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Re:

- FIRE Legislative Report – Week Ending 01/20/2023

## Legislative Update

[Senate Bill 7 \(Blakespear\)](#) is an intent bill to reduce homelessness and promote regional housing needs.

[Senate Bill 38 \(Laird\)](#) is an intent bill to improve safety systems at battery storage facilities.

[Senate Bill 48 \(Becker\)](#) is an intent bill to create building performance standards for improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in w emissions of greenhouse gases in large buildings.

[Senate Bill 63 \(Ochoa Bogh\)](#) would establish two new programs to provide grant funding for counties pertaining to homelessness and mental health.

[Senate Bill 68 \(McGuire\)](#) is an intent bill on LAFCO.

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**FIRE Legislative Status Report**  
**Report Date: 1/20/2023**

**Building Permits/Standards**

[\*\*AB 42\*\*](#)

**(Ramos D) Tiny homes: fire sprinkler requirements.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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**Summary:** Current law prohibits a local agency from requiring an accessory dwelling unit to provide fire sprinklers, if they are not required for the primary residence. This bill would prohibit a local agency from imposing or enforcing any requirement to provide fire sprinklers for any dwelling with a total floor area of less than 500 square feet.

Position	Priority	Subject
		Building Permits/Standards

[\*\*SB 48\*\*](#)

**(Becker D) Building performance standards.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/5/2022 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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**Summary:** Would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact subsequent legislation to create building performance standards for improvements in energy efficiency and reductions in the emissions of greenhouse gases in large buildings, including measures to ensure that making the necessary investments to improve these buildings will improve equity and avoid displacement or increased energy burdens, especially in disadvantaged communities.

Position	Priority	Subject
		Building Permits/Standards

[\*\*SB 63\*\*](#)

**(Ochoa Bogh R) Homeless and Mental Health Court and Transitioning Home Grant Programs.**

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**Location:** 1/18/2023-S. PUB. S.

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**Summary:** Under current law, the Board of State and Community Corrections administers several grant programs, including a mentally ill offender crime reduction grant program, a medication-assisted treatment grant program, and a violence intervention and prevention grant program. This bill would establish two new grant programs until January 1, 2028: the Homeless and Mental Health Court Grant Program that would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, be administered by the Judicial Council and provide grants to counties for the purpose of establishing or expanding homeless courts and mental health courts, as specified; and the Transitioning Home Grant Program that would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, be administered by the board and provide grants to county sheriffs and jail administrators to fund programs aimed at reducing homelessness among inmates released from custody, as specified.

Position	Priority	Subject
		Building Permits/Standards, Homelessness

**Emergency Management/Planning (EM&P)**

**AB 225**

**(Grayson D) Real property: environmental hazards booklet.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/11/2023 [html](#) [pdf](#)

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**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Real Estate to develop a booklet to educate and inform consumers on, among other things, common environmental hazards that are located on, and affect, real property. Current law requires the types of common environmental hazards to include, but not be limited to, asbestos, radon gas, lead-based paint, formaldehyde, fuel and chemical storage tanks, and water and soil contamination. This bill would express the intent of the Legislature that when the booklet is next updated, as existing resources permit or as private resources are made available, it be updated to include 3 new sections on wildfires, climate change, and sea level rise, as specified. The bill would require the State Department of Public Health to seek the advice and assistance of departments within the Natural Resources Agency in the writing of the booklet, as specified.

**Position**                      **Priority**                      **Subject**  
 Emergency  
 Management/Planning  
 (EM&P)

**SB 57**

**(Gonzalez D) Utilities: extreme weather events.**

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**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to prohibit shutting off utility service during extreme weather events.

**Position**                      **Priority**                      **Subject**  
 Emergency  
 Management/Planning  
 (EM&P)

**Emergency Medical Services**

**AB 24**

**(Haney D) Emergency response: opioid antagonist kits.**

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**Summary:** would require a person or entity that owns, manages, or is responsible for a bar, gas station, public library, or single-room occupancy hotel in a county that is experiencing an opioid overdose crisis, as defined, to acquire and post an opioid antagonist kit, which includes an instructional poster and opioid antagonist nasal spray, in areas that are readily accessible only by employees, including, but not limited to, a break room, and to restock the opioid antagonist kit after each use. The bill would apply the provisions governing civil liability as specified to a person or entity that acquires and posts the opioid antagonist kit. Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the bill would require the department to provide opioid antagonist kits free of charge, to create the opioid antagonist poster with easy-to-understand instructions and graphics on the administration of the attached opioid antagonist nasal spray, and to make the determination on how best to allocate and distribute its limited supply of opioid antagonist among its various programs in the event of an opioid antagonist supply shortage. The bill would make a violation of these provisions a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, by imprisonment in jail for 6 months, or both.

