

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR  
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE  
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
  
REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2, VOLUME 1**

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that every agency shall maintain a file of each rulemaking that shall be deemed to be the record for that rulemaking proceeding. The rulemaking file shall include a final statement of reasons. The Final Statement of Reasons shall be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following are the reasons for proposing this particular rulemaking action:

**UPDATES TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) finds that no revisions have been made which would warrant a change to the initial statement of reasons for the proposed actions identified below:

OSHPD is mandated to adopt the most recent edition of model code, as amended by the Office, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18928. This proposed rulemaking represents OSHPD's proposal to adopt the 2015 International Building Code published by the International Code Council carrying forward existing California amendments into the 2016 California Building Code. It was also necessary to propose editorial and minor technical modifications to the existing requirements for clarification and consistency within the code as identified below.

Specific amendments are as follows:

**Section [A] 101.4.6 Energy** - Delete the exception of OSHPD 1, 2, & 4 from the provisions of the *California Energy Code*.

The *California Energy Code* excludes Group I Occupancies from the Application and Scope of the *California Energy Code*. The exemption included in *California Building Code* Section 101.4.6 is overly broad, and it is not aligned with "Occupancy Classification" as referenced in the *California Energy Code*.

**Section 1210.2 Finish materials** - Language is added to provide guidance to specific additional requirements regarding toilet and bathroom facilities in OSHPD 1, 2, 3 & 4 health facilities.

**SECTION 1224 [OSHPD 1] HOSPITALS**

**Section 1224.4.1 Services/systems and utilities** – Revised to acknowledge relocation of requirements for OSHPD 2 away from Chapter 34A.

**Section 1224.2 Application** – Revised to align with Section [A] 101.4.6 Energy, discussed above. Added exception 2 to clarify application to change in function and renumbered subsequent exceptions.

**Section 1224.3 Definitions** - Add the definitions for "*CHANGE IN FUNCTION*" "*CLEAR DIMENSION*"; "*HYBRID OPERATING ROOM*"; location terminology including "*In*," "*DIRECTLY ACCESSIBLE*," "*ADJACENT*," "*IMMEDIATELY ACCESSIBLE*," and "*READILY ACCESSIBLE*";

*PATIENT CARE LOCATIONS* including “BAY,” “CUBICLE,” and “PATIENT CARE STATION”; and “ROOM.”

The added terms are intended for clarity and consistency, and provide alignment with terms defined in the national standards published as *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.4 General Construction** - Relocate Section 1224.14.2.1 “*Administrative center(s) or nurse station(s)*” to new Section 1224.4.4.2; Section 1224.14.2.8 “*Medication station*” to new Section 1224.4.4.4; Section 1224.14.2.10 “*Nourishment area or room*” to new Section 1224.4.4.5; Section 1224.14.2.6 “*Clean utility room*” to new Section 1224.4.4.6; Section 1224.14.2.7 “*Soiled workroom or soiled holding room*” to new Section 1224.4.4.7; all with minor editorial amendments. Amend Section 1224.4.4 “*Support areas for patients*” with clarifying language that the relocated sections are applicable to service spaces that reference them. Amend Section 1224.4.5 “*Outpatient waiting rooms*” to align with defined location terminology added to “*Definitions*.” Amend Section 1224.4.6.3 “*Hyperbaric facilities*” to refer to new Section 1224.39.5 and update Table 1224.4.6.1 to included station outlets for Endoscopy Procedure Rooms, Interventional Imaging Procedure Rooms, Hyperbaric Suites and Electroconvulsive Therapy Procedure Rooms. Update Table 1224.4.6.5 to include nurse call devices for the procedure rooms added under these amendments and reorganize for alignment with *FGI Guidelines*. Add sub-section 1224.4.8 “*Departmental boundaries*” describing departmental boundaries for clarification. Amend the Exception to Section 1224.4.9 relative to requirements associated with NICU units for minimum area of glazing and reference additional NICU specific window requirements. Relocate Section 1224.5 “*Noise Control*” and associated table to new Section 1224.4.19.

