventory of sites included in a housing element does not identify adequate sites to accommodate the need for groups of all household income levels pursuant to the allocation of regional housing need, current law requires that the local government rezone sites within specified deadlines. This bill would authorize the department, after notifying the city or county of the violation of the housing element provision and before notifying the Attorney General, either to complete the rezoning to accommodate 100% of the allocated need for housing for very low and lower income households on behalf of a local government within the Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura that failed to complete that rezoning by the required deadline, or to impose administrative civil penalties upon the local government of up to \$10,000 per day until the local government is no longer in violation of state law or the department decides to refer the violation to the Attorney General.

Position: Watch

AB 1989 (Quirk D) Commercial property insurance: vehicle barrier discount.

Introduced: 2/10/2022

Status: 3/30/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (March 30). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/30/2022-A. APPR.

Summary:

Current law authorizes an insurer to consider the installation of vehicle barriers as a safety measure and authorizes an insurer to provide or offer a discount on the property owner's insurance covering damage or loss to the covered commercial property or liability arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of the commercial property relative to the reduced risk

to the property resulting from the installation of the barriers, if the discount provided or offered is consistent with the requirements of Proposition 103. Current law defines a vehicle barrier for purposes of this provision to mean a safety device that meets, at a minimum, the vehicle impact protection standards as provided by the State Fire Marshal and adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and that is installed to protect persons located within, in, or on the property of, buildings, or to protect pedestrians, from collisions into those buildings by motor vehicles. This bill would include within that definition a vehicle barrier that meets those vehicle impact protection standards and that is installed to protect persons located in an adjacent outdoor area that is covered by the commercial property insurance policy and that is used for the purpose of outdoor dining, or to protect pedestrians, from collisions into those outdoor areas by motor vehicles.

Position: Watch

AB 1991 (Gabriel D) Motels and hotels: publicly funded shelter programs.

Introduced: 2/10/2022

Last Amended: 3/10/2022

Status: 3/14/2022-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/10/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Current law regulates the terms and conditions of tenancies and defines the term "persons who hire" for the purpose of regulating residential tenancies. Current law excludes from these provisions, among other things, occupancy at a hotel or motel if certain conditions are met. This bill would provide that the continued occupancy of a shelter program participant, as defined, in a motel or hotel does not constitute a new tenancy and is not considered a "person who hires" if the shelter program meets the core components of Housing First, as defined, and specified requirements related to termination policies and grievance processes.

Position: Watch

AB 2002 (Villapudua D) Mobilehome parks: enforcement: violations.

Introduced: 2/14/2022

Last Amended: 4/7/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.

Location: 2/24/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Current law provides for the enforcement of the Mobilehome Parks Act by the Department of Housing and Community Development and by every city, county, or city and county, collectively known as enforcement agencies. Current law requires an enforcement agency, after conducting an inspection and determining that a violation exists, to issue a notice to correct the violation to the registered owner or occupant, as specified. Current law requires the department to develop a list of local agencies that have home rehabilitation or repair programs for which registered owners or occupants of manufactured homes and mobilehomes may be eligible, and requires that list to be provided to a registered owner or occupant who receives a notice of violation. This bill would require the department, subject to appropriation by the Legislature for those purposes, to provide grants or other funding mechanisms to registered owners or occupants of mobilehomes or manufactured homes who are unable to afford the repair of their homes as required by the enforcement agency. The bill would establish the Mobilehome Repair Grant Fund in the State Treasury, to be available to the department upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes specified above.

Position: Oppose

AB 2063 (Berman D) Density bonuses: affordable housing impact fees.

Introduced: 2/14/2022

Last Amended: 3/29/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 4/5/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

Current law requires the amount of a density bonus and the number of incentives or concessions a qualifying developer receives to be pursuant to a certain formula based on the total number of units in the housing development, as specified. Current law prohibits affordable housing impact fees, including inclusionary zoning fees and in-lieu fees, from being imposed on a housing development's affordable units. This bill would prohibit affordable housing impact fees, including inclusionary zoning fees, in-lieu fees, and public benefit fees, from being imposed on a housing development's density bonus units, unless the city, county, or city and county has adopted a local density bonus ordinance or established a local housing program on or before January 1, 2022, that allows for a density bonus of at least 50% for any for-sale or rental housing development containing restricted affordable units that dedicates a specified percentage of units for extremely low, very low, low-, or moderate-income households.

Position: Watch

AB 2075 (Ting D) Energy: electric vehicle charging standards.

Introduced: 2/14/2022

Status: 3/22/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on U. & E. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (March 21). Re-referred to Com. on U. & E.

Location: 3/21/2022-A. U. & E.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, among other things, lighting, insulation, climate control system, and other building design and construction standards, energy and water conservation design standards, and appliance efficiency standards to reduce the wasteful, uneconomic, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy and to manage energy loads to help maintain electrical grid reliability, as specified. This bill would require the commission to additionally adopt, by regulation, electric vehicle charging standards to be incorporated into other building design and construction standards, as specified.

