

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES
TO
BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**REGARDING ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE 2010 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS
CODE, TITLE 24, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR), PARTS 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in TITLE 24,
CCR, PART 11, CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE**

HEALTH FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 11. The OSHPD is proposing building standards related to health facilities construction.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The California Building Standards Commission on behalf of [STATE AGENCY NAME] will hold a public hearing at [TIME], on [DATE] at [ADDRESS], during which time any person may present statements or arguments relevant to the proposed regulatory action summarized below.

Written comments will be accepted by the California Building Standards Commission regarding the proposed changes from [DATE] until [TIME] on [DATE].

Please address your comments to:

California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Attention: Dave Walls, Executive Director

Written Comments may also be faxed to (916) 263-0959 or E-mailed to CBSC@dgs.ca.gov.

OR

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from [DATE], until [TIME] on [DATE]. Please address your comments to:

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.5 (a) 17, any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, that a public hearing be held.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Following the public comment period, the CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be

made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The California Building Standards Commission proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18949.3. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 1275, 129790, 129850. The OSHPD is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Section 129850 and Government 11152.5.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code Section 1226 authorizes the Office to prescribe, in consultation with the Community Clinics Advisory Committee, minimum building standards for the physical plant of clinics, for adoption in the California Building Standards Code.

Health and Safety Code, Section 1275 authorizes OSHPD to adopt and enforce building standards for the physical plant of health facilities including hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and correctional treatment centers.

Health and Safety Code, Section 129790 authorizes OSHPD to propose building standards for correctional treatment centers in cooperation with the Department of Corrections, Board of Corrections and Department of Youth Authority.

Health and Safety Code, Section 129850 authorizes OSHPD to propose building standards, as necessary to effectively carry out the provisions of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act.

Government Code, Section 11152.5 authorizes a state department to adopt regulations pursuant to the Government Code. Regulations with are building standards, must be adopted pursuant to State Building Standards Law of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 18901).

Summary of Existing Regulations

The 2008 edition of the California Green Building Code (CGBC), Title 24, Part 11 is the first edition of this new code which will become effective August 1, 2009. The CGBC contains optional green building measures that may be applied to hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.

Summary of Effect

OSHPD proposes to adopt the 2010 California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 11 and carry forward existing optional measures that are applicable to hospital and skilled nursing facilities. OSHPD is also proposing to adopt specific standards from the 2008 Building Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings, California Energy Commission, December 2008, CEC-400-2008-001-CMF for incorporation into the 2010 CGBC. Currently, hospitals and skilled nursing facilities are not required to meet energy efficiency requirements of Title 24, Part 6, California Energy Code. The proposed energy efficiency standards would be voluntary measures that would be applicable to these health facilities.

Adoption of these optional green building measures will help establish California as a leader in the efforts to reduce green house gas emissions and will assist in the efforts to meet the Governor's green house emissions reduction targets established in Executive Order S-03-05.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no comparable federal statutes or regulations that address the requirements of this proposal.

Policy Statement Overview

OSHPD proposes to adopt optional building standards for the design and construction of hospitals and skilled nursing facilities.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

There are no other matters to identify.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

OSHPD has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **No**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7(commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **No**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **No**

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

OSHPD has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal) of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with business in other states.

DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE

OSHPD has not relied on any other facts evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence to make its initial determination of no statewide adverse economic impact. The proposed regulations are technical and editorial amendments that will provide clarification and consistency with nationally recognized standards and statute.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

A report pursuant to Government Code § 11346.3(c) is not required by the proposed regulations.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

OSHPD is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

The OSHPD has assessed whether or not and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

- The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
The proposed action would have no effect on the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
- The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
The propose action would have no effect on the creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
- The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.
The proposed action would have no effect on the expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

OSHPD has made a determination that this proposal would not have a significant effect on housing costs.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

OSHPD must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the state agency or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the California Building Standards Commission website:

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/>

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or at the California Building Standards Commission website.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

**[Insert name of assigned CBSC staff person and back-up person]
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833**

Telephone No.: (916) 263-0916

Facsimile No.: (916) 263-0959

PROPOSING STATE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND/OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING STANDARDS

Specific questions regarding the substantive and/or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Duane F. Borba, Acting Deputy Division Chief
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