Five of the relocated sections had been located in Section 1224.14 “*Nursing Service Space*.” Many other basic and supplemental service spaces required these same spaces and elements, and this resulted in reference to the descriptions and requirements in “*Nursing Service Space*.” In order to facilitate a more direct reference, these spaces and elements have been moved to “*General Construction*” which is an appropriate section. The amended section and relocated sections are intended for clarity and consistency.

**Section 1224.14 Nursing service space** – Amend Sections 1224.14.2.1, 1224.14.2.4, 1224.14.2.6, 1224.14.2.7, 1224.14.2.8, and 1224.14.2.10 to reference the requirements relocated to Section 1224.4. “*General Construction*.” Amend Sections 1224.14.1.6, 1224.14.2.14, 1224.14.2.15, and 1224.14.3.6 to align with defined location terminology added to “*Definitions*.”

**Section 1224.15 Surgical service space** - Relocate the description as a new sub-section 1224.15.1 “*General*,” and amend the section to include a direct relationship to the anesthesia/recovery space in Section 1224.16. Subsequent sections are re-numbered accordingly.

The amended section is intended to provide clarity relative to the direct relationship between the surgical service space and the associated recovery space.

**Section 1224.15.1.1 1224.15.2.1 General operating rooms and Section 1224.15.1.2 1224.15.2.2 Surgical cystoscopic and other endo-urologic procedures** - Delete the second exception relative to shelled space.

The exception was included under the 2007 *California Building Code* to provide relief to facilities that were constructed under the preceding 2001 *California Building Code* (or earlier codes), and had “shelled” space for future development as a procedure room for surgical endoscopy. The intention was that this relief would eventually “sunset.” The remaining “shelled space” still in existence today is expected to be negligible. The exception for renovation of existing operating rooms and procedure rooms remains in effect.

**Section 1224.15.3.3 Sub-sterile areas** – Clarified language relative to location of sub-sterile areas with respect to operating rooms.

The amended section is intended to provide clarity relative to the direct relationship between the surgical service space and associated sub-sterile areas.

**Section 1224.15.3.4 Medication station** - Revised Section 1224.15.3.4 to refer to requirements relocated to Section 1224.4.4.4.

**Section 1224.16 Anesthesia service space** - Revise the structure of Section 1224.16 to include sub-sections. Relocate Section 1224.15.2 “*Preoperative patient care*” to new Section 1224.16.2; portions of Section 1224.16.1 “*Post-anesthetic care units (PACU)*” to new sub-section 1224.16.3; and provide reference to the new sections in 1224.4 “*General Construction*” relative to required support spaces within the Anesthesia/Recovery Service Space.

The restructured section is intended to provide clarity relative to the direct relationship between the surgical service space and the associated recovery space, and to provide consistency with other service space sections.

**Section 1224.18 Radiological/diagnostic imaging service space** - Amend Section 1224.18 with general clarifying language associated with the imaging service space. Amend Section 1224.18.1 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions*.” Amend Section 1224.18.2.1 “*Interventional angiography procedures*,” and add Section 1224.18.3.2 “*Intraoperative computerized tomography*,” and Section 1224.18.4.6 “*Intraoperative magnetic resonance imaging*,” with reference to new Section 1224.28.5 “*Hybrid operating room(s)*.”

The amended sections and new sections in Section 1224.18 “*Radiological/Diagnostic Imaging Service Space*” are in support of new Section 1224.28.5 “*Hybrid operating room(s)*” and provide reference to this Section when interventional procedures are performed with intraoperative assistance of imaging equipment.

**Section 1224.19 Pharmaceutical service space** - Amend Section 1224.19.1.2 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions*.”