Position: Oppose Unless Amend

AB 2139 (Gallagher R) Building standards: local rebuilding plans: state of emergency.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Status: 2/24/2022-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 2/24/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Would permit, notwithstanding any subsequent updates to building standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission, a local agency that has approved template floor plans to utilize those plans for structures that have been destroyed as a result of a disaster in an area for which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the CESA, if the plan is being utilized within 6 years from the date the plan was approved.

Position: Watch

AB 2164 (Lee D) Disability access: funding.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amended: 3/23/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

Location: 4/6/2022-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary:

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the California Building Standards Code require that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be accessible to, and usable by, persons with disabilities. Current law establishes a Disability Access and Education Revolving Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, within the Division of the State Architect for purposes of increasing disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements and developing educational resources for businesses to facilitate compliance with federal and state disability laws, as specified. This bill would expand the purpose of the fund to include

providing financial assistance to small businesses, as defined, for construction of physical accessibility improvements.

Position: Watch

AB 2186 (Grayson D) Housing Cost Reduction Incentive Program.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amended: 3/23/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 4/5/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

Would establish the Housing Cost Reduction Incentive Program, to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, for the purpose of reimbursing cities, counties, and cities and counties for development impact fee reductions provided to qualified housing developments, as defined, and for the reasonable interest costs associated with impact fee deferrals. Upon appropriation, the bill would require the department to provide grants to applicants in an amount equal to 50% of the amount of development impact fee reduced for a qualified housing development and grants to applicants in an amount equal to the accrued interest on a deferred development impact fee, as provided. This bill would require the department to administer these grants by issuing a Notice of Funding Availability before December 31 of the year that the program receives funding, as specified, and accepting grant applications after the subsequent year.

Position: Watch

AB 2211 (Ting D) Shelter crisis: homeless shelters.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Status: 2/24/2022-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 2/24/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Current law, among other things, exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act specified actions by a state agency or a city, county, or city and county relating to land owned by a local government to be used for, or to provide financial assistance to, a homeless shelter constructed pursuant to these provisions, and provides that homeless shelters constructed or allowed pursuant to these shelter crisis declarations are not subject to specified laws, including the Special Occupancy Parks Act. Current law defines a "homeless shelter" as a facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless that is not in existence after the declared shelter crisis. Current law provides that a temporary homeless shelter community may include supportive and self-sufficiency development services and that a homeless shelter includes a parking lot owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county specifically identified as one allowed for safe parking by homeless and unstably housed individuals. Current law repeals these provisions as of January 1, 2026. This bill would remove the repeal date from these provisions. This bill would provide that a city, county, or city and county is in a shelter crisis if the number of unsheltered homeless persons that comprises the total homeless population within the jurisdiction of the city, county, or city and county is greater, as a percentage, than the combined average of the 49 states in the United States not including California, as determined by the Department of Housing and Community Development, as specified.

Position: Watch

AB 2221 (Quirk-Silva D) Accessory dwelling units.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amended: 3/29/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 4/5/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

The Planning and Zoning Law, among other things, provides for the creation of accessory dwelling units by local ordinance, or, if a local agency has not adopted an ordinance, by ministerial approval, in accordance with specified standards and conditions. Current law requires a permitting agency to act on the application to create an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit within specified timeframes. This bill would provide that the requirement for an agency to act on an application means either to return in writing a full set of comments to the applicant with a comprehensive request for revisions or to return the approved permit application. The bill would define "permitting agency" for its purposes.

Position: Watch

AB 2234 (Rivas, Robert D) Planning and zoning: housing: postentitlement phase permits.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amended: 4/6/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 2/24/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

Would require a public agency to compile a list of information needed to approve or deny a postentitlement phase permit, as defined, to post an example of an ideal application and an example of an ideal complete set of postentitlement phase permits for the ___ most common housing development projects in the jurisdiction, and to make those items available to all applicants for these permits no later than January 1, 2024. The bill would define "public agency" for these purposes to mean a city, county, or city and county. No later than January 1, 2024, except as specified, the bill would require a public agency to require permits to be applied for, completed, and stored through a process on its internet website, and to accept applications and related documentation by electronic mail until that internet website is established. The bill would require the internet website or electronic mail to list the current processing status of the applicant's

permit by the public agency, and would require that status to note whether it is being reviewed by the agency or action is required from the applicant.

Position: Oppose

AB 2258 (Wood D) Property Assessed Clean Energy program: wildfire safety improvements.

Introduced: 2/16/2022

Last Amended: 3/30/2022

Status: 3/31/2022-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/3/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

Current law authorizes a legislative body of any public agency, defined to mean a city, county, or city and county, that has accepted the designation of very high fire hazard severity zone to designate an area for contractual assessments to finance the installation of wildfire safety improvements, as defined, that are permanently fixed to real property. This bill would instead authorize a public agency that has established a PACE program, as specified, to enter into voluntary contractual assessments with property owners to finance the installation of wildfire safety improvements, as defined, that are permanently fixed to real property and would provide that wildfire resiliency and safety improvements that contribute to the defensible space Zones 1 and 2 of a property, as specified, are wildfire safety improvements for purposes of those provisions.

