

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
TO
BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT (DSA-AC)

REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO
THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 10

2016 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE
TRIENNIAL CODE CYCLE**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Division of the State Architect (DSA-AC) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 10. The DSA-AC is proposing building standards related to the accessibility provisions of the 2016 California Existing Building Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **August 14, 2015** until **5:00 PM** on **September 28, 2015**. Please address your comments to:

California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Attention: Jim McGowan, Executive Director

Written Comments may also be faxed to (916) 263-0959 or E-mailed to 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 California Building Standards Commission 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

Following the public comment period, the 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

The California Building Standards Commission proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18928.

For DSA-AC, the purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Government Code Sections 4450 through 4461, and 12955.1; and Health and Safety Code Sections 18949.1 and 19952 through 19959. The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Government Code Section 4450.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

An informative digest drafted in plain English in a format similar to the Legislative Counsel's Digest shall include the following:

Summary of Existing Laws

Government Code Section 4450 authorizes the State Architect to develop regulations for making buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs, and related facilities accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

Summary of Existing Regulations

DSA-AC has no regulations in the current edition of the California Existing Building Code. Existing accessibility regulations promulgated by the DSA-AC are contained in the California Building Code (Title 24, Part 2). These regulations are applicable to:

- 1) Publicly funded buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs and related facilities;
- 2) Privately funded public accommodations and commercial facilities;
- 3) Public housing and private housing available for public use;
- 4) Any portable buildings leased or owned by a school district; and
- 5) Temporary and emergency buildings and facilities.

Summary of Effect

The proposed action would update the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 10 by:

- Adopting new California administrative and accessibility amendments into the 2016 California Existing Building Code which will direct code users to the existing accessibility requirements of CCR, Title 24, Part 2.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

Comparable federal statutes and regulations include:

- Regulations for Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as adopted by the US Department of Justice. The regulations provide enforceable standards for accessible design, known as the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, in three parts:
 - 1) 2010 Standards for State and Local Government Facilities: Title II Regulations at 28 CFR Part 35.151;
 - 2) 2010 Standards for Public Accommodations and Commercial Facilities: Title III Regulations at 28 CFR Part 36, Subpart D; and
 - 3) 2010 Standards for Title II and III Facilities: 2004 ADAAG.
- Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

Policy Statement Overview

The proposed building standards are intended to add accessibility provisions to the 2016 California Existing Building Code to ensure that publicly funded buildings, structures, sidewalks, curbs, and related facilities shall be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities; privately funded public accommodations and commercial facilities shall be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities;

and public housing and private housing available for public use shall be accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities.

Evaluation of consistency

There are no inconsistent or incompatible regulations proposed.

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

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the DSA-AC, or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **NO**
- 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: **NO**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO**

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

The DSA-AC has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with business in other states.

DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE

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

The proposed action does not require a report by any business or agency, so the DSA-AC has not made a finding of necessity for the public's health, safety or welfare.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

The DSA-AC 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

The DSA-AC has assessed whether or not and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

- The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

The DSA-AC has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

- The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

The DSA-AC has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

- The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.

The DSA-AC has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

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

The DSA-AC has determined that the proposal establishes minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare through access to persons with disabilities.

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

The DSA-AC has made an initial determination that this proposal would not have a significant effect on housing costs. DSA-AC is coordinating the 2016 California Existing Building Code Triennial Code Cycle with the Department of Housing and Community Development.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The DSA-AC has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by DSA-AC or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of DSA-AC would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be as effective as 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

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 California Building Standards Commission website:

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/>

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 California Building Standards Commission website.

Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21) states that the DSA-AC 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

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

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**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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