



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There are a number of bills in the legislative process that should be of specific interest to design professionals and local building departments if passed into law. The commission has been watching the following bills:

**AB 1693 (Ma)** became law on August 17, 2010 (Chapter 145, Statutes of 2010)  
This bill extends the building code adoption cycle from 12 to 18 months.

**AB 1834 (Solorio)**

Subject: Rainwater Capture Act of 2010  
Status: Enrolled for Governor's signature.

The bill would allow a landowner to install, maintain, and operate a rainwater capture system for outdoor, non-potable water uses on the property where the rainwater was captured or for groundwater recharge. Also, the bill would require the State Water Resources Control Board to develop recommendations for policies of state and local agencies that encourage and facilitate the installation and use of rainwater capture systems and capture of stormwater by public agencies. In addition, the bill would require that the California Building Standards Commission and the Department of Housing and Community Development consider any building standard recommendations for adoption.

**AB 1975 (Fong)**

Subject: Water charges and meters: multi-unit structures  
Status: Dead

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop and submit to the California Building Standards Commission building standards for the installation of water meters and submeters for individual dwelling units within multiunit residential or mixed-use structures. The bill would require the commission, prior to adoption of the standards, to collaborate with other state entities to determine whether a sufficient supply of meters is available in the market. In addition, the bill would require the department to convene a task force to develop recommendations for legislation of water use assessment in multiunit structures and report to the Legislature.

**AB 2001 (Harkey)**

Subject: Building standards: State Department of Public Health: regulations  
Status: Enrolled for Governor's signature.

This bill would transfer the responsibilities of the Department of Public Health to adopt building standards to the California Building Standards Commission.

**AB 2516 (Hill)**

Subject: Housing accessibility: Accessible Housing Task Force

Status: Dead

This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to establish the Accessible Housing Task Force. The bill would require the task force to prepare a report that contained specified recommendations relating to increasing housing accessibility. The bill would further require HCD to carry out the provisions of the bill relating to the task force only to the extent that funding is made available from local, regional, federal, or private sources.

**AB 2701 (Eng)**

Subject: State Historical Building Code: playgrounds

Status: Enrolled for Governor's signature.

This bill would clarify existing law and place qualified playgrounds and playground sites with historical or cultural significance under the exclusive jurisdiction of the California Historical Building Code.

**AB 2762 (Committee on Housing and Community Development)**

Subject: Housing and Community Development: housing omnibus bill

Status: Enrolled for Governor's signature

This is the annual omnibus Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee bill. The committee intends for all of the provisions of the bill to be minor and non-controversial. If issues arise that cannot be resolved, the committee deletes the provision in question from the bill. In this instance, this bill makes technical amendments to update both references and outdated terminology in California Building Standards Law.

**SB 518 (Lowenthal)**

Subject: Building standards: graywater

Status: Enrolled for Governor's signature.

This bill would require the California Building Standards Commission to adopt building standards for the construction, installation, and alteration of graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses in non-residential occupancies, in accordance with prescribed requirements. Also, this bill would terminate the authority of the Department of Water Resources to adopt graywater standards for these occupancies upon adoption of the standards by the commission.

**SB 183 (Lowenthal)** became law on May 7, 2010 (Chapter 19 of the 2010 Statutes). The bill adds new requirements in the Health and Safety Code for State Fire Marshal certified carbon monoxide detection devices in existing single family dwellings on or before July 1, 2011, and all other existing dwelling units on

or before January 1, 2013. The requirements will be located within Division 13, Part 1.5, of the Health and Safety Code, known as the State Housing Law. The local building department has the enforcement responsibility.

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