

## CASA Local Government Bill List 3/14/2017

### [AB 52](#)

**(Cooper D) Public employees: orientation and informational programs: exclusive representatives.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/5/2016 [Text](#)

**Status:** 1/19/2017-Referred to Com. on P.E., R., & S.S.

**Location:** 1/19/2017-A. P.E.,R. & S.S.

**Summary:** Current law, including the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act, the Ralph C. Dills Act, the Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act, the Trial Court Interpreter Employment and Labor Relations Act, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Transit Employer-Employee Relations Act, as well as provisions commonly referred to as the Educational Employment Relations Act and the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act, regulates the labor relations of the state, the courts, and specified local public agencies and their employees. This bill would require the public employers regulated by the acts described above to provide all employees an orientation. The bill would also require these public employers to permit the exclusive representative, if applicable, to participate.

#### **Position**

Watch

### [AB 92](#)

**(Bonta D) Public contracts: payment.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/9/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 1/19/2017-Referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

**Location:** 1/19/2017-A. A. & A.R.

**Summary:** Current law until January 1, 2018, authorizes the retention proceeds withheld from any payment by an awarding entity, as described, from the original contractor, by the original contractor from any subcontractor, and by a subcontractor from any subcontractor to exceed 5% on specific projects where the director of the applicable department, as specified, has made, or the governing body of the public entity or designated official of the public entity has approved, a finding prior to the bid that the project is substantially complex and requires a higher retention and the department or public entity includes both this finding and the actual retention amount in the bid documents. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2023.

#### **Position**

Watch

### [AB 239](#)

**(Ridley-Thomas D) California Environmental Quality Act: urbanized areas.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 1/30/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 2/6/2017-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 2/6/2017-A. NAT. RES.

**Summary:** CEQA defines the terms "urban area" and "urbanized area" to mean, among other things, an unincorporated area that is completely surrounded by one or more incorporated cities and the population density of the unincorporated area at least equals the population density of the surrounding city or cities. This bill would instead specify that the population density of the unincorporated area be at least 1,000 persons per square mile.

#### **Position**

Watch

### [AB 408](#)

**(Chen R) Eminent domain: final offer of compensation.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/9/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 3/7/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 2/21/2017-A. JUD.

**Summary:** Current law governing settlement offers in eminent domain proceedings authorizes the recovery of litigation expenses under certain circumstances. This bill would provide that if a court finds, on motion of the defendant, that the offer of the plaintiff was lower than 90% of the compensation awarded in the proceeding, then the court would be required to include the defendant's litigation costs in the costs allowed. If the court finds that the offer of the plaintiff was at least 90% and less than 100% of the compensation awarded in the proceeding, the court would be authorized to include the defendant's litigation costs in the costs allowed.

#### **Position**

Oppose

### [AB 551](#)

**(Levine D) Political Reform Act of 1974: postemployment restrictions.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/13/2017 [Text](#)

**Last Amend:** 3/13/2017

**Status:** 3/13/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on

E. & R. Read second time and amended.

**Location:** 2/27/2017-A. E. & R.

**Summary:** The Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibits, for a period of one year after the official leaves his or her position, elected and other specified local officials who held positions with a local government agency, as defined, from acting as agents or attorneys for, or otherwise representing, for compensation, any other person, by appearing before, or communicating with, that local government agency, or any committee, subcommittee, or present member of that local government agency, or any officer or employee of the local government agency. Current law excludes from this prohibition appearances and communications by a board member, officer, or employee of another local government agency, or an employee or representative of a public agency, as specified, in which the individual is appearing or communicating on behalf of that agency. This bill would remove this exclusion, thereby making these appearances or communications on behalf of an individual's agency subject to the one-year prohibition.

**Position**

Watch Close,  
Work with other  
organizations

**AB 1089 (Mullin D) Local elective offices: contribution limitations.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 3/6/2017-Referred to Com. on E. & R.

**Location:** 3/6/2017-A. E. & R.

**Summary:** Would, commencing January 1, 2019, prohibit a person from making to a candidate for local elective office, and would prohibit a candidate for local elective office from accepting from a person, a contribution totaling more than the amount set forth in the act for limitations on contributions to a candidate for elective state office.

**Position**

Watch

**AB 1117 (Fong R) California Environmental Quality Act.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 3/6/2017-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 3/6/2017-A. NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would prohibit a lead agency from being required to evaluate the aesthetic effects of a project subject to CEQA and would prohibit aesthetic effects from being considered significant effects on the environment, except in certain circumstances. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**Position**

Watch

**AB 1223 (Caballero D) Construction contract payments: Internet Web site posting.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 3/9/2017-Referred to Coms. on A. & A.R. and L. GOV.

