

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

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
AND
CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PARTS 1 & 2**

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, Parts 1 & 2. The OSHPD is proposing building standards related to the adoption of the 2016 California Administrative Code and the adoption of the 2015 International Building Code for incorporation into the 2016 California Building Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from September 11, 2015 until 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2015. Please address your comments to:

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

Written Comments may also be faxed to (916) 263-0959 or E-mailed to 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 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 18949.3. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 129850.

The OSHPD is proposing this regulatory action based on Health and Safety Code Sections 1226, 1275, 18928, 18929, 129790 and 129850 and Government Code Section 11152.5.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

An informative digest drafted in plain English in a format similar to the Legislative Counsel's Digest shall include the following:

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 the Office 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 18928 authorizes state agencies to adopt the most recent edition of model code, as amended or proposed to be amended by the agency, within one year of the publication date of that model code.

Health and Safety Code Section 18929 mandates that building standards or administrative regulations that directly apply to the implementation or enforcement of building standards must be submitted by the adopting agency to the California Building Standards Commission for the Commission's approval and must be adopted pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18930 and the Government Code (commencing with Section 11346).

Health and Safety Code Section 129790 authorizes the Office 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 the Office to propose building standards, as necessary, in order to carry out the requirements of the Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act. The Office is also authorized to submit to the California Building Standards Commission for approval and adoption of building standards related to the seismic safety of hospital buildings.

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

Summary of Existing Regulations

OSHPD currently enforces the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, 2013 California Administrative Code (CAC) and Part 2, 2013 California Building Code (CBC), which is based on the 2012 International Building Code with California amendments. OSHPD enforces requirements related to the construction of hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers. Requirements governing the structural design and construction of OSHPD regulated health facilities are currently found in Volumes 1 & 2 of the 2013 CBC.

Summary of Effect

The purpose of this proposed action is to: 1) make technical amendments to Title 24, Part 1 by introducing a new structural performance category SPC-4D for general acute care hospital buildings, and 2) adopt the 2015 International Building Code (IBC), by amendments, into the Title 24, Part 2, 2016 CBC, carry forward existing California amendments related to the structural design of health facilities and propose new amendments. The proposed amendments will:

Part 1

Make technical amendments by introducing a new structural performance category SPC-4D for general acute care hospital buildings and minor editorial changes for consistency with 2016 Title 24, Part 2, CBC.

Part 2, Volume 1

Add definitions in Chapter 2, for consistency with new format of IBC 2015, and carry forward existing amendments in Chapter 1, 14, and 15.

Part 2, Volume 2

Technical amendments to the requirements in various sections of Chapters 16, 16A, 17, 17A, 18, 18A, 19, 19A, 20, 21A, 22A, 23, 24, 25, 34A, 35, Appendix J, and Appendix L; will repeal redundant, outdated or conflicting requirements, provide clarity and provide consistency within the code.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

These regulations do not duplicate or conflict with federal statute or regulation.

Policy Statement Overview

The intent of this proposal is to amend the administrative regulations, as necessary, and to adopt the most recent model code requirements for health facility construction, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18928. The OSHPD is responsible for the development of regulations regarding the physical plant for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers. Additionally, OSHPD is responsible for amending model code requirements for these health facilities, as necessary.

Evaluation of consistency

The proposed regulation is consistent and compatible with existing state regulations.

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

The 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**

Estimate: None.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

The OSHPD has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/peal of these regulations, as proposed, 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

The 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 scope of the proposed action is to make technical amendments to the administrative regulations and to adopt the most recent model code pursuant to statutory requirements and to carry forward existing California amendments from the 2013 California Building Code.

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

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

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

The 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.**

There will be no positive or adverse impact.

- **The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.**

There will be no positive or adverse impact.

- **The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.**

There will be no significant positive or adverse impact. However, new regulation will encourage some hospitals to upgrade their existing building, thereby creating business opportunities for construction industry.

- **The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.**

There will be no significant positive or adverse impact. New code will promote safer building design and encourage upgrade of general acute care hospital buildings, so that they will remain safe and functional following major earthquake as required by statute.

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS

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

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Proposal does not impact housing cost, since regulations does not cover housing. Housing is outside OSHPD jurisdiction.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The OSHPD has determined 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 and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

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.

Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21) states that OSHPD shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law and that providing the description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

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

Michael Nearman, Deputy Executive Director

or

Mia Marvelli, Associate Architect
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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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