Position: Watch

AB 2295 (Bloom D) Local educational agencies: housing development projects.

Introduced: 2/16/2022

Last Amended: 3/29/2022

Status: 4/5/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/3/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Would, notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of a city's or county's

general plan, specific plan, zoning ordinance, or regulation, require that a qualified housing development on land owned by a local educational agency be an authorized use if the housing development complies with certain conditions. Among these conditions, the bill would require the housing development to consist of at least 10 units, be subject to a recorded deed restriction for at least 55 years requiring that at least 49% 30% of the units have an affordable rent for lower income households, as those terms are defined, at least 20% of the units be occupied by teachers and employees of a local educational agency at rents that do not exceed 120% of the area median income, and 100% of the units be rented by teachers and employees of the local educational agency, except as specified. This bill would authorize a city or county to impose objective zoning standards, objective subdivision standards, and objective design review standards, as defined, that do not conflict with these provisions unless those standards would have the effect of physically precluding the construction of a qualified development project of less than or equal to 3 stories and 30 feet in height. This bill would deem a qualified housing development consistent, compliant, and in conformity with local development standards, zoning codes or maps, and the general plan.

Position: Watch

AB 2322 (Wood D) California building standards: fire resistance: occupancy risk categories.

Introduced: 2/16/2022

Last Amended: 3/17/2022

Status: 3/21/2022-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/17/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Would require the California Building Standards Commission, commencing with the next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code adopted after January 1, 2023, to adopt, approve, codify, and publish mandatory building standards for fire resistance based on occupancy risk categories in very high, high, and moderate California fire severity zones in

state responsibility areas, local responsibility areas, and in land designated as a Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area by cities and other local agencies under the California Building Standards Code, as specified. The bill would require the building standards to apply to nonresidential, critical infrastructure buildings and to include certain requirements, including fire rating requirements for structures under specified risk categories.

Position: Oppose

AB 2381 (Daly D) Address confidentiality.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 3/24/2022

Status: 3/29/2022-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 0.) (March 29). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 3/29/2022-A. APPR.

Summary:

Current law authorizes reproductive health care service providers, employees, volunteers, and patients to complete an application to be approved by the Secretary of State for the purposes of enabling state and local agencies to respond to requests for public records without disclosing a program participant's residence address contained in any public record and otherwise provide for confidentiality of identity for that person, subject to specified conditions. This bill would authorize an applicant seeking address confidentiality under this program to submit a certified statement by the employee, patient, or volunteer for a reproductive health care services facility that they have been the target of threats or acts of violence, or a workplace violence restraining order issued because of threats or acts of violence connected with a reproductive health care services facility, as specified, instead of a certified statement from a representative of the reproductive health care services facility.

Position: Support

AB 2382 (Lee D) Light pollution control.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 3/31/2022

Status: 4/4/2022-Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

Location: 3/31/2022-A. B.&P.

Summary:

Would require, with certain exceptions, on and after July 1, 2023, a state agency, as defined, to ensure that between the hours of 11 p.m. and sunrise, an outdoor lighting fixture that is installed on a building or structure that is owned, leased, or managed by a state agency to meet prescribed standards, such as requiring that fixture to be motion activated with a duration of fewer than 15 minutes and equipped with an automatic shutoff device. This bill would require the Department of General Services to develop and make available to the public educational materials relating to compliance with the act and encouraging the reduction of light pollution, as specified.

Position: Watch

AB 2386 (Bloom D) Planning and zoning: tenancy in common subject to an exclusive occupancy agreement.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 3/17/2022

Status: 3/21/2022-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/3/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

Would, except as specified, authorize the legislative body of a local agency to regulate by ordinance the design and improvement of any multifamily property held under a tenancy in common subject to an exclusive occupancy agreement, as defined, including by requiring instruments governing the operation and maintenance of common areas.

Position: Watch

AB 2430 (Grayson D) Tiny homes.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 4/6/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/24/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

The Planning and Zoning Law, contains various provisions addressing housing in California, including, among others, providing for the creation by local ordinance or ministerial approval, as applicable, of accessory dwelling units, as defined. Among other things, current law requires an ordinance under these provisions to impose standards on accessory dwelling units and require that accessory dwelling units comply with specified requirements, as provided. Current law requires a permit application for an accessory dwelling unit or a junior accessory dwelling unit be considered and approved ministerially without discretionary review or hearing, as provided. If a local agency has not adopted an ordinance governing accessory dwelling unit creation, existing law requires the local agency to approve or disapprove the application ministerially without discretionary review, as specified. Current law imposes specified limitations on fees charged for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit. This bill would expand the above-described provisions to additionally provide for the creation of a movable tiny home, in the same manner as an accessory dwelling unit.

Position: Oppose

AB 2446 (Holden D) Embodied carbon emissions: construction materials.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 4/7/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Read second time and amended.