**Section 1224.20 Dietetic service space** - Amend Sections 1224.20.2.3 “*Storage*,” 1224.20.2.6 “*Assembly and distribution*,” 1224.20.2.12 “*Waste storage room*,” and 1224.20.2.15 “*Toilet rooms and locker spaces*” to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions*.”

**Section 1224.23.1 General storage** - Amend this section to clarify the location of storage space in relation to accessibility to connecting corridors.

The amended language is necessary for consistency with the new defined terms for locations in Section 1224.3.

**Section 1224.28.1 Cardiovascular and other special procedures** - Amend Section 1224.28.1 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions*.”

**Section 1224.28.2.1.1 Emergency response space** – Add new sub-section 1224.28.2.1.1 “*Emergency response space*” under Section 1224.28.2.1 “*Procedure room*” associated with cardiac catheterization. The sub-section addresses dedicated space and equipment for emergency resuscitation and stabilization when electrophysiology studies are performed. The language provides alignment with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.28.4 Interventional imaging** - Add new Section 1224.28.4 “*Interventional imaging*” under Section 1224.28 “*Supplemental Surgery and Special Procedure Service Space*,” including multiple sub-sections relative to general space requirements, pre-procedure and recovery,

reference to Section 1224.28.5 for iMRI procedures, requirements for associated control rooms, and reference to “General Construction” for support areas, and provides alignment with *FGI Guidelines*.

Image-guided interventional procedures have unique requirements for infection control, materials and supply distribution, and controlled circulation and safety, that differ from those of general diagnostic imaging procedures. The new section provides requirements associated with the use of imaging modalities for interventional therapeutic use.

**Section 1224.28.5 Hybrid operating room(s)** - Add new Section 1224.28.5. “*Hybrid operating room(s)*” under Section 1224.28 “*Supplemental Surgery Services*,” including multiple sub-sections.

The new section provides requirements associated with the use of interventional radiology/imaging modalities before, during, and after invasive procedures. These rooms need to respond to both the sterile environment of an operating room and the space, control, and support of the imaging equipment to be used. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.28.5.1 Space requirements** - New Section 1224.28.5.1 provides minimum space requirements in any hybrid operating room to accommodate increased staff and imaging monitors unless the specific imaging equipment requires additional space.

The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.28.5.2 Control room** - New Section 1224.28.5.2 provides minimum requirements for control rooms associated with the imaging system unless the specific imaging equipment requires additional requirements.

The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.28.5.4 Radiation protection** - New Section 1224.28.5.4 provides reference back to radiation protection requirements in Section 1224.18.1.1 “*Radiation protection*” under Section 1224.18 “*Radiological/Diagnostic Imaging Service Space*.”

The reference is in alignment with current radiation protection associated with radiological imaging equipment.

**Section 1224.28.5.5 Requirements for specific types of hybrid operating rooms** - New Section 1224.28.5.5 provides references to unique requirements associated with each of the three specific imaging modalities found in Sections 1224.18 “*Radiological/Diagnostic Imaging Service Space*,” and those added to 1224.28.5 “*Hybrid operating room(s)*.”

This section is added to reference unique requirements associated with Computerized Tomography, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, and Vascular Imaging, as three common imaging modalities for hybrid operating rooms. The section also provides alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.28.6 Electroconvulsive therapy** - New Section 1224.28.6, including multiple sub-sections, provide minimum requirements for electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) procedure rooms.

This section is added to reference unique requirements associated with ECT procedure rooms. The section also provides alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.29 Intensive care units** - Amend Sections 1224.29.1.7, 1224.29.1.14, 1224.29.1.15, 1224.29.2.5, and 1224.29.2.10 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions.*” Amend Section 1224.29.1.12 “*Medication station*” to refer to the requirements relocated to Section 1224.4.4.4.

