

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION  
TO BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE  
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT (DSA-SS AND DSA-CC)  
REGARDING THE 2019 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1  
(DSA-SS/CC 01-19)**

Note to agencies: The laws associated with the instructions in this form are found primarily in Government Code Section 11346.5 et sequentes. For clarity during the administrative review process, do not remove the headings or statutory references to applicable sections being completed.

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of The Division of the State Architect (DSA) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 1. The DSA is proposing building standards related the administrative regulations for the structural design of public elementary and secondary schools and community colleges.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **April 24, 2020**, until **5:00 PM on June 8, 2020**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

[e-comments form](https://dgs.ca.gov/BSC/e-comments) [dgs.ca.gov/BSC/e-comments](https://dgs.ca.gov/BSC/e-comments)

US Mail postmarked no later than **June 8, 2020**:

**California Building Standards Commission**  
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
Michael Nearman, Deputy Executive Director

Written comments may also be emailed to [CBSC@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:CBSC@dgs.ca.gov).

Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide both written and/or oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by the CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

**POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals

the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

## **AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

The CBSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18930 and 18949. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific the provisions of Health & Safety Code Sections 16000-16023, and Education Code Sections 17280-17317, 81130-81147 and 81052-81053.

The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Health & Safety Code Section 16022, and Education Code Sections 17295, 17310, 81052, 81142 and 81053.

## **INFORMATIVE DIGEST**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

### **Summary of Existing Laws**

Section 16022 of the Health & Safety Code authorizes the State Architect to establish building standards for state-owned and state-leased essential services buildings.

Sections 17295, 17310 and 81142 of the Education Code authorize the State Architect to establish building standards for public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges.

Sections 81052 and 81053 of the Education Code authorize the State Architect to establish building standards which a community college may elect to use in lieu of those standards promulgated in accordance with Education Code Sec. 81142.

### **Summary of Existing Regulations**

Existing building standards which prescribe the administrative requirements for building design and construction of state-owned or state-leased essential services buildings, public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges are promulgated by the Division of the State Architect. These regulations are contained in Title 24, Part 1, and are based on provisions within the adopted model building code.

### **Summary of Effect**

The proposed action would adopt and amend the current 2019 edition of the California Administrative Code (CAC) (Title 24, Part 1, California Code of Regulations). The proposed action will:

- Integrate statutory revisions and clarify existing amendments in the current 2019 California Administrative Code.

- Make editorial changes to currently adopted amendments to improve clarity or intent.

### **Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations**

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

### **Policy Statement Overview**

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain building regulations in conformance with current state law by adopting and amending the current edition of the California Administrative Code.

### **Evaluation of Consistency**

There are no regulations being proposed that will be inconsistent or incompatible within this submittal and with current California Administrative Code and statutory requirements of the Education Code and Health and Safety Code.

### **OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

There are no inconsistent or incompatible regulations being proposed.

### **MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

DSA has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

### **ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **YES**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **YES**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO**

Estimate: Unknown - Raising the cost threshold in Section 4-309(a) for triggering required evaluation and potential retrofit of existing lateral force resisting elements in alteration projects will potentially reduce costs to the district from having to pay for evaluation and retrofit of those affected elements. The number of alteration projects this will affect, and the cost savings associated with these conditions is unknown as DSA does not maintain this level of data to quantify such an estimate. However, DSA does expect that this revised amendment will save school districts in design and potential retrofit costs of individual structural members on alteration projects where they would otherwise have been affected.

## **INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

DSA has made an initial determination that the adoption and amendment of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

## **DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relies upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence has been relied upon to support the initial determination of no effect.

## **FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

NA

## **COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

DSA is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

## **ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

The Division of the State Architect has assessed whether or not and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

### **A. The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.**

The DSA has determined that this proposed action has no effect.

### **B. The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses**

**within the State of California.**

The DSA has determined that this proposed action has no effect.

**C. The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.**

The DSA has determined that this proposed action has no effect.

**D. The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.**

The DSA has determined the health and welfare of California residents, public school children in particular, benefit from the proposed regulations as evidenced from past administration of similar administrative regulations.

**ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

DSA has determined that this proposed action has no effect on housing.

**CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

DSA has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by DSA or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

**AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS**

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the [CBSC website](http://dgs.ca.gov/BSC): [dgs.ca.gov/BSC](http://dgs.ca.gov/BSC)

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or at the [CBSC website](http://dgs.ca.gov/BSC): [dgs.ca.gov/BSC](http://dgs.ca.gov/BSC)

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

DSA shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law and that providing the description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

## **CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS**

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Michael L. Nearman  
Deputy Executive Director  
California Building Standards Commission  
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
Sacramento, CA 95833  
Telephone: (916) 263-0916

## **PROPOSING STATE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE AND/OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING STANDARDS**

Specific questions regarding the substantive and/or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

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