Location: 4/4/2022-A. APPR.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to adopt regulations on building design and construction standards that increase efficiency in the use of energy and water for new residential and nonresidential buildings, and energy and

water conservation performance standards for new residential and nonresidential buildings. This bill would require the commission to develop a framework for measuring and then reducing carbon intensity in the construction of new buildings, including those for residential uses. The bill would require the commission to design the framework to achieve an 80% net reduction, as compared to 2020 levels, in the carbon intensity of construction and materials used in new construction by 2045, with interim goals of 20% below 2020 levels by 2030 and 40% below 2020 levels by 2035.

Position: Oppose

AB 2492 (Grayson D) Factory-built housing: qualified manufacturers: incentives.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 3/24/2022

Status: 3/28/2022-Re-referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/24/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

The California Factory-Built Housing Law provides for the regulation of factory-built housing, as defined, by the Department of Housing and Community Development and requires, among other things, that all factory-built housing sold or offered for sale to first users within this state bear the insignia of approval issued by the department. Current law, known as the Density Bonus Law, requires a city, county, or city and county to provide a developer that proposes a housing development within the jurisdictional boundaries of that city, county, or city and county with a density bonus and other incentives or concessions for the production of lower income housing units, or for the donation of land within the development, if the developer agrees to construct a specified percentage of units for very low income, low-income, or moderate-income households or qualifying residents and meets other requirements. This bill would grant certain benefits to a factory-built housing development, as defined, that is manufactured by a qualified manufacturer. In this regard, the bill would require a qualified manufacturer to satisfy certain conditions, including, among other things, providing

medical coverage to all of its employees and entering into and abiding by the terms of a labor peace agreement.

Position: Watch

AB 2597 (Bloom D) Dwelling unit standards.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Status: 3/10/2022-Referred to Com. on H. & C.D.

Location: 3/10/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Current law requires that any building with a dwelling unit maintain certain characteristics in order to be tenantable, including the maintenance of adequate heating that conforms to the standard of quality set by applicable law. This bill would require that any building with a dwelling unit also maintain adequate cooling, as specified.

Position: Support if Amended

AB 2650 (Arambula D) The Neng Thao Drowning Prevention Safety Act.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 4/5/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Re-referred to Com. on ED. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Location: 4/7/2022-A. ED.

Summary:

Current law requires the Division of Boating and Waterways, in cooperation with the State Department of Education and other appropriate entities involved with water safety, to develop an aquatic safety program to be made available for use at an appropriate grade level in public elementary schools at no expense to the schools. Current law requires the division to notify schools and school districts of the availability of the aquatic safety program once it is developed. This bill would authorize specified organizations to provide informational materials, in electronic or hard copy form, to a public elementary school regarding specified topics relating to drowning

prevention. The bill would require, beginning with the 2022–23 school year, upon receipt of the informational materials, a public elementary school to provide the informational materials to parents, legal guardians, or caregivers of pupils in kindergarten to grade 3, inclusive, at the time the pupil enrolls at the school and at the beginning of each school year.

Position: Support, Pending

AB 2668 (Grayson D) Planning and zoning: housing: streamlined, ministerial approval.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 3/31/2022

Status: 4/4/2022-Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV.

Location: 3/23/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

The Planning and Zoning Law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a development proponent to submit an application for a multifamily housing development that is subject to a streamlined, ministerial approval process, as provided, and not subject to a conditional use permit, if the development satisfies specified objective planning standards. Current law authorizes a development proponent to request a modification to a development that has been approved under the streamlined, ministerial approval process if the request is submitted before the issuance of the final building permit required for construction of the development. This bill would prohibit a local government from determining that a development, including an application for a modification, is in conflict with the objective planning standards on the basis that application materials are not included, if the application contains substantial evidence that would allow a reasonable person to conclude that the development is consistent with the objective planning standards.

Position: Watch

AB 2705 (Quirk-Silva D) Housing: fire safety standards.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 4/7/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/17/2022-A. L. GOV.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to prepare, adopt, and submit building standards and other fire and life safety regulations to the California Building Standards Commission for approval establishing minimum requirements for the storage, handling, and use of hazardous materials. Current law requires the State Fire Marshal to seek the advice of the Secretary for Environmental Protection in establishing those requirements. This bill would prohibit the legislative body of a city or county from approving a discretionary entitlement, as defined, that would result in a new residential development project, as defined, being located within a very high fire hazard severity zone, unless the city or county finds that the residential development project will meet specified standards intended to address wildfire risks, as specified, and would provide that these provisions do not limit or prohibit a legislative body of a city or county from adopting more stringent standards.

Position: Support if Amended

AB 2811 (Bennett D) California Building Standards Commission: recycled water: nonpotable water systems.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/17/2022-A. E.S. & T.M.

Summary:

Would require, commencing January 1, 2024, all newly constructed nonresidential buildings be constructed with dual plumbing to allow the use of recycled water for all applicable nonpotable water demands, as defined, if that building is located within an existing or planned recycled water service area, as specified.