**Section 1224.30 Pediatric and adolescent unit** - Amend Sections 1224.30.3.2 and 1224.30.3.3 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions.*”

**Section 1224.32 Obstetrical facilities (perinatal unit space)** - Amend Sections 1224.32.3.7, 1224.32.3.8.1, various subsections of 1224.32.3.8.2, Section 1224.32.5.1 and Section 1224.32.5.1.3 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions.*”

**Section 1224.33 Emergency service** - Amend Section 1224.33.1 “*Definition*” to include regulations for “Comprehensive Emergency Medical Service”; and provide reference to the new sections in 1224.4 “*General Construction.*”

The amended section is intended to provide clarification of the three levels of licensed emergency service and the physical plant requirements associated with each.

**Section 1224.33.2 Standby emergency medical service** - Amend Section 1224.33.2 with editorial and minor revisions, remove Exception 2 relative to “shelled” space for treatment rooms, and provide reference to the sections in 1224.4 “*General Construction.*”

The amended section is intended to provide clarification and consistency. The exception was included under the 2007 *California Building Code* to provide relief to facilities that were constructed under the immediately preceding previous 2001 *California Building Code* (or earlier codes), and had “shelled” space for future development as emergency service. The intention was that this relief would eventually “sunset.” The remaining “shelled space” still in existence, as such, today is expected to be negligible. The exception for renovation of existing emergency service areas remains in effect.

**Section 1224.33.3 Basic emergency medical service** - Amend Section 1224.33.3 with editorial and minor revisions, refer to inclusion of spaces and elements under 1224.33.2 “*Standby Emergency Medical Service,*” remove resulting duplicative sections, and provide reference to the new sections in 1224.4 “*General Construction.*”

The amendments to the section are intended to provide clarification and consistency.

**Section 1224.33.4 Comprehensive emergency medical service** - Add new Section 1224.33.4 for requirements for comprehensive emergency medical service that are in addition to those listed under Section 1224.33.2 “*Standby Emergency Service*” and Section 1224.33.3 “*Basic Emergency Medical Service.*”

The new section provides requirements for “comprehensive medical services” as provided under the physical plant requirements of Health & Safety Code, Section 70453. This service had been inadvertently omitted in prior code adoption cycles.

**Section 1224.33.4.1 Triage stations** - Add sub-section 1224.33.4.1 for requirements associated with triage stations.

The new section provides requirements for the triage stations required by Health & Safety Code Section 70453, and provides alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines.*

**Section 1224.33.4.2 Fast-track area** - Add sub-section 1224.33.4.2 for requirements associated with fast-track areas.

The new section provides requirements for fast-track areas in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.33.4.3 Pre-screening stations** - Add sub-section 1224.33.4.3 for requirements associated with pre-screening stations.

The new section provides requirements for pre-screening stations in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.33.4.4 Diagnostic service areas** - Add sub-section 1224.33.4.4 for requirements associated with access to radiological/imaging services.

The new section provides requirements for access to radiological/imaging services as required by Health & Safety Code Section 70453.

**Section 1224.33.4.5 On-call room(s)** - Add sub-section 1224.33.4.5 for requirements associated with on-call rooms.

The new section provides requirements for the on-call rooms required by Health & Safety Code Section 70453.

**Section 1224.33.4.6 Police and press room** - Add sub-section 1224.33.4.1 for requirements associated with the accommodation of police briefing/debriefing and press releases.

The new section provides requirements for accommodation of police and press briefing/debriefing and press releases required by Health & Safety Code Section 70453.

**Section 1224.33.5 Other space considerations** - Renumber Section 1224.33.4 "*Other space considerations*," as new Section 1224.33.5, including Section 1224.33.5.1 "Observation units."

The renumbered section accommodates the inclusion of new Section 1224.33.4 "*Comprehensive Emergency Medical Service*." Minor editorial changes have been made to 1224.33.5.1 for clarity and consistency.

**Section 1224.34.1.2.1 Scintigraphy (Gamma Camera) Facilities** - New sub-section 1224.34.1.2.1 provides specific requirements for Scintigraphy (Gamma camera) facilities, under Section 1224.34 "*Nuclear Medicine*."

