

Update on ABAG 2018 Priority Bills

Assembly Bills

Bill (Author)	Subject	Position	Status/Location
AB 686 (Santiago)	<p>Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing</p> <p><i>Requires, among other provisions, each jurisdiction's housing element to affirmatively further fair housing. For revisions to the housing element that occur on and after January 1, 2021, expands the current requirement for larger jurisdictions to conduct an assessment of fair housing to all jurisdictions, regardless of size, and requires that the assessment be included in the housing element.</i></p>	<p>Neutral</p> <p><i>(ABAG originally adopted an "oppose" position but the bill was amended to address our concerns.)</i></p>	Governor's Desk
AB 1771 (Bloom)	<p>Regional Housing Needs Allocations</p> <p><i>Makes changes to the process by which councils of government (COGs) distribute regional housing needs allocations (RHNA) to localities within the region, including requiring that the RHNA plan further the objectives of "affirmatively furthering fair housing" and meeting greenhouse gas reduction targets. The bill also adds a new state-level review of a COG's draft RHNA methodology.</i></p>	<p>Oppose unless amended</p> <p><i>(Amendments did not fully reflect ABAG's recommendations.)</i></p>	Governor's Desk
AB 1857 (Nazarian)	<p>Building Code Standards for Post-Earthquake "Functional Recovery"</p> <p><i>Requires the California Building Standards Commission to explore updating California's seismic building code standards to provide that newly constructed buildings remain usable after an earthquake.</i></p>	Support	Governor's Desk

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AB 1912 (Rodriguez)	Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) and Employee Retirement Liability <i>In the case that a JPA dissolves, the bill requires that member agencies of the JPA take responsibility for the JPA's employee pension commitments.</i>	No Position	Enrolled
AB 2372 (Gloria)	Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Bonus <i>Authorizes localities to offer a new FAR bonus in lieu of a traditional density bonus to developers of multifamily housing projects that meet certain affordability, location, zoning and unit replacement criteria.</i>	Support and seek amendment	Governor's Desk
AB 2923 (Chiu)	BART Transit Oriented Development <i>Requires BART to adopt transit-oriented development (TOD) guidelines for BART-owned land within one-half mile of certain stations and require local agencies to rezone consistent with these standards or be subject to BART zoning.</i>	Oppose unless amended <i>(Amendments did not fully reflect ABAG recommendations.)</i>	Governor's Desk
AB 2681 (Nazarian)	Statewide Inventory of Seismically Vulnerable Buildings <i>Requires local building departments to create an inventory of seismically vulnerable buildings, which will be compiled into a statewide inventory by the Office of Emergency Services.</i>	Support	Governor's Desk

Senate Bills

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SB 828 (Wiener)	Regional Housing Needs Assessments <i>Modifies the methodology the State Department of Housing and Community Development must use when determining each region's total housing need for the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) planning period.</i>	Support <i>(ABAG's original position had been "support if amended." Amendments reflect ABAG's recommendations.)</i>	Governor's Desk
SB 831 (Wieckowski)	Accessory Dwelling Units	Support if amended	Did not pass
SB 1469 (Skinner)	Accessory Dwelling Units	Support if amended <i>(Bill was merged with SB 831.)</i>	Did not pass