Position: Support

AB 2829 (Low D) Certified Access Specialist Inspection Grant Program.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 4/6/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Re-referred to Com. on REV. & TAX. Re-referred to Com. on JUD. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

Location: 4/7/2022-A. JUD.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Architect to establish and publicize a program for the voluntary certification by the state of any person who meets specified criteria as a certified access specialist (CASp) to inspect, among other things, businesses for compliance with accessibility building standards. Existing law requires the State Architect to publish and regularly update a list CASps and a list of businesses that have been inspected by a CASp. Current law requires the State Architect to develop a process by which a business may notify the State Architect that a structure or area has had a CASp inspection and to develop a form for businesses to notify the public that the business has obtained a CASp inspection. This bill, until January 1, 2028, would establish the Certified Access Specialist Inspection Grant Program to assist small businesses in obtaining CASp inspections, and would require the State Architect to administer the program. The bill would authorize small businesses, defined to mean a business with fewer than 500 employees, with a physical property in the state, to apply for a grant for a CASp inspection of the small business's property, in an amount equal to the actual cost of the inspection, not to exceed \$3,000 per inspection. The bill would require the State Architect to develop an application and to develop criteria to evaluate and award the grants, as specified, and would require the State Architect to annually submit a report to the Legislature on the results of the program.

Position: Support

AB 2863 (McCarty D) Green building standards: bicycle parking.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 4/7/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on H. & C.D. Read second time and amended.

Location: 3/24/2022-A. H. & C.D.

Summary:

Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, upon the next triennial update of the California Green Building Standards Code that occurs on or after January 1, 2023, to research, develop, and propose for adoption mandatory building standards for short-term and long-term bicycle parking in multifamily residential buildings, hotels, and motels. The bill would also require the California Building Standards Commission, upon the next triennial update, to research, develop, and adopt revised mandatory building standards for short-term and long-term bicycle parking in nonresidential buildings. The bill would require the department and the commission, in developing these standards, to develop minimum mandatory bicycle parking standards using a method that is independent of the number of vehicle parking spaces.

Position: Oppose

SB 12 (McGuire D) Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

Introduced: 12/7/2020

Last Amended: 7/1/2021

Status: 7/14/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was H. & C.D. on 6/24/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 7/14/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary:

Current law requires that the Office of Planning and Research, among other things, coordinate with appropriate entities, including state, regional, or local agencies, to establish a clearinghouse for climate adaptation information for use by state, regional, and local entities, as provided. This bill would require the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element or the hazard mitigation plan, on or after July 1, 2024, whichever occurs first, to be reviewed and updated as necessary to include a

comprehensive retrofit strategy to reduce the risk of property loss and damage during wildfires, as specified, and would require the planning agency to submit the adopted strategy to the Office of Planning and Research for inclusion into the above-described clearinghouse.

Position: Watch

SB 379 (Wiener D) Residential solar energy systems: permitting.

Introduced: 2/10/2021

Last Amended: 1/12/2022

Status: 1/24/2022-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 31. Noes 1.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 1/24/2022-A. DESK

Summary:

Current law requires a city or county to approve administratively applications to install solar energy systems through the issuance of a building permit or similar nondiscretionary permit. Current law requires every city, county, or city and county to develop a streamlined permitting process for the installation of small residential rooftop solar energy systems, as that term is defined. Current law prescribes and limits permit fees that a city or county may charge for a residential and commercial solar energy system. Current law creates the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes its duties, which include administering programs for the installation of solar energy systems. This bill would require every city, county, or city and county to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits in real time for a solar energy system, as defined, that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating and an energy storage system, as defined, paired with a solar energy system that is no larger than 38.4 kilowatts alternating current nameplate rating.

Position: Neutral

SB 833 (Dodd D) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022.

Introduced: 1/4/2022

Last Amended: 3/21/2022

Status: 4/4/2022-April 4 hearing: Placed on APPR suspense file.

Location: 4/4/2022-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary:

Current law assigns the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission various duties, including applying for and accepting grants, contributions, and appropriations, and awarding grants consistent with the goals and objectives of a program or activity the commission is authorized to implement or administer. This bill, the Community Energy Resilience Act of 2022, would require the commission to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans that help achieve energy resilience objectives and state clean energy and air quality goals.

Position: Watch

SB 855 (Newman D) Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program.

Introduced: 1/19/2022

Last Amended: 3/28/2022

Status: 4/5/2022-Set for hearing April 18.

Location: 3/23/2022-S. APPR.

Summary:

Would establish the Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program, to be administered by the State Department of Public Health, to collect detailed data on childhood fatal and nonfatal drownings in California, as specified. The bill would require the department, on or before January 1, 2024, to seek to collaborate with at least 5 but no more than 10 county child death review teams or other local agencies, as specified. The bill would require the department to submit various reports to the appropriate legislative policy committees, as specified. The bill would require the department, based on those reports, to develop a California Water Safety Action Plan for Children and a standardized form for counties to use in

reporting drownings statistics. The bill would require the department to seek to fund this program through already existing specified funds, to the extent that use of existing funding does not jeopardize federal funding.

Position: Support

SB 884 (McGuire D) Electricity: expedited utility distribution infrastructure undergrounding program.

Introduced: 1/26/2022

Last Amended: 4/7/2022

Status: 4/14/2022-Set for hearing April 20 in GOV. & F. pending receipt.

Location: 3/24/2022-S. E. U., & C.

