

AEG Legislative Status Report
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[AB 177](#)

(Bonilla D) Professions and vocations: licensing boards: authority: extension.

Current Text: Amended: 6/30/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/26/2015

Last Amend: 6/30/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-Action From APPR. SUSPENSE FILE: Do pass as amended.

Location: 8/27/2015-S. SECOND READING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
1st House				2nd House				Conc.				

Calendar: 8/31/2015 #127 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-SECOND READING FILE

Summary: The Professional Engineers Act requires the board to appoint an executive officer, as specified. Under existing law, these provisions are repealed on January 1, 2016. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2020. The bill, until January 1, 2020, would add as a cause for disciplinary action by the board, as specified, if a licensee or certificate holder under the act fails or refuses to respond to a written request from a representative of the board to cooperate in the investigation of a complaint against that licensee or certificate holder. The bill would also make technical amendments to the act.

Position **Priority**
 Watch

Notes1: 1/27/2015 I-1/26/2015 to: AEG
 1/27/2015 Judy added Bill as a Watch

6/27/15 - this bill will be heard in the B and P committee on 7/6/15 at 1:00 in room 3191. Let me know if anyone plans on attending.

8/7/15 - This bill will be heard in Approps committee on 8/17/15, the first day they get back from summer recess.

We will not know if this bill will go to suspense until next Friday. If so the bill will not be heard again until the suspense file is announced on August 27. If it does not get off suspense, it will become a two year bill or the author may decide to drop the bill.

8/28/15 - this bill passed off suspense and is now on Senate floor and can be heard as early as next week

[AB 320](#)

(Wood D) Engineers.

Current Text: Amended: 7/8/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/13/2015

Last Amend: 7/8/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-Action From APPR. SUSPENSE FILE: Held in APPR..

Location: 8/27/2015-S. APPR.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
1st House				2nd House				Conc.				

Summary: Would prohibit a person from using the title "environmental engineer" unless the person is licensed as an engineer. The bill would provide legislative findings and declarations in support of the licensure of environmental engineers in California. The bill would set forth the intent of the Legislature that the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists be responsible for defining environmental engineering through rulemaking and that the board adopt standardized examination materials applicable to environmental engineering, as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position **Priority**
 Watch HOT

Notes1: 7/5/2015 A-4/23/2015 to: AEG
 2/14/2015 I-2/13/2015 to: AEG

Notes2: Per email dated March 5, 2015 from William A. Fraser, he said "AB 320 is already on our watch list. I would like to give this a high priority. There are concerns that creation of the Environmental Engineer title act could impact the geologic profession. I would like to hear more from AEG membership about this concern and the need to take a stronger position".

3/28/15- There has been a lot of discussion about this bill. Judy has contacted both the Business and Professions committee to schedule a time to meet with them on this bill, Garry and or Bill will be attending with Judy. A time will also be set up to meet with the Author's office who has told Judy that

there are other groups raising concerns regarding this bill. Judy will keep you informed of developments.

5/2/15 - This bill was amended on 4/23/15, please review and see if the amendments clarified any issues AEG had on this bill. This bill is in Appropriations committee and will be evaluated for costs to the state for issuing regulations and enforcement costs. If the cost is estimated to be over \$150,000 the bill will go to suspense. Suspense is a file of bills with high costs and the chair of the committee and leadership will decide what bills will move forward to the floor for vote. The suspense file will be heard May 26 or 27th. I will be watching this bill and will let you know the out come.

7/5/15 - this bill will be heard in Senate B&P on 7/6/15. Judy will be attending the hearing.

6/27/15 - this bill is going to be heard in the Senate Business and Professions committee on July 6th, at 1:00 in room 3191. Letters need to be received by this Monday at close of business. If this is not enough time please let me know and I will ask B and P to give you more time. Also let me know if anyone is planning on attending this hearing.

8/7/15 - This bill will be heard in Approps committee on 8/17/15, the first day they get back from summer recess. We will not know if this bill will go to suspense until next Friday. If so the bill will not be heard again until the suspense file is announced on August 27. If it does not get off suspense, it will most likely die there or possibly become a two year bill or the author may decide to drop the bill.

8/28/15 - This bill was held in appropriations committee. Judy will contact the authors office to see if there is a possibility of coming back next year. Usually bills kept on suspense file are considered dead.

AB 617

(Perea D) Groundwater.

Current Text: Amended: 7/16/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/24/2015

Last Amend: 7/16/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-Action From APPR. SUSPENSE FILE: Do pass.