**Position**                      **Priority**                      **Subject**  
 Emergency  
 Medical  
 Services

**AB 40**

**(Rodriguez D) Emergency medical services.**

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**Summary:** The Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act creates the Emergency Medical Services Authority, which is responsible for the coordination of various state activities concerning emergency medical services. Among other duties, current law requires the authority to develop planning and implementation guidelines for EMS systems, provide technical assistance to existing agencies, counties, and cities for the purpose of developing the components of EMS systems, and receive plans for the implementation of EMS and trauma care systems from local EMS agencies. Current law makes a violation of the act or regulations adopted pursuant to the act punishable as a misdemeanor. This bill would require the authority to develop an electronic signature for use between the emergency department medical personnel at a receiving facility and the transporting emergency medical personnel that captures the points in time when the hospital receives notification of ambulance arrival and when transfer of care is executed for documentation of ambulance patient offload time, as defined. The bill would require the authority to develop a statewide standard of 20 minutes, 90% of the time, for ambulance patient offload time.

**Position** **Priority** **Subject**  
 Emergency Medical Services

**AB 55**

**(Rodriguez D) Emergency medical services.**

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**Summary:** Current law requires, with exceptions, that the reimbursement to emergency medical transport providers for emergency medical transports, as defined, be increased by application of an add-on to the associated Medi-Cal fee-for-service payment schedule. Current law requires that the add-on increase be calculated on or before June 15, 2018, and remain the same for later state fiscal years, to the extent the department determines federal financial participation is available and is not otherwise jeopardized. Under current law, the resulting fee-for-service payment schedule amounts are equal to the sum of the Medi-Cal fee-for-service payment schedule amount for the 2015-16 state fiscal year and the add-on increase. This bill would set the Medi-Cal fee-for-service reimbursement rate for emergency medical transports at \$350 per transport. Under the bill, the resulting fee-for-service payment schedule amounts would instead be equal to the sum of the Medi-Cal fee-for-service payment schedule amount, based on the \$350 rate, and the add-on increase.

**Position** **Priority** **Subject**  
 Emergency Medical Services

**AB 70**

**(Rodriguez D) Emergency response: trauma kits.**

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**Summary:** Current law requires the person or entity responsible for managing the building, facility, and tenants of certain occupied structures, including those that are owned or operated by a local government entity, and that are constructed on or after January 1, 2023, to comply with certain requirements, including acquiring and placing at least 6 trauma kits on the premises, as specified. This bill would apply the trauma kit requirement to certain structures that are constructed prior to January 1, 2023, and subject to subsequent modifications, renovations, or tenant improvements, as specified.

**Position** **Priority** **Subject**  
 Emergency Medical Services

**AB 71**

**(Rodriguez D) Pupil instruction: bleeding control.**

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**Summary:** Would require, commencing with the 2025–26 school year, the governing board of a school district or the governing body of a charter school that requires a course in health education for graduation from high school to include in that course instruction in bleeding control, as provided. The bill would require the State Department of Education to provide guidance on how to implement these provisions, including, but not limited to, who may provide instruction. The bill would provide that a local agency, entity of state or local government, or other public or private organization that sponsors, authorizes, supports, finances, or supervises, and a public employee who provides or facilitates, the instruction of pupils in bleeding control pursuant to the bill shall not be liable for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions of an individual who received such instruction, except as provided.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Emergency Medical Services

**SB 35**

**(Umberg D) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.**

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**Summary:** The Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, effective January 1, 2023, authorizes specified adult persons to petition a civil court to create a voluntary CARE agreement or a court-ordered CARE plan and implement services, to be provided by county behavioral health agencies, to provide behavioral health care, including stabilization medication, housing, and other enumerated services, to adults who are currently experiencing a severe mental illness and have a diagnosis identified in the disorder class schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, and who meet other specified criteria. Current law authorizes CARE Act proceedings to commence in the county where the respondent resides, is found, or is facing criminal or civil proceedings. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Emergency Medical Services

**SB 67**

**(Seyarto R) Controlled substances: overdose reporting.**

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**Summary:** Would require an emergency medical services provider who treats and releases or transports an individual to a medical facility who is experiencing a suspected or an actual overdose to report the incident to the Emergency Medical Services Authority. The bill requires the authority to report the data gathered pursuant to the bill to the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program managed by the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Emergency Medical Services

