Summary of Aviation Legislation in California

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A short summary of each bill is provided below. Read the bill's full text plus analysis at the official website for California legislative information at < www.leginfo.ca.gov > Click "Bill Information" and Search for the bill number.

Bill Number & Author		Subject	1st Policy	1st Fiscal	1st Floor	2nd Policy	2nd Fiscal	2nd Floor	Gov. Desk
SB 481 (Cox)		Safety – Bird strike management						7/7	
SB 737 (McLeod)		Airport Land Use Commissions		Failed Deadline					
AB 1272 (Hill)		Helicopter Landing Pad							

Color Code: Green indicates passage; Yellow indicates upcoming hearing/vote and date; **Red** check indicates Governor's signature.

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SB 481, *Senator Cox-Fair Oaks, District 01 (Airports: wildlife)*
This bill would protect airport officials from state sanctions for actions taken in accordance with certain U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permits.
The Latest – 7/6/09 Bill has been placed on the Consent Calendar for the Assembly Floor session.

SB 649, *Senator Ashburn-Bakersfield, District 18 (Transportation)*
"On or before June 30, 2010, the Department of Transportation shall transfer, for fair market value, ownership of 577 acres known as Site A of the Mojave Bypass property in Kern County,

except for that portion of the property constituting the right-of-way for State Highway Route 14, to the East Kern Airport District for open-pace purposes."
The Latest – 7/6/09 Bill has been placed on the Consent Calendar for the Assembly Floor session.

AB 1272, *Assembly Member Hill-San Mateo, District 19 (Emergency medical services: trauma center)*
This bill relates to the Emergency Medical Services System and designated trauma centers. As local services plan their systems they will be required to include air transportation of trauma patients to, and between trauma centers. This bill no longer specifically refers to helicopter landing pads and the permitting process as was called for in previous versions.
The Latest – 7/7/09 This bill has been re-referred to the Committee on Environmental Quality.

SB 737, *Senator Negrete McLeod-Chino, District 32 (Airports: airport land use commissions)*
This bill would delete some sections of airport land use law leaving fewer options for counties to establish an airport land use commission (ALUC). Some counties would be required to establish a new, so-called single-entity airport land use commission or designate an established planning body for airport planning responsibilities. No county would be exempt from the airport land use requirements.
The Latest: - 6/2/09 This bill failed to pass out of the Senate and is therefore dead for at least this first year of the two-year session. It is possible for the bill to make progress if changes are made to it early next year.

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