

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 1
(BSC 01/25)**

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that every agency shall maintain a file of each rulemaking that shall be deemed to be the record for that rulemaking proceeding. The rulemaking file shall include a Final Statement of Reasons. The Final Statement of Reasons shall be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following are the reasons for proposing this particular rulemaking action:

UPDATES TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(1) requires an update of the information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons. If the update identifies any data or any technical, theoretical or empirical study, report, or similar document on which the state agency is relying that was not identified in the Initial Statement of Reasons, the state agency shall comply with Government Code Section 11347.1.

The California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) has not added any data (including technical, theoretical, or empirical studies, reports, or similar documents relied upon) that would necessitate an update of the information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(2), if the determination as to whether the proposed action would impose a mandate, the agency shall state whether the mandate is reimbursable pursuant to Part 7 of Division 4. If the agency finds that the mandate is not reimbursable, it shall state the reasons for the finding(s).

The California Building Standards Commission has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

CBSC does not have authority to impose building standards or regulations on school districts. Further, the proposed amendments are administrative in nature and will only impact procedures for compliance with CBSC rulemaking processes by state adopting and proposing agencies.

OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION(S).

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(3) requires a summary of EACH objection or recommendation regarding the specific adoption, amendment, or repeal proposed, and an explanation of how the proposed action was changed to accommodate each objection or recommendation, or the reasons for making no change. This requirement applies only to objections or recommendations specifically directed at the agency's proposed action or to the procedures followed by the agency in proposing or adopting the action, or reasons for

making no change. Irrelevant or repetitive comments may be aggregated and summarized as a group.

The text with proposed changes was made available to the public for a 45-day comment period from April 3, 2026, until May 18, 2026. The only comment received was supportive of the proposed changes. There was no subsequent public comment period.

Items 1, 2, 3, and 4

Chapter 1 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION, Article 1 GENERAL, Section 1-101 Abbreviations, Chapter 1, Article 3 APPEALS AND PETITION PROCEDURES, Section 1-313 Petitions, Chapter 1, Article 4 RULEMAKING FOR THE ADOPTION OF BUILDING STANDARDS, Section 1-415 Final rulemaking file by state proposing agencies, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 1-419 Emergency Building Standards.

Clarifying and coordinating changes to administrative provisions in articles 1, 3, and 4 of Chapter 1.

Commenter(s) and Recommendation:

Bob Raymer representing CA Building Industry Association / CA Apartment Association / CA Business Property Association / Building Owners & Managers Association recommends to approve the proposed amendment.

Agency Response:

CBSC appreciates the industry coalition's support for the proposed amendments.

DETERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND EFFECT ON PRIVATE PERSONS

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(4) requires a determination with supporting information that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

CBSC has determined that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulations, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

The proposed code changes are purely administrative in nature regarding procedures for compliance with CBSC rulemaking processes. CBSC is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person would incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

REJECTED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD LESSEN THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:

Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(5) requires an explanation setting forth the reasons for rejecting any proposed alternatives that would lessen the adverse economic impact on small businesses, including the benefits of the proposed regulation per 11346.5(a)(3).

Not applicable – CBSC has determined that the proposed regulations are administrative in nature and will only impact procedures for compliance with CBSC rulemaking processes by state adopting and proposing agencies. There are no costs associated with the proposed code changes.