

2015 Hot Bill List



SUPPORT

HOT [AB 2 \(Alejo\): Community revitalization authority.](#)

This bill authorizes the creation of a new entity at the local level called a Community Revitalization Investment Authority (CRIA) that would provide a redevelopment option for the most disadvantaged and poorest areas of our state.

HOT [AB 35 \(Chiu\): Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.](#)

This bill would increase the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$300 million to build and rehabilitate affordable housing.

HOT [AB 266 \(Bonta\): Medical cannabis.](#)

This bill would enact the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Control Act and would establish within the office of the Governor, the Governor's Office of Marijuana Regulation to coordinate and provide oversight of the licensing and regulation of various commercial cannabis activities. AB 266 provides a framework for medical marijuana distribution that upholds local control, addresses public safety concerns, and includes important health and safety requirements.

HOT [AB 448 \(Brown\): Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.](#)

Restores funding stability to cities that annex inhabited territory, and re-establishes a foundation that supports sustainable and compact growth policies.

HOT [AB 1335 \(Atkins\): Building Homes and Jobs Act.](#)

AB 1335 would generate up to \$700 million per year for affordable rental or ownership housing, supportive housing, emergency shelters, transitional housing and other housing needs via a \$75 recordation fee on real estate transactions. This fee would not apply to home sales.

HOT [ACA 1 \(Olsen\): Legislative procedure.](#)

This measure would require a bill to be in print and available on the Internet for at least 72 hours prior to a vote on its final passage in either house of the Legislature.

HOT [ACA 4 \(Frazier\): Local government transportation projects: special taxes: voter approval.](#)

This bill would lower the voter threshold requirements for special taxes by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for transportation projects from 2/3rds approval to 55 percent approval.

HOT [SB 16 \(Beall\): Transportation funding.](#)

SB 16 would create a five-year funding program to address deferred maintenance on the local streets and roads system and state highway system. The bill would raise an estimated \$2.8 to \$3.6 billion annually through a 10-cent increase in the gas tax, a 12-cent increase in the diesel tax, a \$35 vehicle registration fee increase and a new \$100 surcharge for zero-emission vehicles. The bill also includes a vehicle license fee increase of 0.35 percent to backfill the general fund for the shift in weight fees. Five percent of revenues would be set aside to incentivize counties without a local transportation funding measure to approve such a measure.

HOT [SB 25 \(Roth\): Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.](#)

This bill would restore funding stability to four recently incorporated cities, Eastvale, Wildomar, Menifee and Jurupa Valley, which have experienced severe financial hardships since 2011, when the state swept all remaining shares of city vehicle license fee revenues. SB 69 resolves this problem with a statutory formula that provides cities that incorporated

between 2004 and 2013 with shares of property tax to offset the amount of vehicle license fee revenue they would have received. In future years, the amount would be adjusted according to the same rules applied to other cities.

HOT [SB 175 \(Huff\): Peace officers: body-worn cameras.](#)

SB 175 will require each police agency, if it elects to require its officers to wear body cameras, to develop a policy relating to the use of the cameras, and to distribute a copy of that policy to the officers required to wear them.

HOT [SB 321 \(Beall\): Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments.](#)

This bill would infuse more stability into the variable gas tax rate set by the Board of Equalization by taking into account fuel prices of the previous four years in addition to the estimated fuel price of the current year.

HOT [SB 493 \(Cannella\): Elections in cities: by or from districts.](#)

This bill would allow city councils to use the ordinance process to switch from an at-large to a by-district election system. Helping cities save money by avoiding a CVRA lawsuit and the costs associated with gaining voter approval on the ballot.

HOT [SB 643 \(McGuire\) Medical marijuana.](#)

This bill provides a framework for medical marijuana distribution that upholds local control, addresses public safety concerns, and includes important health and safety requirements. Despite the very similar language to AB 266, there are several areas regarding the protection of local control in which the League believes SB 643 could be improved and therefore the League currently has a Support if Amended position.

OPPOSE

HOT [AB 36 \(Campos\): Local government: federal surplus property.](#)

This bill would prohibit a local agency from receiving surplus military equipment without a vote at a public meeting and declares this a matter of statewide concern. The League of Cities opposes this measure as an unjustified incursion upon municipal sovereignty. Under current law, local agencies are fully within their constitutional police power in deciding whether to acquire military equipment from the Department of Defense and under what circumstances.

HOT [AB 278 \(Hernandez\): District-based municipal elections.](#)

This measure would require that a city, with a population of 100,000 or more, switch to a by-district election system. The bill imposes a one-size-fits-all policy based on an arbitrary population threshold and fails to take into account the unique characteristics of affected cities.

HOT [AB 718 \(Chu\): Removal of Regulatory Authority: Vehicles Used for Human Habitation](#)

This measure, as drafted, would prohibit local agencies from enforcing laws and ordinances, or otherwise subject to civil or criminal penalties, the act of people sleeping or resting in a lawfully parked motor vehicle.

HOT [AB 744 \(Chau\): Planning and zoning: density bonuses.](#)

As drafted, this measure would eliminate local minimum parking requirements that can be imposed on senior housing, special needs housing and housing within one-half mile of a major transit stop. The bill does not recognize local parking realities or community preferences. Two of the categories of housing that the bill would exempt, seniors and people with special needs, have no connection with access to available transit.

HOT [SB 239 \(Hertzberg\): Local services: contracts: fire protection services.](#)

SB 239 places agreements between public agencies to provide fire protection services under the purview of local agency formation commissions (LAFCOs). This bill requires the contracting local agency to receive written permission from the recognized employee organization to extend fire services outside its service area. Flexibility for local agencies to contract for services is necessary to ensure efficiency and cost-effectiveness and maximize resources to meet the needs of the public. LAFCOs are not, and should not be, tasked with making the day-to-day financial decisions for local agencies. It is also unclear if, under the bill, local agencies would have recourse to protest the employee organization's disapproval of a contract.

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