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California Seismic Safety Commission  
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| <b><u>New Legislation</u></b> |  |   |   |                       |
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| AB 39<br>(Walters)            | <u>Assembly Education and<br/>Assembly Higher<br/>Education</u><br>(double-referred) | Establishes a pilot program to establish charter schools supervised by UC, CSU or California Community Colleges.  | Bill will be dropped.   |                       |
| AB 44<br>(Cohn)               | <u>Assembly Health</u><br>(Hearing cancelled)  | (1) Expedites the review of seismic improvements to hospitals (under the Alquist Act), allows hospitals to employ independent plan reviewers (certified by OSHPD) to check plans. Applies to projects of over \$50 million (or projects of \$20M-50M, under certain conditions); and (2) Allows certain extensions of existing deadlines. | Similar to 2004 measure.<br><br>Two-year bill.  | <b>Neutral</b>        |
| AB 58<br>(Nunez)              | <u>Assembly Education</u>  | Authorizes the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006.<br>(Education Bond Act).   | Two-year bill.  |                       |
| AB 162<br>(Leslie)            | <u>Senate Inactive File</u>  | Modifies the process followed by DSA in reviewing projects on community college campuses; Authorizes DSA to offer training for architects, engineers and designers.   | The April 4 amendments mirror 2004 version of similar bill sponsored by community colleges (AB 3010, Laird) vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger. Placed on Senate inactive file on August 25 by the motion of Sen. Cox. | <b>Watch</b>          |

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| AB 262<br>(Berg)      | <u>Assembly Appropriations</u>                              | Prohibits the Judicial Council from imposing a higher building code standard on buildings proposed for transfer from the county to the State (as compared to the building code standards applicable to other county facilities). | Two-year bill.  |                       |
| AB 304<br>(Hancock)   | <u>Enrolled</u>   | Authorizes local government to establish reconstruction standards applicable to existing wood-frame, multiunit residential <u>soft-story buildings</u> .   | Sponsored by the City of Berkeley.  | <b>Support</b>        |
| AB 350<br>(Matthews)  | <u>Senate Local Government</u>                              | Authorizes counties and cities to create infrastructure bond-financing districts in job-housing opportunity zones located in the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Joaquin and Stanislaus.             | Funds would be used to fund public capital facilities. <u>Funds may be used for the seismic retrofit</u> of real or other tangible property (with a minimum estimated useful life of 15 years). Author's office has confirmed that this is a Two-Year Bill. |                       |
| AB 527<br>(Levine)    | <u>Assembly Appropriations</u>                              | Adds two voting members to the governing board for the California Earthquake Authority.  | Bill has been dropped by the sponsor (CEA).   |                       |
| AB 584<br>(Blakeslee) | <b><u>Chapter 92,</u></b><br><b><u>Statutes of 2005</u></b> | Repeals references to Alquist Fund (inactive) and transfer funds remaining in the Alfred E. Alquist Earthquake Fund to the Seismic Safety Account for expenditure in the 2005-06 fiscal year.                                    | Signed by Governor on July 21.  | <b><i>Sponsor</i></b> |

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| AB 1046<br>(Frommer)    | <u>Senate Health</u>                                       | Authorizes state bond sale to finance hospital seismic improvements. Suspends existing hospital seismic deadline under certain conditions  | The contents of AB 1275 (Frommer) were inserted into this bill on June 23.  | <b>Oppose, unless amended.</b> |
| AB 1047<br>(Levine)     | <u>Assembly Appropriations</u>                             | Establishes the “Safe Hospitals Bond Act of 2005” authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds to finance hospital improvements required under the Alquist Act.  | Bill failed in Assembly Health Committee (April 27).  | <b>Support</b>                 |
| AB 1083<br>(Strickland) | <u>Assembly Environmental Safety &amp; Toxic Materials</u> | Authorizes CGS to establish a Natural Hazards Web Portal Pilot Program that allows consumers to access parcel and natural hazards data via Internet.   | CGS would collect a “convenience fee” from users of the portal site (Natural Hazards Portal Fund). Bill failed before Assembly E &TM Committee.     |                                |
| AB 1200<br>(Laird)      | <u>To Enrollment</u>                                       | Requires the Dept. of Water Resources to evaluate the impact of earthquakes and other conditions on water supplies obtained from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and to report findings by June 2005.  | A follow-up to DWR Report “Seismic Stability of Delta Levees.” The new report is also to examine the impacts on the Delta of subsidence and floods. |                                |
| AB 1275<br>(Frommer)    | <u>Assembly Appropriations</u><br>(Suspense File)          | Authorizes state bond sale to finance hospital seismic improvements. Suspends existing hospital seismic deadline under certain conditions.   | Two-year Bill. The contents of this bill were amended into AB 1046 (Frommer). See bill status above.  | <b>Oppose, unless amended.</b> |
| AB 1316<br>(Salinas)    | <u>Senate Health</u>                                       | Expedites the review of seismic improvements to <b>public</b> hospitals (under the Alquist Act), allows hospitals to employ architects to develop plans before submitted to OSHPD. Applies to projects of over \$25,000 in construction costs. | Two-year bill.  | <b>Watch</b>                   |