Summary:

Current law vests the Public Utilities Commission with regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations. Under current law, it is the policy of this state to achieve, whenever feasible and not inconsistent with sound environmental planning, the undergrounding of all future electric and communication distribution facilities that are proposed to be erected in proximity to designated state scenic highways and that would be visible from those highways if erected above ground. The commission's existing Electric Tariff Rule 20 establishes policies for the undergrounding of electrical facilities and includes, among other programs, the Rule 20A undergrounding program that requires electrical corporations to convert overhead electrical facilities to underground facilities when it is in the public interest for specified reasons. This bill would require the commission to establish an expedited utility distribution infrastructure undergrounding program, and would authorize a large electrical corporation, as defined, to participate in the program by submitting to the commission, on or before July 1, 2023, a plan that identifies the undergrounding projects that it will construct as part of the program, including timelines for the completion of those undergrounding projects.

Position: Watch

SB 896 (Dodd D) Wildfires: defensible space: grant programs: local governments.

Introduced: 2/1/2022

Last Amended: 3/10/2022

Status: 4/5/2022-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 4/5/2022-S. THIRD READING

Summary:

Current law requires a person who owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining a mountainous area, forest-covered lands, shrub-covered lands, grass-covered lands, or land that is covered with flammable material to maintain defensible space of 100 feet from each side. Existing law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to establish a statewide program to allow qualified entities, including counties and other political subdivisions of the state, to support and augment the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in its defensible space and home hardening assessment and education efforts. Current law requires the director to establish a common reporting platform that allows defensible space and home hardening assessment data, collected by the qualified entities, to be reported to the department. This bill would require any local government entity that is qualified to conduct these defensible space assessments in very high and high fire hazard severity zones and that reports that information to the department, to report that information using the common reporting platform.

Position: Watch

SB 897 (Wieckowski D) Accessory dwelling units: junior accessory dwelling units.

Introduced: 2/1/2022

Last Amended: 3/14/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (April 7).

Location: 4/7/2022-S. APPR.

Summary:

The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency, by ordinance or ministerial approval, to provide for the creation of accessory dwelling units in areas zoned for residential use, as specified. Current law authorizes a

local agency to impose standards on accessory dwelling units that include, but are not limited to, parking, height, setback, landscape, architectural review, and maximum size of a unit. This bill would require that the standards imposed on accessory dwelling units be objective. For purposes of this requirement, the bill would define "objective standard" as a standard that involves no personal or subjective judgment by a public official and is uniformly verifiable, as specified.

Position: Oppose

SB 1026 (Wieckowski D) Residential energy efficiency disclosure statement.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amended: 4/7/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E., U. & C.

Location: 4/6/2022-S. E. U., & C.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, energy efficiency standards for lighting, insulation, climate control systems, and building design and construction standards for new residential and new nonresidential buildings. Current law requires the commission to also develop a public domain computer program that enables contractors, builders, architects, engineers, and government officials to estimate the energy consumed by residential and nonresidential buildings. Current law regulates the terms and conditions of residential tenancies and imposes various requirements on landlords. This bill would require the commission to prepare a residential energy efficiency disclosure statement form for landlords and other lessors of residential properties to use to disclose to tenants and lessees information about the energy efficiency of the property.

Position: Watch

SB 1063 (Skinner D) Energy: appliance standards and cost-effective measures.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amended: 3/10/2022

Status: 4/14/2022-Set for hearing April 26.

Location: 3/23/2022-S. E. U., & C.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, standards for minimum levels of operating efficiency, and authorizes the commission to prescribe other cost-effective measures, to promote the use of energy- and water-efficient appliances whose use requires a significant amount of energy or water. Current law requires that those standards become effective no sooner than one year after their date of adoption or revision and requires that they not result in any added total costs for consumers over the designed life of the impacted appliances. Existing law prohibits the sale, and the offering for sale, of a new appliance unless its manufacturer certifies that it complies with the standards in effect at the time the appliance is manufactured. This bill would authorize the commission, upon a finding of good cause, to make the standards effective sooner than one year after their date of adoption or revision.

Position: Watch

SB 1076 (Archuleta D) Lead-based paint.

Introduced: 2/15/2022

Last Amended: 3/7/2022

Status: 3/31/2022-Set for hearing April 26.

Location: 3/28/2022-S. PUB. S.

Summary:

Would require the State Department of Public Health to review and amend its regulations governing lead-related construction work, including training and certification for workers and accreditation for trainers in lead-safe work practices, to comply with existing state regulations and the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule, as specified. The bill would require the adoption of those regulations

to establish fee provisions for those certifications and accreditations. The bill would require the fees to be deposited into the Lead-Related Construction Fund. The bill would require the department to adopt emergency regulations to implement these provisions, as specified.

Position: Watch

SB 1164 (Stern D) Energy: building energy efficiency: document repository and registry.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 4/4/2022

Status: 4/4/2022-Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on E.Q.