**Location:** 3/9/2017-A. A. & A.R.

**Summary:** Current law imposes specified requirements on state and local agencies regarding payment of construction contracts. This bill would require, within 10 days of making a construction contract payment, a state or local agency to post to its Internet Web site the names of each construction contractor paid and the date and amount of the payment. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Disapprove

**AB 1333 (Dababneh D) Political Reform Act of 1974: local government agency notices.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 3/13/2017-Referred to Coms. on E. & R. and L. GOV.

**Location:** 3/13/2017-A. E. & R.

**Summary:** Would require every local government agency that maintains an Internet Web site to prominently post on its Internet Web site, as specified, a notice of any upcoming election in which voters will vote on a tax measure or proposed bond issuance of the agency. The bill would also require every local government agency that publishes an electronic newsletter to include the notice in the electronic newsletter. By imposing new duties on local government agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Position**

Disapprove

**SB 80****(Wieckowski D) California Environmental Quality Act: notices.****Current Text:** Amended: 2/14/2017 [Text](#)**Last Amend:** 2/14/2017**Status:** 3/9/2017-Set for hearing March 29.**Location:** 1/19/2017-S. E.Q.

**Summary:** The California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to mail certain notices to persons who have filed a written request for notices. The act provides that if the agency offers to provide the notices by email, upon filing a written request for notices, a person may request that the notices be provided to him or her by email. This bill would require the lead agency to post those notices on the agency's Internet Web site. The bill would require the agency to offer to provide those notices by email. Because this bill would increase the level of service provided by a local agency, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Position**

Watch

**SB 224****(Jackson D) California Environmental Quality Act: baseline conditions.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/2/2017 [Text](#)**Status:** 2/16/2017-Referred to Com. on EQ.**Location:** 2/16/2017-S. E.Q.

**Summary:** Would prohibit the lead agency, in determining the baseline physical conditions by which a lead agency determines whether a project has a significant effect on the environment, from considering the effects of certain actions on the environment.

**Position**Refer to Attys'  
Committee**SB 423****(Cannella R) Indemnity.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/15/2017 [Text](#)**Status:** 2/23/2017-Referred to Com. on RLS.**Location:** 2/15/2017-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Current law provides, with respect to contracts and amendments to contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2011, with a public agency for design professional services, that all provisions, clauses, covenants, and agreements contained in, collateral to, or affecting these contracts or amendments to contracts that purport to require the design professional to defend the public agency under an indemnity agreement, including the duty and the cost to defend, are unenforceable, except for claims that arise out of, pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the design professional. Current law provides that all contracts and all solicitation documents between a public agency and a design professional are deemed to incorporate these provisions by reference. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

**Position**Watch Close,  
Work with other  
organizations**SB 448****(Wieckowski D) Local government: organization: districts.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/15/2017 [Text](#)**Status:** 2/23/2017-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.**Location:** 2/23/2017-S. GOV. & F.

**Summary:** The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 provides the exclusive authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization for cities and districts, as specified, and defines various terms for these purposes. This bill would define the term "inactive district" for purposes of that act.

**Position**SPOT BILL -  
Watch Close**SB 450****(Hertzberg D) Public bodies: bonds: public notice.****Current Text:** Introduced: 2/15/2017 [Text](#)**Status:** 3/8/2017-Set for hearing March 29.**Location:** 2/23/2017-S. GOV. & F.

**Summary:** Current law authorizes the governing body of a public body to authorize the issuance of bonds pursuant to a resolution, indenture, agreement, or other instrument providing for the issuance of bonds. This bill, prior to authorization of the issuance of bonds, would require the governing body of a public body to obtain and disclose specified information regarding the bonds in a meeting open to the public. This bill contains other related provisions and other current laws.

**Position**

Watch

**[SB 686](#)**

**([Wilk R](#)) Public contracts: claim resolution.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/17/2017 [Text](#)

**Status:** 3/9/2017-Referred to Com. on JUD.

**Location:** 3/9/2017-S. JUD.

**Summary:** Current law establishes, for contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2017, a claim resolution process applicable to any claim by a contractor in connection with a public works project against a public entity. Current law defines a claim as a separate demand by the contractor for one or more of the following: a time extension for relief from damages or penalties for delay, payment of money or damages arising from work done pursuant to the contract for a public work, or payment of an amount disputed by the public entity, as specified. In the case in which a claimant disputes the public entity's response or the public entity fails to respond, current law requires a public entity to schedule a meet and confer conference for the settlement of the dispute. This bill would require the public entity to, instead, conduct the meet and confer conference within that same period.

**Position**

Spot Bill, Watch

Close

**Total Measures: 15**

**Total Tracking Forms: 15**