Location: 8/27/2015-S. SECOND READING

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered	
1st House				2nd House								

Calendar: 8/31/2015 #149 SENATE ASSEMBLY BILLS-SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Would define "in-lieu use" for the purposes of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and would provide that, where appropriate, measures addressing in-lieu use shall be included in a groundwater sustainability plan. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 2/28/2015 I-2/24/2015 to: AEG

Notes2: Bill Fraser on March 10, 2015 asked this bill to be added to watch list.

3/28/15- This bill has been amended and is scheduled to be heard in committee on 4/14/15.

5/2/15 - This bill was amended on 4/13/15, please review. The bill will be heard in Appropriations on May 6th.

6/27/15 - this bill will be heard in committee on July 14th

7/5/15 - this bill was amended on 6/29 and is referred back to senate committee.

8/7/15 - Same note as for AB 177 and AB 320.

8/28/15 - this bill pass out of appropriations and is now on the Senate floor. It could be heard as early as next week.

SB 13

(Pavley D) Groundwater.

Current Text: Enrolled: 8/27/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 7/6/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-Assembly amendments concurred in. (Ayes 40. Noes 0.) Ordered to engrossing and enrolling.

Location: 8/27/2015-S. ENROLLMENT

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Would specify that the State Water Resources Control Board is authorized to designate a high- or medium-priority basin as a probationary basin. This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin.

Position **Priority**

Watch

Notes1: 1/5/2015 I-12/1/2014 to: AEG
1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section changed position from Pending to Watch

Notes2: 3/28/15 - This bill passed out of the Natural Resources and Water Committee on a 8-1 vote of 3/14. It will now go to Appropriations committee for consideration.

5/2/15 - This bill passed out of the Senate and is now in the Assembly.

6/27/15 - this bill will be heard in Assembly Committee on 6/30.

7/5/15 - this bill passed assembly committee on 6/30 and is now on the Assembly floor.

8/7/15 - This bill is on consent calendar, likely it will pass off the Assembly floor on Monday the 17th and will go back to the Senate for concurrence then to the Governor for action.

8/28/15 - This bill passed out of the Senate Concurrence and now one the way the Governor for action

SB 37

(Nielsen R) Water: floods.

Current Text: Amended: 2/12/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 12/1/2014

Last Amend: 2/12/2015

Status: 5/14/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

Location: 5/14/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Summary: Would authorize the Department of Water Resources to provide reimbursement to funding recipients that execute a funding agreement under the Urban Flood Risk Reduction Projects program for expenditures associated with continued funding of a project initiated under the Early Implementation Project program and incurred after July 1, 2014, and before issuance of a funding commitment, or amendment or execution of the funding agreement, but no later than December 31, 2015. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position **Priority**

Watch

Notes1: 1/5/2015 I-12/1/2014 to: AEG
1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section moved bill from Pending to Watch

Notes2: 3/28/14 - This bill passed out of the Natural Resources and Water Committee on 3/24/15 on a 9-0 vote, it will now go the Senate Appropriation Committee for consideration.

5/2/15 - this bill passed out of the Senate and is now on the Assembly floor.

6/27/15 - this bill has been referred back to Assembly Committee, date for hearing has not been set yet.

8/7/15- Judy will contact author's office on this bill to see if they expect to continue to move the bill next year.

this bill is technically a 2-year bill as it did not pass out of the Assembly policy committee by deadline.

SB 119

(Hill D) Protection of subsurface installations.

Current Text: Amended: 8/17/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/14/2015

Last Amend: 8/17/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-Action From APPR. SUSPENSE FILE: Do pass as amended.

Location: 8/27/2015-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Calendar: 8/31/2015 #56 ASSEMBLY SENATE SECOND READING FILE

Summary: Current law defines a subsurface installation as any underground pipeline, conduit, duct, wire, or other structure. Current law requires an operator of a subsurface installation, who receives notification of proposed excavation work, within 2 working days of that notification, excluding weekends and holidays, to mark the approximate location and number of subsurface installations that may be affected by the excavation or to advise that no subsurface installations operated by him or her would be affected. This bill would declare the need to clarify and revise these provisions. The bill would define and redefine various terms relating to a regional notification center.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 1/15/2015 I-1/14/2015 to: AEG
1/27/2015 AEG Sac Section moved bill from Pending to Watch

6/27/15 - this bill has been set for Asm committee hearing on 7/6/15

7/5/15 - this bill will be heard on 7/6, Judy will try to attend if B & P committee is finished

8/7/15 - this bill is in Assembly Approps but has not been set for hearing, deadline to get out of Appropriations is 8/27.

