

CCASLA Legislative Update – DJ Taylor, ASLA, CCASLA Director and Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith LLC

The California Council of ASLA (CCASLA), which is comprised of two members from each of the four California chapters, serves our membership by monitoring legislation and the lawmaking process taking place in our State’s Capitol. The CCASLA works with legislative advocates to assist in determining what position to take on Assembly Bills (AB) and Senate Bills (SB) that might have an effect on the profession of Landscape Architecture in California. Those positions are generally watch, oppose, or support.

Legislative Update (Jason Ikerd & Bridget McGowan, Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith LLC)

February 19th marked the passage of the deadline for legislators to introduce bills for the 2021 session. The Legislature struggled throughout 2020 to meet legislative deadlines. With only a few hearing rooms large enough to allow social distancing, legislators were forced to conduct their business with fewer hearings. Hundreds of bills failed to pass given that limitation. Then at the end of session the Legislature ground to a halt as the Assembly and Senate fought with each other over their inability to move each other’s priority bills fast enough.

Despite all of this, the Legislature was not very gun-shy about its workload, introducing 2300 bills. While it’s true that not every introduced bill moves, this is still a daunting amount of potential work in light of the Legislature’s limitations.

The Legislature will address this challenge in a few ways. Normally bills must be in print for 30 days before the Legislature takes any action on them, including hearing the bill or amending it. The Senate has waived this rule allowing them to hear bills immediately. The Assembly has yet to follow suit, but it is likely that policy committee Chairs will be given a lot of latitude to decide which bills to hear and which to let die. At the same time, the reliable rumor is that there will be an unofficial limit placed on the number of bills each Assemblymember can move out of the Assembly.

Currently Monitored Bills:

Bill#	Subject	Position	Status
AB 30 (Kalra)	Parks: Access to Nature	Watch	Introduced
AB 54 (Kiley)	COVID-19 emergency violation: license revocation	Watch	Introduced
AB 107 (Salas)	DCA: boards: temporary licenses: military spouse	Watch	Introduced
AB 223 (Ward)	Wildlife: Dudleya: taking and possession	Watch	Introduced
AB 225 (Gray)	DCA: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses	Watch	Introduced
AB 252 (R.Rivas)	Dept of Conserv: Multibenefit Land Repurposing Prog.	Watch	Introduced
AB 284 (R.Rivas)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: climate goal	Watch	Introduced
AB 391 (Villapudua)	Pollinator Habitat Conservation Funding	Watch	Introduced
AB 416 (Kalra)	CA Deforestation-Free Procurement Act: Wood Products	Watch	Introduced
AB 564 (Gonzalez)	Biodiversity Protection and Restoration Act	Watch	Introduced
AB 567 (Bauer-Kahan)	Pesticides: neonicotinoids: prohibited use	Watch	Introduced
AB 612 (Mayes)	Worker classification: business-to-business: Vol deposits	Watch	Introduced
AB 646 (Low)	Dept. of Consumer Affairs: boards: expunged convictions	Watch	Introduced
AB 672 (C.Garcia)	Golf Courses: Open Space and Affordable Housing	Watch	Introduced
AB 697 (C. Garcia)	Forests: Ecological Restoration and Fire Resiliency	Watch	Introduced
AB 765 (Garcia)	Public Lands: School Lands: CA Desert Conservation	Watch	Introduced
AB 878 (Dahle)	Wildlife Resources: natural community conserv. plans	Watch	Introduced
AB 902 (O’Donnel)	School Design-Build Contracts	Watch	Introduced
AB 1010 (Berman)	Architects: Continuing Education	Watch	Introduced
AB 1026 (Smith)	Business Licenses: Veterans	Watch	Introduced
AB 1030 (Chen)	Professional Land Surveyor’s Act/Professional Eng’s.	Watch	Introduced
AB 1298 (Bloom)	Pesticides: 2 nd Generation anticoagulant rodenticides	Watch	Introduced
AB 1384 (Gabriel)	Resiliency Through Adaptation, Econ Vitality & Equity	Watch	Introduced
AB 1395 (Muratsuchi)	Greenhouse gases: Carbon Neutrality	Watch	Introduced
AB 1476 (Gray)	Park property: City of Modesto: Beard Brook Park.	Watch	Introduced
AB 1508 (Flora)	Agriculture: Orchard recycling: carbon offset credits	Watch	Introduced
SB 27 (Skinner)	CO2 Sequestration: State goals: Nat/working land registry	Watch	Introduced
SB 102 (Melendez)	COVID-19 emergency order violation: license revocation	Watch	Introduced
SB 359 (Caballero)	Climate change: natural and working lands	Watch	Introduced
SB 407 (Archuleta)	Professional Land Surveyors’ Act	Watch	Introduced
SB 418 (Laird)	Sea Level Rise: Planning Data Base	Watch	Introduced
SB 604 (Hueso)	Nature/Parks Career Path/Community Resiliency Act	Watch	Introduced
SB 624 (Hueso)	Environmental Equity and Outdoor Access Act.	Watch	Introduced

If you are interested in reading up on these bills, you can do so by visiting <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/>

The next **LATC** meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 29th**. For more information, please visit the LATC website at www.latc.ca.gov.

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