Location: 3/31/2022-S. E.Q.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, standards for minimum levels of operating efficiency to promote the use of energy-efficient and water-efficient appliances whose use requires a significant amount of energy or water on a statewide basis. Current law requires the commission to approve a plan that will promote compliance with specified regulations in the installation of central air conditioning and heat pumps and authorizes the commission to adopt regulations to increase compliance with permitting and inspection requirements for central air conditioning and heat pumps, and associated sales and installations, consistent with that plan. This bill would require the commission, on or before January 1, 2024, to submit to the Legislature a report proposing a statewide compliance document repository and data registry that would register and store compliance, installation, and acceptance test documentation required by the regulations specified above, as provided, and a report proposing a statewide heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment sales registry and compliance tracking system to identify the installation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment done without permit or testing of proper performance, as provided.

Position: Support

SB 1194 (Allen D) Public restrooms: building standards.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Status: 4/14/2022-Set for hearing April 27.

Location: 3/2/2022-S. HOUSING

Summary:

This bill would authorize a city, county, or city and county to require, by ordinance or resolution, that public restrooms constructed within its jurisdiction comply with specified requirements instead of complying with the plumbing standards set forth in the California Building Standards Code. This bill would set bathroom requirements, including, among others, that the occupancy load for each sex be determined by dividing the total occupancy 1/2, that single-user toilets and bathing rooms, including family or assisted-use toilet rooms and bathing rooms, be identified for use by either sex, that separate facilities be provided for each sex where plumbing fixtures are required, and that separate facilities not be required in specified circumstances.

Position: Oppose Unless Amend

SB 1230 (Limón D) Zero-emission and near-zero emission vehicle incentive programs: requirements.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 3/15/2022

Status: 4/8/2022-Set for hearing April 26 in TRANS. pending receipt.

Location: 3/23/2022-S. E.Q.

Summary:

Current law generally designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution. Current law establishes or authorizes the establishment of various incentive programs that are administered or funded by the State Air Resources Board to provide financial assistance for the purchase of zero-emission or near-zero-emission vehicles by individuals, including, among

others, the Clean Cars 4 All Program. This bill would require the state board, with respect to the various zero-emission and near-zero emission vehicle incentive programs administered or funded by the state board, to ensure that on or before July 1, 2023, those programs comply with specified requirements. The bill would require the state board, on or before July 1, 2023, to create a single unified education and application portal that enables an applicant for any of those programs to access information about the program and to submit one application for all of the programs.

Position: Watch

SB 1258 (Allen D) Clean Transportation Program: electric vehicle charging: fleet-operated autonomous vehicles.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Last Amended: 3/24/2022

Status: 4/8/2022-Set for hearing April 26 in TRANS. pending receipt.

Location: 3/2/2022-S. E. U., & C.

Summary:

This bill would authorize electric vehicle charging station infrastructure that supports the adoption of specified zero-emission vehicles for fleet-operated autonomous vehicles by 2030 to be eligible for funding under the program.

Position: Watch

SB 1264 (Dahle R) Property Assessed Clean Energy program: wildfire safety improvements.

Introduced: 2/17/2022

Status: 3/2/2022-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

Location: 3/2/2022-S. GOV. & F.

Summary:

Current law authorizes a legislative body of any public agency, defined to mean a city, county, or city and county, that has accepted the designation of very high fire hazard severity zone to designate an area for voluntary contractual assessments to finance the installation of wildfire safety improvements, as defined, that are permanently fixed to existing real

property. Current law requires a legislative body that wants to establish a voluntary contractual assessment program relating to wildfire safety improvements to make specified determinations by adopting a resolution as generally required by the PACE program. This bill would instead authorize specified public agencies to enter into voluntary contractual assessments with property owners to finance the installation of wildfire safety improvements, as defined, that are permanently fixed to real property, and would repeal the requirement that the improvement be fixed to existing real property.

Position: Watch

SB 1291 (Archuleta D) Hydrogen-fueling stations: administrative approval.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 4/5/2022

Status: 4/14/2022-Set for hearing April 20.

Location: 3/24/2022-S. GOV. & F.

Summary:

Current law prohibits a city, county, or city and county from denying an application for a use permit to install an electric vehicle charging station unless it makes written findings that the proposed installation would have a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety, and there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific, adverse impact. Current law requires that any conditions imposed on an application to install an electric vehicle charging station be designed to mitigate the specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety at the lowest cost possible. This bill would extend these provisions to apply to the installation of hydrogen-fueling stations. The bill would define "hydrogen-fueling station" to mean the equipment used to store and dispense hydrogen fuel to vehicles according to industry codes and standards and that is open to the public.

Position: Oppose

SB 1292 (Stern D) Land use: development restriction: fire hazard severity zones.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 3/16/2022

Status: 3/22/2022-March 24 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/2/2022-S. HOUSING

Summary:

Current law requires a housing element to include, among other things, an inventory of land suitable and available for residential development. Current law imposes various requirements on a city, county, or city and county upon receiving an application for a housing development project meeting certain standards. This bill would authorize a city, county, or city and county to restrict the development of residential housing in moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones, as defined, if the city, county, or city and county adopts a plan, as specified, ensuring the production of at least double the number of residential units not developed as a result of the restriction.

