

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
REGARDING THE 2022 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 12**

(BSC 07/21)

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires that an Initial Statement of Reasons be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following information required by the APA pertains to this particular rulemaking action:

STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC PURPOSE, PROBLEM, RATIONALE and BENEFITS

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(1) requires a statement of specific purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal and the problem the agency intends to address and the rationale for the determination by the agency that each adoption, amendment, or repeal is reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose and address the problem for which it is proposed. The statement shall enumerate the benefits anticipated from the regulatory action, including the benefits or goals provided in the authorizing statute.

These proposed actions by California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) are non-regulatory, and benefit all proposers, adopters, and users, making modifications and clarifications to the 2019 Code. The intent of this Part of the code continues to provide a compendium for original and unique standards that are not available via other published sources. It is justified by criteria (3), in the public interest, of Health and Safety Code 18930(a).

The proposed changes to the building standards, with statewide application, will lead to improved clarity and therefore understanding.

ITEM 1

PREFACE and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CBSC proposes to bring forward existing amendment to PREFACE from the 2019 California Referenced Standards Code for adoption into the 2022 California Referenced Standards Code. CBSC is proposing editorial amendments to ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS to reflect the year of the code, Commissioners, and the Governor update. Refer to Item 2 for additional rationale.

ITEM 2

PART 12 CROSS REFERENCE TABLE

CBSC proposes to amend PART 12 CROSS REFERENCE TABLE, by updating the Chapter titles and its associated sections to Title 24. This Table serves as a non-regulatory aid to the code user.

TECHNICAL, THEORETICAL, AND EMPIRICAL STUDY, REPORT, OR SIMILAR DOCUMENTS

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(3) requires an identification of each technical, theoretical, and empirical study, report, or similar document, if any, upon which the agency relies in proposing the regulation(s).

There was no technical, theoretical or empirical study, report, or similar documents used as the basis for the proposed amendments to the 2022 California Referenced Standards Code.

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION FOR PRESCRIPTIVE STANDARDS

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(1) requires a statement of the reasons why an agency believes any mandates for specific technologies or equipment or prescriptive standards are required.

The proposed amendments do not mandate any specific technologies or equipment and do not require any prescriptive standards. The amendments are non-regulatory.

CONSIDERATION OF REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(4)(A) requires a description of reasonable alternatives to the regulation and the agency's reasons for rejecting those alternatives. In the case of a regulation that would mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment or prescribe specific action or procedures, the imposition of performance standards shall be considered as an alternate. It is not the intent of this paragraph to require the agency to artificially construct alternatives or describe unreasonable alternatives.

No alternatives were considered because the proposed changes are administrative in nature, consistent with interested party input and are driven by statute. The proposed amendments are intended to aid the code user.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES THE AGENCY HAS IDENTIFIED THAT WOULD LESSEN ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(4)(B) requires a description of any reasonable alternatives that have been identified or that have otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the agency that would lessen any adverse impact on small business.

No alternatives were identified that would lessen any adverse impact on small business. Small businesses will not experience an adverse impact due to this rulemaking proposal.

FACTS, EVIDENCE, DOCUMENTS, TESTIMONY, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON BUSINESS

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(5)(A) requires the facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence on which the agency relies to support an initial determination that the action will not have a significant adverse economic impact on business.

CBSC did not identify facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence to make an initial determination of significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

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

Government Code Sections 11346.3(b)(1) and 11346.5(a)(10)

The California Building Standards Commission has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

- A.** The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.
This regulation will not affect the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California
- B.** The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
This regulation will not affect the creation or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.
- C.** The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.
This regulation will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California
- D.** The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.
These regulations will update and clarify minimum building standards, which will provide increased protection of public health and safety, worker safety and the environment.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE, ESTIMATED POTENTIAL BENEFITS, AND RELATED ASSUMPTIONS USED FOR BUILDING STANDARDS

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(5)(B)(i) states if a proposed regulation is a building standard, the initial statement of reasons shall include the estimated cost of compliance, the estimated potential benefits, and the related assumptions used to determine the estimates.

CBSC did not identify any costs to comply with the proposed amendments. The amendments provide clarity and consistency for the code user.

DUPLICATION OR CONFLICTS WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS

Government Code Section 11346.2(b)(6) requires a department, board, or commission within the Environmental Protection Agency, the Resources Agency, or the Office of the State Fire Marshal to describe its efforts, in connection with a proposed rulemaking action, to avoid unnecessary duplication or conflicts with federal regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations addressing the same issues. These agencies may adopt regulations different from these federal regulations upon a finding of one or more of the following justifications: (A) The differing state regulations are authorized by law and/or (B) The cost of differing state regulations is justified by the benefit to human health, public safety, public welfare, or the environment.

CBSC's proposed amendments to Part 12 do not duplicate or conflict with federal regulations.