8/18/15 - this bill is scheduled for hearing in Assembly Approps on 8/19/2015.

8/28/15 - this bill passed off the suspense file yesterday and is not on the Assembly floor for vote.

SB 144

(Pan D) Water development projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds.

Current Text: Amended: 4/6/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 1/27/2015

Last Amend: 4/6/2015

Status: 8/27/2015-Action From APPR. SUSPENSE FILE: Do pass.

Location: 8/27/2015-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
1st House				2nd House							

Calendar: 8/31/2015 #179 ASSEMBLY SENATE THIRD READING FILE

Summary: Current law provides for state cooperation with the federal government in the construction of specified flood control projects. Current law adopts and authorizes federally adopted and approved projects, including a 200-year level of flood protection in the Natomas Basin, in areas within the City of Sacramento and the Counties of Sacramento and Sutter. This bill would describe the Natomas Basin flood protection project as further modified by a specified report adopted by Congress. The bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 1/28/2015 I-1/27/2015 to: AEG

Notes2: 3/28/15 - The bill passed the Natural Resources and Water committee - 9-0 on March 24, 2015. It will now go the Appropriations committee for consideration.

6/27/15 - this bill will be heard in Assembly Committee 6/30/15

7/5/15 - this bill passed assembly committee 15-0. It will be heard in assembly appropriations on July 8th

8/7/15 - this bill is on the Assembly Appropriations suspense file. The suspense file will be heard on August 27th which will determine which bills will continue moving through the process.

8/28/15 - this bill passed out of the Assembly Appropriations suspense file and is now the Assembly floor for a vote.

SB 284

(Cannella R) Engineering and land surveying: limited liability partnerships.

Current Text: Chaptered: 8/10/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/19/2015

Last Amend: 5/5/2015

Status: 8/10/2015-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 157, Statutes of 2015.

Location: 8/10/2015-S. CHAPTERED

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Conc.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2016, provides that engineers or land surveyors are not

prohibited from practicing or offering to practice, within the scope of their licensure, as a limited liability partnership if specified requirements are met, including, among others, that any offer, promotion, or advertisement by the business that contains the name of any individual in the business must clearly and specifically designate the license or registration discipline of the individual named. Current law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2016. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2019.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 2/23/2015 I-2/19/2015 to: AEG

Notes2: 3/28/14 - this bill will be heard in Senate Business and Profession Committee on April 20th.

5/2/15 - this bill is in Senate Appropriations and will be assessed to determine cost of implementation, any bill with costs over \$50,000 will be put on suspense. This bill was amended 4/22/15.

6/27/15 - this bill has been sent to the Asm Appropriations committee, no date set.

7/5/15 - this bill will be heard in appropriations on 7/5/15

8/7/15 this has passed the legislature and is moving to the Governor for action.

SB 465

(Hill D) Contractors: discipline.

Current Text: Amended: 7/8/2015 [pdf](#) [html](#)

Introduced: 2/25/2015

Last Amend: 7/8/2015

Status: 7/17/2015-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was B.&P. on 7/14/2015)

Location: 7/17/2015-A. 2 YEAR

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	2 year	Fiscal	Floor	Conf.	Enrolled	Vetoed	Chaptered
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Summary: Current law requires the Contractors' State License Board, with the approval of the Director of Consumer Affairs, to appoint a registrar of contractors to serve as the executive officer and secretary of the board. This bill would require a licensee to report to the registrar within 90 days of the date that the licensee has knowledge of the conviction of the licensee of any felony or any other crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed contractor, or any civil action settlement or administrative action resulting in a settlement worth \$50,000 or more, or a binding arbitration or administrative action resulting in binding arbitration worth \$25,000 or more, resulting from specified acts. Failure to comply with this requirement would be grounds for disciplinary action.

Position **Priority**
Watch

Notes1: 7/1/2015 A-4/21/2015 to: AEG

Notes2: 7/5/15 - this bill will be heard in assembly B&P on 7/14/15

8/7/15 - both Garry and I attended this hearing. the bill did not get the votes to move this year so it is now a two year bill which will give all parties concerned to work on a compromise. Meetings will begin in the fall during the interim break. Several groups were opposed to this bill mostly from the building trades.

Total Measures: 9

Total Tracking Forms: 9