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LEGISLATION SUMMARY 2015 State Legislative Session Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee January 15, 2015

AB 2 (Luis Alejo D, Monterey County) **Community revitalization authority.**

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority within a community revitalization and investment area, as defined, to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law in that area for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization, and to provide for the financing of these activities by, among other things, the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

AB 18 (Bill Dodd D, Napa & Solano County) **Disaster relief: South Napa Earthquake.**

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: The California Disaster Assistance Act generally provides that the state share for disaster project allocations to local agencies is no more than 75% of total state eligible costs, except for specified events for which the state share is up to 100% of state eligible costs. This bill would add the August 24, 2014, South Napa Earthquake, to the list of events for which the state share of state eligible cost is up to 100% and exempt the county from a specified planning requirement as a condition of receiving this level of assistance.

Staff Recommendation: *Support*

L&GO Position:

AB 21 (Henry Perea D, Fresno County) **California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: emissions limit: scoping plan.**

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board, no later than January 1, 2018, to recommend to the Governor and the Legislature a specific target of statewide emissions reductions for 2030 to be accomplished in a cost-effective manner. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

AB 23 (Jim Patterson R, Fresno County) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current state board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill would instead exempt those categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism through December 31, 2020.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

AB 35 (David Chiu D, San Francisco) Taxation: income taxes: very-low and extremely low-income housing credit.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: The Personal Income Tax allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws, including a state low-income housing tax credit, administered by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, which provides procedures and requirements for the allocation of state tax credit amounts among low-income housing projects based on federal law, which requires 30% present value credit for existing buildings, with the credit claimed over a 10 –year period, as modified. Existing law generally requires the project’s housing sponsor to have a credit for federal income tax purposes, as specified. Bill would allow a very low-income and extremely low-income housing credit against the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law for each taxable year on or after January 1, 2015, in an amount computed and allowed in accordance with a specified section of the Internal Revenue Code, as provided. The bill would specify that a project is not required to have been previously or currently allocated a credit for federal or state income tax purposes, as specified. This bill would make the aggregate housing credit dollar amount \$40,000,000 to be allocated annually by the committee on a first-come-first-served basis subject to certain requirements being met, including that the project be used exclusively for the restructuring, including the acquisition and substantial rehabilitation, of buildings at least 20 years old that currently serve very low-income, single room occupancy (SRO) or rural area residents. This bill would authorize the committee and the Franchise Tax Board to adopt regulations to carry out the purposes of this section.

Staff Recommendation: *Support*

L&GO Position:

AB 40 (Philip Ting D, San Francisco) Golden Gate Bridge: sidewalk fees.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Current law establishes bridge and highway districts and various regional transportation authorities and transit districts, including the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, and prescribes the powers and duties of the district, including the power to fix and collect all tolls for the use of the district's property. This bill would prohibit the district from fixing or collecting any tolls or access fees for pedestrian and bicyclist use of the Golden Gate Bridge sidewalks.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

AB 45 (Kevin Mullin D, San Mateo County) Household hazardous waste.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

Summary: Would express the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would establish curbside household hazardous waste collection programs, door-to-door household hazardous waste collection programs, and household hazardous waste residential pickup services as the principal means of collecting household hazardous waste and diverting it from California's landfills and waterways.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

AB 57 (Bill Quirk D, Alameda County) Broadband communications infrastructure.

Introduced: 12/2/2014

Status: 12/3/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 2.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to promote the deployment of communications infrastructure by removing barriers to investment. This bill contains other existing laws.

Staff Recommendation: *Oppose*

L&GO Position:

SB 1 (Beth Gaines R, Folsom County) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 authorizes the State Air Resources Board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Current state board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill instead would exempt categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

SB 3 (Mark Leno D, San Francisco) Minimum wage: adjustment.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: Would increase the minimum wage, on and after January 1, 2016, to not less than \$11 per hour, on and after July 1, 2017, to not less than \$13 per hour. The bill would require the annual automatic adjustment of the minimum wage, commencing January 1, 2019, to maintain employee purchasing power diminished by the rate of inflation during the previous year. The adjustment would be calculated using the California Consumer Price Index, as specified. The bill would prohibit the Industrial Welfare Commission (IWC) from adjusting the minimum wage downward and from adjusting the minimum wage if the average percentage of inflation for the previous year was negative.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

SB 5 (Andy Vidak R, Kings County/ San Joaquin Valley) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: market-based compliance mechanisms: exemption.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: Under the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, current State Air Resources Board regulations require specified entities to comply with a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, and require additional specified entities to comply with that market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2015. This bill instead would exempt categories of persons or entities that did not have a compliance obligation, as defined, under a market-based compliance mechanism beginning January 1, 2013, from being subject to that market-based compliance mechanism through December 31, 2020.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

SB 7 (Lois Wolk D, Contra Costa County) Housing: water meters: multiunit structures.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to encourage the conservation of water in multifamily residential rental buildings through means either within the landlord's or the tenant's control, and to ensure that the practices involving the submetering of dwelling units for water service are just and reasonable, and include appropriate safeguards for both tenants and landlords. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Staff Recommendation: *Watch*

L&GO Position:

SB 9 (Jim Beall D, Santa Clara County) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital project is one of several programs funded by SB 852 & SB 862. This new legislation would, under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, modify the purpose of the program to delete references to operational investments and instead provide for the funding of large, transformative capital improvements with a total cost exceeding \$100,000,000. The bill would require the Transportation Agency, in prioritizing and selecting projects for funding, to consider the extent to which a project reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and would add additional factors to be considered in evaluating applications for funding. This bill contains other existing laws. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the State Air Resources Board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism relative to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

Staff Recommendation: Watch

L&GO Position:

SB 35 (Lois Wolk D, Contra Costa County) Income and corporation taxes: deductions: disaster relief: Counties of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma.

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Status: 12/2/2014-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 1.

Summary: The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow a taxpayer to elect to deduct specified disaster losses on the return for the taxable year preceding the taxable year in which the disaster occurred. This bill would extend these provisions to losses sustained in the Counties of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma as a result of the earthquake that occurred in August 2014 for which the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency. This bill contains other related provisions.

Staff Recommendation: Watch

L&GO Position:

SB 45 (Tony Mendoza D, Southern California) Economic development.

Introduced: 12/12/2014

Status: 12/15/2014-From printer. May be acted upon on or after January 14.

Summary: Current law provides for various economic development programs throughout the state that foster community sustainability and community and economic development. Current law also authorizes local agencies to finance the purchase, construction, expansion, improvement, or rehabilitation of certain types of facilities. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would authorize local governmental entities to use tax increment financing for the development of economic planning, infrastructure, and educational facilities.

Staff Recommendation: Watch

L&GO Position: