

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO
CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 2, VOLUME 2**

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

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND RATIONALE:

The purpose of this proposed action is to update the California Building Code (2013 CBC) based on new information since the adoption of 2013 California Building Standards Code (CBSC).

2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

CHAPTER 2 - DEFINITIONS

Section 202 – Definitions required for code changes in other chapters are added to this section.

CHAPTER 16 - STRUCTURAL DESIGN

Section 1616A.1.17 – Component importance factors are revised to be consistent with expected functionality of the freestanding skilled nursing and acute psychiatric buildings.

CHAPTER 17A – SPECIAL INSPECTIONS AND TESTS

Section 1705A.12.4.1 – A clarification that special seismic certification is not required for components with importance factor ($I_p =$) of 1.0 is added.

CHAPTER 34A - EXISTING STRUCTURES

Section 3411A.1.1 – A clarification that component importance factor (I_p) is permitted to be taken as 1.0 for nonconforming buildings, not supporting SPC-3 or higher buildings is added.

Sections 3418A – Editorial clarification and pointers are added.

Sections 3419A – Disposition of hospital buildings removed from general acute care services but remain under OSHPD jurisdiction is added for clarity.

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

ASCE 7-10: Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS

Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Section 18941 requires consistency with state and nationally recognized standards for building construction in view of the use and occupancy of each structure to preserve and protect the public health and safety.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

The alternative to these proposed regulations would be to leave regulations as they are. The alternative was rejected, since it would leave design requirements that are outdated from the current national standards.

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The alternative to these proposed regulations would be to leave regulations as they are which will be inconsistent with H&SC 18941 requirements.

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

There will be no adverse impact on small business.

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

The regulations proposed will have no overall cost impact on business, since they are equivalent to current requirements in the Code. Technical update to the national standards for structural design are incorporated, mostly by reference.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

These regulations do not duplicate or conflict with federal regulations.