The new sub-section addresses the use of 2-dimensional imaging with the emission from radioactive isotopes introduced into the patient's body. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.34.1.2.2 Positron Emission Tomography (PET)** - New sub-section 1224.34.1.2.2 provides specific requirements for PET facilities, under Section 1224.34 "*Nuclear Medicine*."

The new sub-section addresses the use of 3-dimensional imaging with the emission from positron emitting radionuclides (isotopes) introduced into the patient's body. The half-life of the radionuclides often requires production on-site with the use of a small cyclotron. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.34.1.2.3 Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) Facilities** - New

sub-section 1224.34.1.2.3 provides specific requirements for SPECT facilities, under Section 1224.34 “*Nuclear Medicine.*”

The new sub-section addresses the use of 3-dimensional imaging with the emission from radionuclides (isotopes) introduced into the patient’s body. The procedure is similar to PET, however longer-lived radionuclides may be used. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.34.2 Support areas for nuclear medicine services** - Amend Section 1224.34.2 with spaces requirements and elements needed in support of the three nuclear medicine modalities added to Section 1224.34.1.2.

The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.34.3 Radiotherapy service services** - Amend Section 1224.34.3 with space requirements and elements needed in support of the nuclear medicine modalities in Section 1224.34.1.2.

The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.34.6 Radiosurgery suite** - New Section 1224.34.6 has been added to address the use of gamma cameras and cyber knives in interventional procedures. The section includes sub-sections to address the size of the treatment rooms and associated support areas.

The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.36 Renal dialysis service space (acute and chronic)** - Amend Sections 1224.36.2.4 and 1224.36.2.14 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions.*”

**Section 1224.39 Outpatient service space** - Amend Sections 1224.39.2 and 1224.39.3.1. 1224.39.3.3 to refer to requirements relocated under Section 1225.16 “*Anesthesia service space.*”

**Section 1224.39.4 Cancer Treatment/Infusion Therapy Service Space** – Amend this section to provide consistency and clarification of requirements

**Section 1224.39.5 Hyperbaric therapy space** - Add new Section 1224.39.5 “*Hyperbaric Therapy Service Space*” under Section 1224.39 “*Outpatient Service Space,*” with multiple sub-sections.

The new section provides requirements associated with the use of hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment. These facilities use mono-place and/or multi-place pressurized vessels to deliver oxygen at a level higher than atmospheric pressure. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.39.5.2.1 Class A chamber (multi-place facilities)** - Add sub-section 1224.39.5.2.1.

The sub-section provides requirements for clearances and entries for Class A multi-place pressure vessels. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.39.5.2.2 Class B chamber (mono-place facilities)** - Add sub-section 1224.39.5.2.2.

The sub-section provides requirements for clearances and oxygen valves for Class B mono-place pressure vessels. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1224.39.5.3 Pre-procedure patient holding area(s) through Section 1224.39.5.7 Support areas for patients** - Add sub-sections 1224.39.5.3, 1224.39.5.4, 1224.39.5.5, 1224.39.5.6 and 1224.39.5.7, together with sub-sections.

The sub-sections provide requirements for various support areas for the functional area, patients and staff. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

## **SECTION 1225 [OSHPD 2] SKILLED NURSING AND INTERMEDIATE-CARE FACILITIES**

**Section 1225.2.1 Services/systems and utilities** – Relocate and amend existing section 3424.1 to new section 1225.2.1. Due to changes in the model code, this is being moved from Chapter 34 to Chapter 12.

**Section 1225.2.2 Means of egress for single-story wood or light-steel frame skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities** – Relocate and amend existing section 3424.2 to new section 1225.2.2. Due to changes in the model code, this is being moved from Chapter 34 to Chapter 12.

