

CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report
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[AB 194](#) ([Campos D](#)) **Open meetings: protections for public criticism: penalties for violations.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/28/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/28/2013

Status: 2/7/2013-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Would make it a misdemeanor for a member of a legislative body, while acting as the chairperson of a legislative body of a local agency, to prohibit public criticism protected under the Ralph M. Brown Act. This bill would authorize a district attorney or any interested person to commence an action for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that an action taken by a legislative body of a local agency in violation of the protection for public criticism is null and void, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

[AB 262](#) ([Waldron R](#)) **Local government: organization.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/7/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/7/2013

Status: 2/8/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 makes certain findings and declarations relating to local government organization, including, among other things, that it is the policy of the state to encourage orderly growth and development, and recognition that the logical formation and determination of the boundaries of local agencies is an important factor in promoting orderly development, as specified. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position: None at this time

Subject: CKH General Procedures

[SB 56](#) ([Roth D](#)) **Local government finance.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/7/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/7/2013

Status: 1/17/2013-Referred to Com. on RLS.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Would state the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would restore funding to cities that either were incorporated or annexed territory after 2004.

Position: Support

SB 181 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/6/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/6/2013

Status: 2/7/2013-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 9.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

This bill would enact the First Validating Act of 2013, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill contains other related provisions.

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AB 37 (Perea D) Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act: record of proceedings.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/3/2012 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/3/2012

Status: 1/14/2013-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Would require, until January 1, 2017, the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant, to, among other things, prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of negative declarations, mitigated negative declarations, EIRs, or other environmental documents for specified projects. Because the bill would require a lead agency to prepare the record of proceedings as provided, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

Subject: CEQA

[AB 69](#) ([Perea D](#)) **Groundwater: Nitrate at Risk Area Fund.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/10/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/10/2013

Status: 2/7/2013-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Would establish the Nitrate at Risk Area Fund, to be administered by the State Water Resources Control Board and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the fund would be available for the purposes of developing and implementing sustainable and affordable solutions for disadvantaged communities in specified areas designated by the State Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the board. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Water

[AB 115](#) ([Perea D](#)) **Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/14/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/14/2013

Status: 1/18/2013-Referred to Com. on E.S. & T.M.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Would authorize the State Department of Public Health to fund projects, by grant, loan, or a combination of the two, where multiple water systems apply for funding as a single applicant for the purpose of consolidating water systems or extending services to households relying on private wells, as specified. The bill would authorize funding of a project to benefit a disadvantaged community that is not the applying agency. By authorizing the use of a continuously appropriated fund for new purposes, this bill would make an appropriation. This bill contains other existing laws.

Position: None at this time

Subject: Water

[AB 168](#) ([Wilk R](#)) **Local government finance: vehicle license fee revenues: allocations.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/24/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/24/2013

Status: 1/25/2013-From printer. May be heard in committee February 24.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

Under existing law, the Controller is required to allocate vehicle license fee revenues in the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account according to a specified order, with moneys allocated on or after July 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2011, first to the County of Orange, next to each city and county meeting specified criteria,

and on or after July 1, 2011, to the Local Law Enforcement Services Account in the Local Revenue Fund, for allocation to cities, counties, and cities and counties. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Position: Watch

[SB 167](#) ([Gaines R](#)) **Environmental quality: California Environmental Quality Act.**

Current Text: Introduced: 2/4/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/4/2013

Status: 2/5/2013-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 7.

2Year	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary:

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency, as defined, to prepare, or cause to be prepared by contract, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on the environment, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Position: None at this time

Subject: CEQA

[SCA 11](#) ([Hancock D](#)) **Local government: special taxes: voter approval.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/25/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/25/2013

Status: 2/7/2013-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and E. & C.A.

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Summary:

The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the local government voting on that tax, and prohibits a local government from imposing an ad valorem tax on real property or a transactions tax or sales tax on the sale of real property. This measure would instead condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government upon the approval of 55% of the voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position: Watch

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[AB 203](#) ([Stone D](#)) **Coastal resources: coastal development permits: penalties.**

Current Text: Introduced: 1/30/2013 [pdf](#) [html](#)

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Status: 2/7/2013-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

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Summary:

Would prohibit the California Coastal Commission, with exceptions, from filing as complete, or acting upon, an application for a coastal development permit for a project on property that is subject to an existing violation case for which a violation notification letter has been sent, or a cease and desist order, restoration order, or notice of violation has been issued or recorded until the violation has been resolved. This bill would authorize the commission to file as complete an application for a coastal development permit for development on such a property if the violation is de minimis, as defined. This bill would prohibit the commission from taking action on the application until the de minimis violation has been resolved, as determined by the executive director.

Position: Placeholder - monitor