

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION (CBSC)

REGARDING INTERVENING CYCLE AMENDMENTS TO THE
2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE (CBC), TITLE 24, PART 2

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action:

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE, PROBLEM, RATIONALE and BENEFITS:

- **Add in Code Development Committee Responsibilities from the 2012 International Building Code (IBC), and rearrange the front end of the code.**

The specific purpose of this action is to add in the international code development committee references to the preface of the 2013 California Building Code for clarity. Several building officials and code users have called CBSC asking the meaning of the letter designations in front of some sections. CBSC is including the IBC legend for reference and clarity for the code user. In addition CBSC proposes to rearrange some of the preface pages for clarity and consistency with the California Fire Code, Title 24, Part 9.

The specific rationale and benefit for this action is to meet the requirements of Health and Safety Code (H & SC) §§18928 and 18934.5, which assures that the latest building regulations are implemented for occupancies under CBSC's authority. It also meets criteria (7), incorporation of model codes, of H & SC §18930(a), and clarifies administrative provisions for occupancies under the authority of state agencies and those under the authority of local jurisdictions. It is justified by criteria (1), reduction of conflict, and (3), in the public interest, of H & SC 18930(a).

- **Chapter 19-Concrete, Section 1905.9.1**

The specific purpose, rationale and benefit of this amendment is to adopt Section 1905.1.9 as amended by HCD and DSA-SS/CC for consistency and uniformity. The amendment, which was developed by DSA-SS/CC, was co-adopted by HCD in response to a request from the Structural Design/Lateral Forces Code Advisory Committee to provide consistency with ACI 318-11. CBSC intended to adopt the ACI 318 amendment during the 2012 triennial cycle, but the language was not included in the express terms. CBSC proposed to adopt this amendment during the intervening cycle. Although Chapter 35 of the 2012 IBC references ACI 318-11, the text in Chapter 19 of the 2012 IBC erroneously reflects modifications to ACI 318-08. The proposed amendment is necessary to keep the 2013 CBC consistent with ACI 318-11.

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS:

There were no formal studies or reports used as the basis for the proposed amendment to the California Building Code.

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS:

The proposed administrative changes do not mandate any specific technologies or equipment and do not require any prescriptive standards.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternatives were considered because the proposed changes are administrative in nature, consistent with interested party input and are driven by statute.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS.

No alternatives were identified that would lessen any adverse impact on small business. Small businesses will not have an adverse impact due to this amendment.

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON BUSINESS.

CBSC did not identify facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make an initial determination of significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE, ESTIMATED POTENTIAL BENEFITS, AND RELATED ASSUMPTIONS USED FOR BUILDING STANDARDS

CBSC did not identify any costs to comply with the proposed amendments. The amendments provide clarity and regulatory constancy for the code user.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

There are no federal regulations concerning state agency adoption and amendment of model codes. Those provisions are found in H & SC §§18928 and 18929.1.