Position: Oppose

SB 1297 (Cortese D) Low-embodied carbon building materials: carbon sequestration.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 3/29/2022

Status: 4/7/2022-Set for hearing April 26.

Location: 3/28/2022-S. N.R. & W.

Summary:

Would require the Energy Commission, in consultation with specified state agencies, to develop a plan as part of the 2023 Integrated Energy Policy Report to advance low-carbon materials and methods in building and construction projects that details a strategy and recommendations to minimize embodied carbon and maximize carbon sequestration in building materials, as provided. The bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to incorporate, as appropriate, projects using low-embodied carbon building materials or carbon sequestration in building materials into the

California Carbon Sequestration and Climate Resiliency Project Registry. The bill would require the state board to develop an accounting protocol to quantify embodied carbon and carbon sequestration in building materials. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to evaluate the circumstances, if any, in which the use of low-embodied carbon building materials or carbon sequestration in building materials qualifies as an acceptable mitigation measure for impacts related to emissions of greenhouse gases pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Position: Oppose

SB 1332 (Becker D) Building performance standards.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 3/16/2022

Status: 3/16/2022-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/18/2022-S. RLS.

Summary:

Would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to later enact legislation to create building performance standards for improvements in water and energy efficiency and reductions in the emissions of greenhouse gases in large buildings and to create a set of related financial support programs and tenant protection measures, as specified.

Position: Oppose

SB 1372 (Stern D) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater sustainability plans: groundwater rights.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 3/16/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

Location: 4/5/2022-S. CONSENT CALENDAR

Summary:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of

Water Resources that are designated as basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2020, and requires all other groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2022, except as specified. This bill would provide that the approval of a groundwater sustainability plan by the department shall not be construed to be a determination by or otherwise an opinion of the department that the allocation of groundwater pumping rights in the plan are consistent with groundwater rights law.

Position: Watch

SB 1385 (Cortese D) Electricity: multifamily housing local solar program.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 3/24/2022

Status: 4/5/2022-Set for hearing April 18.

Location: 3/9/2022-S. E. U., & C.

Summary:

Current law requires the Public Utilities Commission, by June 30, 2017, to authorize, through the Multifamily Affordable Housing Solar Roofs Program, the awarding of monetary incentives for qualifying solar energy systems that are installed on qualified multifamily affordable housing properties through December 31, 2030. This bill would require the commission, on or before January 1, 2024, to establish a new multifamily housing local solar program that would require each electrical corporation with more than 100,000 service connections in California to construct, or contract for the construction of, a solar and storage system on or near qualified multifamily housing, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

SB 1393 (Archuleta D) Energy: appliances: local requirements.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Last Amended: 4/4/2022

Status: 4/14/2022-Set for hearing April 20.

Location: 3/28/2022-S. GOV. & F.

Summary:

Current law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to take specified actions to reduce the wasteful, uneconomic, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy, including the energy associated with the use of water, and to manage energy loads to help maintain electrical grid reliability. Current law requires the commission, in furtherance of that purpose, to prescribe, by regulation, standards for minimum levels of operating efficiency to promote the use of energy- and water-efficient appliances whose use, as determined by the commission, requires a significant amount of energy or water on a statewide basis. This bill would require a city, including a charter city, or county to submit an application to, and receive approval from, the commission before the city or county could require that a fossil fuel-fired appliance be replaced with an electric appliance upon the alteration or retrofit of a residential or nonresidential building, except when the requirement includes specified exemptions, as specified.

Position: Watch

SB 1430 (Melendez R) Energy: building standards: photovoltaic requirements.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Status: 4/6/2022-April 18 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 3/9/2022-S. E. U., & C.

Summary:

Current law authorizes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to prescribe, by regulation, energy efficiency standards, including appliance efficiency standards. Pursuant to this authority, the commission has established regulations requiring solar-ready

buildings and for the installation of photovoltaic systems meeting certain minimum requirements for low-rise residential buildings built on or after January 1, 2020. Current law provides that these regulations shall be enforced by the building department of every city, county, or city and county. This bill would, until January 1, 2030, suspend any existing regulation that requires a new single-family residential home to install a new photovoltaic system.

Position: Oppose

SB 1482 (Allen D) Building standards: electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Introduced: 2/18/2022

Status: 4/4/2022-Set for hearing April 26.

Location: 3/24/2022-S. TRANS.

Summary:

Current law requires the California Building Standards Commission to adopt, approve, codify, and publish mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces in multifamily dwellings and nonresidential development. Current law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to propose to the commission for consideration mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces in multifamily dwellings and submit the proposed mandatory building standards. Current law requires the department and the commission, in proposing and adopting these standards, to actively consult with specified parties. This bill would require those mandatory building standards for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces in multifamily dwellings to require that each dwelling unit with access to a parking space have access to a 208/240 volt branch circuit of at least 20 amperes terminating in a receptacle for use by an electric vehicle driver to charge their plug-in electric vehicle, specified signage for those electric vehicle parking spaces, and electrical wiring design options, as specified.

Position: Oppose