**Section 1225.4 Common elements** - Amend Sections 1225.4.2.2.5, 1225.4.2.2.6, 1225.4.2.2.7, 1225.4.2.2.11 and 1225.4.5.2.5 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions*.”

**Section 1225.5.1.2.2 Bed clearance** – Amend Section 1225.5.1.2.2 under the medical model “*Nursing Service Space in Skilled Nursing Facilities*” [OSHPD 2] for patient bedrooms to align more directly with the requirements in 1224.14 “*Nursing Service Space*.”

The section is amended for consistency and clarity.

## **SECTION 1226 [OSHPD 3] CLINICS**

**Section 1226.4 General Construction** - Amend Sections 1226.4.9.3, 1226.4.13.1, 1226.4.13.2.2, and 1226.4.17.2 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions*.”

**Section 1226.5 Outpatient clinical services of a hospital** - Amend Sections 1226.5.5.1.2 and 1226.5.6 to align with location terminology added to “*Definitions*.”

**Section 1226.5.14 Hyperbaric therapy service space** - Add new Section 1226.5.14 “*Hyperbaric therapy service space*” under Section 1226.5 “*Outpatient Clinical Services of a Hospital*” as part of Section 1226 [OSHPD 3] “*Clinics*.”

The new section provides reference back to the requirements under new Section 1224.39.5 “*Hyperbaric Therapy Service Space*.” Reference is intended for clarity and consistency.

**Section 1226.6.1.3 Dental examination and treatment areas** - New Section 1226.6.1.3 added to Section 1226.6 “*Primary Care Clinics*,” including various sub-sections.

The new section provides area and handwashing requirements specific to dental operatories. It also addresses pediatrics when provided and requirements associated with imaging, when

provided. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1226.6.2.6** - New Section 1226.6.2.6 "*Sterilization facilities*" added to Section 1226.6 "*Primary Care Clinics*," including various sub-sections.

The new section provides requirements specific to processing and sterilization, if provided, in dental facilities. The requirements proposed are in alignment with the national standards associated with *FGI Guidelines*.

**Section 1226.8.1.2 Perioperative services** – Amend this section for outpatient surgical service space in [OSHPD 3] clinics. This section is retitled to "*Perioperative services*," and references Section 1224.16. Existing Sections 1226.8.1.2 and 1226.8.1.3 are collapsed into a single sub-section.

The amendments are made for consistency with amendments made to Section 1224.16.

**Section 1226.9 Chronic dialysis clinics** - Amend Sections 1226.9.2.1.1 and 1226.9.2.5 to align with location terminology added to "*Definitions*."

**Section 1226.10 Rehabilitation clinics** - Revised Sections 1226.10.3.1.3, 1226.10.3.1.4, and 1226.10.3.1.5 to refer to requirements relocated to Section 1224.4.5 under "*General Construction*."

**Section 1226.11 Alternative birthing centers** - Amend Section 1226.11.2.6 to align with location terminology added to "*Definitions*."

#### **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. OSHPD's proposed building standards relate to health facility design and construction.

#### **OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION(S)**

OSHPD did not receive any objections or recommendations for the proposed actions as noticed during the 45-Day Comment Period of September 11, 2015 through October 26, 2015.

#### **DETERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND EFFECT ON PRIVATE PERSONS**

OSHPD has determined that no alternative would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation. The proposed regulations will not have a cost impact to private persons.

The rulemaking represents OSHPD's proposed adoption of the 2015 International Building Code published by the International Code Council carrying forward existing California amendments into the 2016 California Building Code. In addition, editorial and minor technical modifications to the existing requirements will provide clarification and consistency within the code.

**REJECTED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD LESSEN THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC  
IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES**

OSHPD has determined that the proposed regulations will not have an adverse economic impact on small businesses. The rulemaking proposes the adoption of the 2015 International Building Code and carrying forward of existing California amendments into the 2016 California Building Code. In addition, editorial and minor technical modifications to the existing requirements will provide clarification and consistency within the code.