

Summary of Aviation Legislation in California

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2009-10 Regular Session

The second year of this session began on January 4, 2010. The last day for each house to pass bills they introduced in 2009 is January 31 and the deadline to introduce new bills is February 19, 2010. 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	1 st Policy	1 st Fiscal	1 st Floor	2 nd Policy	2 nd Fiscal	2 nd Floor	Gov. Desk
SB 481 (Cox)	Safety – Bird strike management							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Color Code: Green indicates passage; Yellow indicates upcoming hearing/vote and date; Red check indicates Governor's signature.								

SB 481, *Senator Cox-Fair Oaks, District 01 (Airports: wildlife)*

This bill will protect airport officials from state sanctions for actions taken in accordance with certain U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permits.

The Latest – 10/11/09 This bill was approved by the Governor.

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: - 1/12/10 This bill failed to pass out of the Senate and was held in suspense at the end of last year. Unless there are some emergency changes made to this bill very soon, it will not make it through the second year of the session.

ABX4 10, *Committee on Budget, Transportation*

This budget trailer bill became law on July 28, 2009. "Section 3" of the bill amended the Aeronautics Act in the Public Utilities Code directing a transfer of \$4.0 million from the Aeronautics Account to the General Fund along with a suspension of the Division's authority to issue new Annual Credit Grants, Acquisition & Development funds, and AIP Local Match for fiscal year

2009/2010. Here is the whole section of the bill related to the Aeronautics Act:

"SEC. 3. Section 21683.3 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

21683.3. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the grant or funding programs described in Sections 21682, 21683, and 21683.1 are suspended for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

(b) Upon the order of the Director of Finance, the Controller shall transfer four million dollars (\$4,000,000) from the Aeronautics Account to the General Fund.

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2011, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2011, deletes or extends that date."

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, the Aeronautics Act or CEQA as was called for in previous versions.

The Latest – 1/20/10 This bill was re-referred to the Committee on Health but was not heard by them by the time committee hearings closed last year. The bill is held in suspension now but if changes are made to it soon it may survive the second year of the 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-space purposes."

The Latest – This bill is now Chaptered in law as written above.

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