

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

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 5

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 Plumbing Code (CPC) to provide clarification and consistency within the code.

Section 201.0 Handwashing Fixture.

This change is necessary to more precisely define the terms in which wrist or elbow blades may be installed in handwashing fixtures. This change more closely matches the *“Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities”*, a nationally-recognized design guide.

Section 1301.2 Health Care Facilities.

This change is necessary to correct an error that was introduced in the 2007 CPC. All medical gas piping in OSHPD facilities are regulated by the currently adopted edition of NFPA 99.

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

There are no mandates for specific technologies or equipment or prescriptive standards that are required.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives for consideration. The proposed action will make technical changes in the 2013 CPC to provide clarification within the code.

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

The proposed action will not have an adverse impact on small business.

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 action relates to health facility construction and will not impact housing.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

There are no federal regulations related to this proposed action.