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| AB 1374<br>(Liu)              | <u>Assembly Concurrence</u>                         | As amended on Aug 15, extends the current sunset date (from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2013) on the Commission's funding arrangement relying on the Insurance Fund. | Approved by Senate Insurance Committee on June 30. Placed on Senate Appropriations suspense file on August 15. Removed from suspense file on August 25.       | <b>Sponsor</b>        |
| AB 1632<br>(Blakeslee)        | <u>Senate Energy Utilities &amp; Communications</u> | Orders Energy Commission to prepare a report evaluating vulnerability of power plants to major seismic events.   | Applies to three largest power plants (Diablo Canyon, Moss Landing and San Onofre).   | <b>Watch</b>          |
| AB 1639<br>(Runner)           | <u>Assembly Health</u>                              | As amended on May 2, changes the due dates for hospitals to submit disposition plans for pre-1973 hospitals buildings.   | The amended version is Administration-sponsored bill intended to address OSHPD workload issues.<br>Author's office confirmed that this bill has been dropped. |                       |
| AB 1673<br>(Nation & Richman) | <u>Assembly Health</u>                              | Repeals the current 2008 deadline for compliance with hospital seismic safety standards; accelerates the current <u>2030</u> building standard to 2020.          | Bill failed before Assembly Health Committee on April 27.<br>Two-year bill.   | <b>Watch</b>          |
| AB 1679<br>(Mullin)           | <u>Introduced</u>                                   | Makes a minor technical change to URM law.   | Two-year bill.  |                       |
| AB 1714<br>(Plescia)          | <u>Assembly Appropriations</u>                      | As amended on May 3, states legislative intent to "develop a funding solution for the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program."                                     | Two-year Bill   |                       |
| HR 4<br>(Dymally)             | <u>Approved by Assembly Rules Committee</u>         | House Resolution urging Governor and "appropriate state agency" to review California's preparedness for tsunamis and to report back to Assembly.                 | Nonbinding proclamation of the State Assembly.  |                       |

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| SB 167<br>(Speier)    | <u>Assembly Health</u>          | Accelerates the current <u>2030</u> standards to 2020 if a hospital adopts a formal resolution and agrees to new track.   | Bill failed in Assembly Health Committee on June 29.<br><br>Two-year Bill.   | <b>(Support)</b><br><b>Support, if amended.</b> |
| SB 172<br>(Torlakson) | <u>Assembly Transportation</u>  | Requires the Dept. of Transportation to report within <u>45</u> days after each quarter to the Legislature and California Transportation Commission for each seismic retrofit project. Requires the department to take actions to manage the risks of seismic retrofit projects.      | Compared with original version of AB 1714 (Plescia), this bill requires additional reporting.<br><br>Author's office has confirmed that AB 144 has superceded this bill. |   |
| SB 224<br>(Chesbro)   | <u>Enrolled</u>                 | Directs OSHPD to undertake a pilot program broadening the current exemptions from <u>pre-construction</u> plan review (including seismic standards) for multi-story hospital projects so long as those projects meet certain specified criteria ( <i>e.g.</i> , routine maintenance). | <u>Current</u> exemption is restricted to skilled nursing facilities that are single-story, wood-frame or light steel frame construction.                                |   |
| SB 477<br>(Soto)      | <u>Enrolled</u>                 | Authorizes OES to establish a post-disaster (community-based) recovery process with guidelines for community recovery.  | Need for community recovery procedures discovered in the aftermath of Southern California fires of 2003. Amended to be permissive (not mandatory).                       | <b>Support</b>                                  |
| SB 491<br>(Ducheny)   | <u>Senate Revenue &amp; Tax</u> | Authorizes the issuance of \$5 billion in state general obligation bonds for hospital seismic safety; Includes special tax incentives for private investor-owned hospitals.   | Parallels AB 1275 (Frommer) but without "trigger" provision that would suspend deadlines for certain hospitals.<br>Two-Year Bill.  | <b>Watch</b>                                    |

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| SB 546<br>(Dutton)                | <u>Enrolled</u>                                | Encourages OES to explore integrating private sector emergency planning preparedness measures into government disaster planning programs.  | Creates a Disaster Resistant Communities Account in the General Fund to manage reimbursable costs. |                       |
| SB 844<br>(Poochigian)            | <u>Senate Education</u>                        | Authorizes charter schools supervised by UC, CSU or California Community Colleges.   | Failed before Senate Education Committee.<br>Two-Year Bill.  |                       |
| SB 955<br>(Soto)                  | <u>Senate Appropriations</u>                   | Creates the Response and Rescue Fire Engine Act of 2005 and directs that \$25 million in federal funds be allocated for the purchase of 150 additional OES fire engines to manage local, and regional disasters.         | Two-Year Bill.   |                       |
| SB 1024<br>(Perata and Torlakson) | <u>Senate 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading File</u>      | Creates the Safe Facilities, Improved Mobility and Clean Air Bond Act of 2005 authorizing the issuance of \$7.688 billion in general obligation bonds for retrofitting of bridges, ports and other essential facilities. | Seismic hospital improvements deleted from list of projects eligible for bond funds.               | <b>Support</b>        |
| SB 1054<br>(Soto)                 | <b><u>Chapter 87,<br/>Statutes of 2005</u></b> | Requires charter schools facilities to comply with Calif. Building Code (unless already required to meet Field Act). Exempts facilities used by charter schools, but owned or controlled by federal agencies.            | Signed by Governor on July 19.   | <b>Sponsor</b>        |