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## **APA CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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### **Back to Session 2017**

The APA California Legislative Review Team held a meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to review and take positions on the many important planning related bills introduced this year. APA California will begin lobbying these bills and will be posting position letters on the APA California website as they are developed. There are also a large number of spot bills without actual substantive language in them yet that deal with housing and planning that will be amended in the next month. We will update our Hot Bill list if any of these spot bills are amended to be of interest to planners.

Below is a list of those bills reviewed at the meeting. You can also access the entire hot bill list on the APA website to see all of the bills that APA will be tracking this year.

### **Hot Bills Reviewed by the Legislative Review Team**

#### **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING & CAP & TRADE EXTENSION**

AB 1/SB 1 – Transportation funding package

Position: Support

AB 151/378 – Extension of Cap & Trade to 2030

Position: Support

## **HOUSING**

AB 30 – Specific plans for underperforming infill

*Position: Oppose Unless Amended but working with author*

AB 71 – Low income housing allocation increase

*Position: Support*

AB 72 – AG enforcement of housing laws

*Position: Support if Amended*

AB 199 – Prevailing wages for private subsidized housing

*Position: Oppose*

AB 352 – Square footage of efficiency units

*Position: Support if Amended*

AB 494 – ADU law changes and clean up

*Position: Watch*

AB 565 - Alternative building regulations for artists' housing

*Position: Support if Amended*

AB 663 – Coastal Commission housing requirements

*Position: Watch*

AB 686 – Affirmatively further fair housing

*Position: Support if Amended*

AB 879 – Additional non-governmental constraints info in HE

*Position: Oppose*

AB 886 – Safe Creative Live & Work Act

*Position: Oppose*

AB 915 – Density Bonus vs. Inclusionary Zoning

*Position: To be amended. Review amendments when in print*

AB 1156 – Housing site/production update info in annual report to HCD

*Position: Support if Amended*

AB 1350 – Time to complete RHNA and housing element updates

*Position: Talking with author to get more info*

AB 1397 – Realistic designation of HE adequate sites

*Position: Oppose Unless Amended but working with author*

AB 1404 – Categorical Exemption for infill in counties

*Position – Support*

AB 1505 – Costa Hawkins fix for inclusionary rental

*Position: Support if Amended to include a notwithstanding clause relating to Costa Hawkins*

AB 1515 – Housing developments and emergency shelters consistency with zoning and GP

*Position: Oppose*

AB 1568 – Infrastructure financing

*Position: Support*

AB 1585 – Single application for housing/affordable housing zoning boards

*Position: Oppose*

AB 1598 – Community housing revitalization and investment authorities

*Position: Support*

AB 1670 – Tax credit for affordable housing developers

*Position: Support*

ACA 4 – 55% vote for affordable housing and infrastructure bonds

*Position: Support*

SB 2 – Permanent source for affordable housing

*Position: Support*

SB 35 – New ministerial (by right) approval process for housing

*Position: Support if Amended*

SB 166 – Expansion of no-net loss to loss of affordability

*Position: Oppose Unless Amended but working with author*

SB 540 – Workforce Housing Opportunity Zones

*Position: Watch*

SB 697 – Development fees

*Oppose*

### **CEQA**

AB 278 – CEQA exemption for bikeways

*Position: Support*

AB 594 – Extends CEQA exemption for photovoltaic/wind energy generation facilities

*Position: Watch*

AB 1055 – CEQA Historical and architectural evaluation consultant standards

*Position: Get more information from author before taking position*

AB 1117 – CEQA aesthetic effects consideration

*Position: Support if Amended*

SB 80 – CEQA notices and posting

*Position: Oppose Unless Amended*

SB 224 – Baseline physical conditions

*Position: Watch*

SB 771 – Requirement for public employees to meet continuing education requirements for CEQA/AICP CM courses

*Position: Neutral if Amended*

### **PERMITTING**

AB 546 – Permitting and fees for advanced energy storage

*Position: Watch*

AB 1414 – Permitting for energy solar systems

*Position: Watch*

SB 182 – Single business license for companies with facilities in multiple jurisdictions

*Position: Oppose*

SB 252 – Restrictions on well permits in critically over drafted basins

*Position: Watch*

SB 649 – Small cell facilities permitting

*Position: Oppose*

### **OTHER ISSUES**

SB 780 – Revised water efficient landscape ordinance standards

*Position: Watch*

AB 943 – Initiatives that restrict growth

*Position: Watch*

SB A8 – School site acquisition/local zoning override process

*Position: Support*

SB 697 – Mitigation/development fee determinations

*Position: Oppose*

**AG LAND/FARMWORKER HOUSING**

*\*Positon: Still reviewing all bills below*

AB 571 – Redefines farmworker housing

AB 925 – Williamson Act additional public benefits

SB 435 – Williamson Act payments/protection of resources

SB 530 – Farmworker housing building standards

**All Hot Bills**

To view the full list of hot planning bills, copies of the measures, up-to-the minute status and APA California letters and positions, please continue to visit the legislative page on APA California's website at [www.apacalifornia.org](http://www.apacalifornia.org).