

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION  
TO  
BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE  
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT - STRUCTURAL SAFETY (DSA-SS)**

**REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of Division of the State Architect (DSA) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish administrative standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1.

The Division of the State Architect is proposing to amend administrative standards applicable to the structural design of public elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, and state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted by the California Building Standards Commission regarding the proposed changes from October 2, 2009 until 5:00 pm on November 16, 2009.

Please address your comments to:

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

Written comments may also be faxed to (916) 263-0959, or E-mailed to [CBSC@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:CBSC@dgs.ca.gov).

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 administrative 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 administrative 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 modification.

**AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

The California Building Standards Commission proposes to adopt these administrative standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18930 and 18949.1. The purpose of these administrative standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Health & Safety Code Sections 16000-16023, and Education Code Sections 17280-17317 and 81130-81147. The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Health & Safety Code Section 16022, and Education Code Sections 17310 and 81142.

## **INFORMATIVE DIGEST**

### **Summary of Existing Laws**

Section 16023 of the Health & Safety Code authorizes the State Architect to establish administrative standards for state-owned and state-leased essential services buildings.

Sections 17310 and 81142 of the Education Code authorize the State Architect to establish administrative standards for public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges.

### **Summary of Existing Regulations**

Existing administrative standards which prescribe administrative requirements for building design and construction of state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings, public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges are promulgated by the Division of the State Architect. These regulations are contained in Title 24, Part 1.

### **Summary of Effect**

The proposed action would make primarily editorial revisions and clarifications to existing provisions within Title 24, Part 1. Proposed changes also include provisions that would require seismic evaluation and retrofit as may be required for existing public school buildings located in high seismic regions and for which substantial alterations or renovations are proposed and state funds are used.

Project inspector disciplinary provisions, including an appeal process are also proposed.

### **Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations**

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

### **Policy Statement Overview**

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain administrative regulations in conformance with current state law and other Parts of Title 24.

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

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the Division of the State Architect, or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

## **MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The Division of the State Architect has determined that this 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: **NONE**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NONE**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NONE**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **NONE**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NONE**

## **INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES**

The Division of the State Architect has made an initial determination that this proposed regulatory action 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**

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence has been relied upon to support the initial determination of no effect.

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

The proposed regulatory action does not require a report by any business or agency, so the Division of the State Architect has not made a finding of necessity for public's health, safety or welfare.

### **COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS**

The Division of the State Architect is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this proposed regulatory action.

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

The Division of the State Architect has assessed whether or not, and to what extent, this proposed regulatory action will affect the following:

- The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.  
The Division of the State Architect has determined that this proposed action has no effect.
- The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.  
The Division of the State Architect has determined that this proposed action has no effect.
- The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.  
The Division of the State Architect has determined that this proposed action has no effect.

### **INITIAL DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS**

The Division of the State Architect has made an initial determination that this proposed regulatory action WOULD NOT have a significant effect on housing costs. The CBSC contact designated below will make the Division of the State Architect's evaluation of the effect of the proposed regulatory action on housing costs available upon request.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by DSA or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which this action is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than this 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 PERSONS**

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

**Tom Morrison, Deputy Executive Director**  
**Tom.Morrison@dgs.ca.gov**

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

**Jane Taylor, Senior Architect**  
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**Sacramento, CA 95833**  
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**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:

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