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
AB 1660 (Salas)		Emergency Aircraft Flights		n/a					
SB 1141 (McLeod)		Airport Land Use Commissions							
Color Code: Yellow indicates upcoming hearing/vote and date; **Green** indicates passage; **Red** check indicates Governor's signature.									

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AB 1660, *Assembly Member Salas-Chula Vista , District 79 (Emergency Aircraft Flights)*
This bill would amend Public Utilities Code (PUC) regarding emergency aircraft flights. Such flights are exempt in the PUC from adopted local ordinances with respect to the time of day they fly, their noise signature and aircraft type. This bill would extend the local ordinance exemption to the so called non-emergency flight back to the aircraft's operational base.
The Latest -- This bill passed out of the Assembly and will next be heard in the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing. The bill has not been amended.

SB 1141, *Senator Negrete McLeod-Chino, District 32 (Airports: airport land use commissions)*
This bill would prevent public entities in counties without an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) from receiving grants from the Aeronautics Account. Some exceptions apply. SB 1141 would also allow the Division of Aeronautics to establish a fund that has as its sole purpose, providing funds for ALUC start-up costs.
The Latest -- This bill was amended on 4/5/10. The Appropriations Committee placed this bill on suspense at its meeting on May 3, 2010, and may hear the bill at a future meeting.

SB 1333, *Senator Yee-San Francisco/San Mateo, District 8 (Airports: Avigation Easements)*
This bill seeks to have avigation easements granted earlier in the development process rather than when a project's cerificate of occupancy is issued. Easements would terminate if a project is not fully developed.
The Latest--This bill passed out of Senate Appropriations on May 10, 2010, and after it is amended can be heard on the Senate floor.

AB 2173, *Assembly Member Beall-San Jose, District 24 (Emergency Air Medical Transportation Providers)*
This bill provides for increased Medi-Cal funding of emergency air ambulance transportation by imposing a $3 fee on each motor vehicle violation in California, with the exception of parking violations.
The Latest -- This bill was amended on 4/5/10. It has been held in suspense in the Appropriations Committee since April 28, 2010.

SB 1264, *Assembly Member Leno-San Francisco/San Rafael, District 03 (Commercial airlines: passenger rights)*
This bill would require passengers on planes that are delayed by three hours or more to be provided with fresh air, light, aircraft waste removal, and adequate food, water and other refreshment. Passenger air carriers would also be required to provide clear notification regarding consumer complaint contact information.
The Latest -- This bill was sent to the Senate Appropriations suspense file on May 10, 2010, and may be heard again in Appropriations at a later 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 ended last year.

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