

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR  
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS  
OF THE  
OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
  
REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 3  
  
HEALTH FACILITIES**

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

**STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE, PROBLEM, RATIONALE and BENEFITS:**

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development is proposing to amend 2013 California Electrical Code (CEC) in order to provide consistency with 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC) requirements.

**Section 517.16** – This section was amended in the 2011 NEC and no longer permits receptacles with insulated grounding terminals in patient care areas. OSHPD is repealing the existing amendment to 2013 CEC Section 517.16 which relates to the allowance of these receptacles. Since the amendment is no longer applicable, repealing the outdated provision will provide clarification and consistency with the model code requirement.

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

There are no technical, theoretical or empirical studies/reports or other documents to identify as the basis for this proposal.

**STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS**

The proposed regulation will not mandate specific technologies or equipment or prescriptive standards.

**CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES**

No reasonable alternatives exist. This proposal makes a technical change to the 2013 CEC that is necessary to eliminate an outdated requirement and to provide consistency with model code.

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

This proposal will not have an adverse impact on small businesses.

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

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence of no significant adverse impact on business have been identified.

**ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE, ESTIMATED POTENTIAL BENEFITS, AND RELATED ASSUMPTIONS USED FOR BUILDING STANDARDS THAT IMPACT HOUSING**

The proposed building standard relates to health facilities construction and will not impact housing.

**DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

There are no federal regulations related to this proposed action.