**Fire Prevention/Mitigation (FP&M)**

**(Connolly D) State highways: vegetation management: herbicides and pesticides.**

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**Summary:** Current law prohibits each state agency that has responsibility for roadside vegetation control operations on, or along, a roadway, including a state highway, from conducting a roadside vegetation control operation on a portion of the roadway for which a property owner has made a request for information related to the roadside vegetation control operation until certain conditions are satisfied, as specified. This bill would require the Department of Transportation to develop and adopt a statewide policy to discontinue roadside spraying of herbicides and synthetic pesticides in each county where the county board of supervisors has adopted a resolution that opposes the spraying of herbicides and synthetic pesticides in the county, except where no alternative vegetation management practice is feasible or during a state of emergency relating to wildfire if the spraying is solely for purposes of preventing, combating, or mitigating the risk of wildfire.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Fire Prevention/Mitigation (FP&M)

**Funding/Bonds**

**(Alanis R) Public resources: Water and Wildfire Resiliency Act of 2023.**

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**Summary:** Would establish the Water and Wildfire Resiliency Fund within the State Treasury, and would require the Treasurer to annually transfer an amount equal to 3% of all state revenues that may be appropriated as described from the General Fund to the Water and Wildfire Resiliency Fund. The measure would require the moneys in the fund to be appropriated by the Legislature and would require that 50% of the moneys in the fund be used for water projects, as specified, and that the other 50% of the moneys in the fund be used for forest maintenance and health projects, as specified.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Funding/Bonds

**Hazardous Materials/Safety Requirements (HM&SR)**

**(Laird D) Battery storage facilities: safety systems.**

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**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation to address the need for better safety systems at battery storage facilities.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Hazardous Materials/Safety Requirements (HM&SR)

**Homelessness**

**AB 86**

**(Jones-Sawyer D) Homelessness: lead entity.**

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**Summary:** Current law requires the Council on Homelessness to, among other things, identify mainstream resources, benefits, and services that can be accessed to prevent and end homelessness in California and promote systems integration to increase efficiency and effectiveness to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a single entity to serve as the lead for ending homelessness, who would perform specified duties.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Homelessness

**SB 7**

**(Blakespear D) Homelessness.**

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**Summary:** Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation regarding homelessness and the regional housing needs allocation.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Homelessness

**SB 63**

**(Ochoa Bogh R) Homeless and Mental Health Court and Transitioning Home Grant Programs.**

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**Summary:** Under current law, the Board of State and Community Corrections administers several grant programs, including a mentally ill offender crime reduction grant program, a medication-assisted treatment grant program, and a violence intervention and prevention grant program. This bill would establish two new grant programs until January 1, 2028: the Homeless and Mental Health Court Grant Program that would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, be administered by the Judicial Council and provide grants to counties for the purpose of establishing or expanding homeless courts and mental health courts, as specified; and the Transitioning Home Grant Program that would, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, be administered by the board and provide grants to county sheriffs and jail administrators to fund programs aimed at reducing homelessness among inmates released from custody, as specified.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Priority</b>	<b>Subject</b>
		Building Permits/Standards, Homelessness

**Local Government**

**AB 34**

**(Valencia D) Elections: independent redistricting commissions.**

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**Summary:** Current law defines "independent redistricting commission" to mean a body, other than a legislative body, that is empowered to adopt the district boundaries of a legislative body. Current law

permits a local jurisdiction to establish an independent redistricting commission to change the legislative body's district boundaries. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish an independent redistricting commission in the County of Orange.

**Position** **Priority** **Subject**  
 Local  
 Government

**ACA 1** **(Aguiar-Curry D) Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.**

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**Summary:** The California Constitution prohibits the ad valorem tax rate on real property from exceeding 1% of the full cash value of the property, subject to certain exceptions. This measure would create an additional exception to the 1% limit that would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district to levy an ad valorem tax to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of public infrastructure, affordable housing, or permanent supportive housing, or the acquisition or lease of real property for those purposes, if the proposition proposing that tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, or city and county, as applicable, and the proposition includes specified accountability requirements. The measure would specify that these provisions apply to any city, county, city and county, or special district measure imposing an ad valorem tax to pay the interest and redemption charges on bonded indebtedness for these purposes that is submitted at the same election as this measure.

**Position** **Priority** **Subject**  
 Local  
 Government

**SB 68** **(McGuire D) Local government.**

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**Summary:** Current law provides for the formation and powers of various local governments, including counties and cities. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the sole and exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to local government.

**Position** **Priority** **Subject**  
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 Government

**Total Measures: 21**  
**Total Tracking Forms: 21**