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San Bernardino County Legislative Activity Report

This week' legislative advocacy updates – Please find a brief description below of the letters that the County Administrative Office distributed during the Week of July 2, 2012.

- [AB 1585 \(Perez\)](#) would re-appropriate \$50 million of Proposition 1C bond funds to the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and the Transit-Oriented Development Program.
- [SB 1544 \(Hernandez\)](#) would provide disaster loss treatment to taxpayers in the Counties of San Bernardino and Los Angeles affected by the serve winds in 2011.
- [H.R. 3125 \(Campbell\)](#) would reduce the cost of earthquake insurance by creating a limited federal loan guarantee from post-event bonds.
- [H.R. 4144 \(Baca\)](#) would allow community development corporations and non-profit organizations to access funding from the State Small Business Council Credit Initiative for the acquisition, construction, renovation and maintenance of affordable housing projects.
- [S. 637 \(Feinstein\)](#) would reduce the cost of earthquake insurance by creating a limited federal loan guarantee from post-event bonds. This measure is the companion bill to Congressman Campbell's H.R. 3125.
- A [coalition letter](#) was distributed to delegation members regarding their recent actions to protect the redevelopment pass-through agreements threatened in the 2012-13 State Budget.

Recent County legislative advocacy updates - With July 6 being the last day for policy committees to hear and report bills, please find a status of county advocacy legislation that were either heard in committee or voted on in the Assembly or Senate this week below.

- **County Supported AB 890 (Olsen)**, which was amended on January 1, 2013, would exempt certain public works projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), such as repair, maintenance, and minor alterations of existing roadways; provided that the project is initiated by a city or county to improve public safety, does not cross a waterway, and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use, passed the Senate Environmental Quality committee on a 6-1 vote on July 2, 2012.

The measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriations committee

- **County Opposed AB 904 (Skinner)**, which was amended on June 27, 2012, would prohibit a county from requiring a minimum number of off-street parking spaces sufficient to address the individual community conditions beyond the prescriptive standards set forth in the bill. This bill is a “gut and amended” and contains several similar provisions to a bill that failed passage on the Senate floor last year.

The measure was scheduled to be heard in Senate Governance and Finance committee on July 3, 2012. However, the author requested that the item be pulled prior to the hearing.

- **County Supported AB 1585 (Perez)**, which was amended on June 25, 2012, would re-appropriate \$50 million of Proposition 1C bond funds to the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program and the Transit-Oriented

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Development Program, passed the Senate Transportation and Housing committee on a 8-1 vote on July 3, 2012.

The measure now proceeds to the Senate Appropriation committee.

- **County Supported AB 1623 (Yamada)**, which was amended on June 26, 2012, would extend the authority of a county board of supervisor to charge fees to recover the costs of the county sealer, from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2018. Current law requires the county sealer to inspect and test weighing devices that are used commercially in the county to weigh or measure goods to determine whether the transaction is in the amount represented. AB 1623 is sponsored by the California Agricultural Commissioners and Sealers Association and has no registered opposition.

The measure failed in Senate Business and Professions on July 2, 2012.

- **County Sponsored AB 2146 (Cook)**, which was amended on May 7, 2012, would authorize the County of San Bernardino to contract with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to enforce the County's campaign finance ordinance, passed the Senate Appropriation Committee on a 7-0 vote on July 2, 2012.

The measure is scheduled to be heard on the Senate floor on July 6, 2012.

- **County Sponsored SB 1245 (McLeod)**, which was amended on June 26, 2012, would improve the ability of county child welfare services to protect seriously abused children, passed the Senate floor on a 38-0 vote on July 2, 2012.

The measure now proceeds to the Assembly.

- **County Supported SB 1186 (Steinberg)**, which was amended on June 20, 2012, would allow property owners a remediation period to comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and California's special access laws before a lawsuit can be filed relating to access for Californians' special needs, passed the Assembly Judiciary committee on a 10-0 vote on July 3, 2012.

The measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations committee.

- **County Supported AB 1712 (Beall)**, which was amended on June 21, 2012, would provide additional clean-up to the California Fostering Connections Act of 2010 and clear the way for full implementation, passed the Senate Human Service committee on a 5-0 vote. The County supported the original legislation, AB 12 which paved the path for California to draw down newly-available federal funds to provide enhanced support for relative caregivers and foster youth from age 18 to 21.

The measure passed the Senate Judiciary committee on a 4-0 vote on July 2, 2012 and now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriation committee.