



## Summary of Aviation Legislation in California

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- **May: First-house non-fiscal policy committee deadline** - Early May is deadline for a non-fiscal bill to be passed out of its respective policy committee in its house of origin.
- **June: House of origin deadline | Budget deadline** - Early June is the deadline for a bill to pass out of its house of origin to its second house. June 15th is the deadline for the Legislature to pass a budget. Budget trailer bills are enacted after the main budget bill.
- **July: Last policy committee deadline | Recess** - Deadline for a bill to be passed out of its respective policy committee in its second house. Then the Legislature adjourns for one month after the first week of July for Summer Recess.

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**AB 128, Assembly Member Bradford-Inglewood, District 62 (Peace Officers: Airport Law Enforcement)**

This bill would place an airport law enforcement officer regularly employed by Los Angeles World Airports, (LAWA), as defined, within a different category of peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the state without restrictions as to arrest powers and with the authority to carry specified firearms. It would also make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Los Angeles, relating to law enforcement at the Los Angeles International Airport.

**The latest** - Referred to Com. on PUBLIC SAFETY (PUB. S.) on January 24<sup>th</sup>; Re-referred to Com. on APPROPRIATIONS, (APPR.), vote to pass - (Ayes 6. Noes 0.) on March 12<sup>th</sup>. In committee: First hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file, on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**AB 393, Assembly Member Cooley-Rancho Cordova, District 8 (Internet Website)**

Existing law requires a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its licensing requirements, as provided. This bill would require the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to ensure that the office's Internet Web site contains information on the fee requirements and fee schedules of state agencies and would also require a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its fee schedule, as provided.

**The latest** - Referred to Com. on GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (G.O.) on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**AB 737, Assembly Member Fox-Palmdale, District 36 (Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development)**

This bill would require the director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) to prepare a proposal to establish a test site in California to develop and implement operational and certification requirements for the operation of public unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the national airspace system by December 31, 2015.

**The latest** – Ordered to the Senate on April 18<sup>th</sup>; In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on RULES (RLS), for assignment on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**AB 867, Assembly Member Yamada-Davis, District 8 (aviation)**

This bill would require a meteorological tower to be marked with a flashing light, and would require the tower to comply with these marking requirements by January 1, 2015, or when the tower is lowered and then raised for maintenance or other purposes, whichever is sooner; and includes any meteorological tower erected before January 1, 2013, or between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 that is located on prime agricultural land or within one mile of prime agricultural land. Additionally, this bill would expand the marking requirements for meteorological towers erected between January 1, 2013 and December 13, 2013, to encompass towers located outside the boundaries of an incorporated city.

**The latest** – Amended on April 1<sup>st</sup>; Read second time and amended; Re-referred to Committee on Business, Profession and Consumer Protection, (B., P. & C.P.) on April 16<sup>th</sup>; on calendar for April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**AB 1058, Assembly Member Chavez – Carlsbad, District 76 (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)**

This bill would delete references to the city selection committees appointing the 4 directors, and instead would require the mayors of those cities to jointly appoint the directors in a public meeting that is publicly noticed by the authority and each of the cities, as specified. This would increase the duties of local officials, and would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize the authority to adopt a comprehensive plan on the future development of San Diego's Regional International Airport.

**The latest** – Referred to Committee on Local Government (L. GOV) on March 21<sup>st</sup>; Amended, and re-refer to Com. on L. GOV. Read second time and amended; Re-referred to Com. on L. GOV. on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AB 1327, Assembly Member Gorell-West Lake Village, District 44 (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)**

This bill would generally prohibit public agencies from using unmanned aircraft systems, (UAS), or contracting for their use, with certain exceptions applicable to law enforcement agencies and in certain other cases. The bill would require a contract for the use of an unmanned aircraft system, for authorized purposes by a local public agency to be subject to the specific approval of the applicable local public agency's legislative body. The bill would require a local legislative body, in approving the acquisition or purchase, to also adopt policies governing the use and deployment of the UAS. Additionally, a state agency that uses an UAS, or contracts for the use of an UAS, to provide, no later than January 1 of each year, an annual report to the Governor that includes, the agency's acquisitions, purchases, rentals, or leases of unmanned aircraft systems. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**The latest** - From committee chair, with author's amendments, amended, and re-referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY (PU. S.) Read second time and amended on April 3<sup>rd</sup>; Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S. on April 4<sup>th</sup>; in committee on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 15, Assembly Member Padilla-Van Nuys, District 20 (Aviation: Unmanned Aircraft Systems)**

An unmanned aerial vehicle (commonly referred to as a “drone”) is an aircraft without a human pilot that is either remote controlled or fully automated. This bill would clarify that a constructive invasion of privacy may occur through the use of a device affixed to or contained within an unmanned aircraft system. This bill would similarly amend criminal prohibitions relating to eavesdropping and privacy to include the use of devices affixed to or contained within an unmanned aircraft system; and would prohibit unmanned aircraft systems from being equipped with a weapon.

**The latest** - Re-referred to Committee. on PUBLIC SAFETY (PUB. S.) on April 16<sup>th</sup>; vote to pass – (Ayes 5. Noes 1.); re-referred to PUB. S. on April 17<sup>th</sup> – Set for hearing April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 415, Senate Member Knight-Lancaster, District 21 (Space Flight Liability)**

This bill would include a manufacturer or supplier of components, services, or vehicles that have been reviewed by the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), as part of issuing a license, permit, or other authorization pursuant to specified provisions of federal law relating to commercial space launch activities as a space flight entity with limited liability for any participant injury.

**The latest** - Referred to Com. on JUDICIARY (JUD.) on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**SB 758, Senate Member Block-San Diego, District 39 (San Diego Co. Regional Airport Authority)**

This bill would postpone the preparation of an airport land use compatibility plan for the City of Coronado and the United States Naval Air Station North Island by the San Diego

Regional Airport Authority as the airport land use commission until a joint land use study is completed by the City of Coronado, the United States Navy, and the San Diego Regional Airport Authority. By requiring the local airport land use commission to postpone the preparation of its airport land use compatibility plan, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**The latest** - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee. on GOVERNANCE & FINANCE (GOV. & F.) on April 1<sup>st</sup>; First hearing set and cancelled at the request of author on April 4<sup>th</sup>; Set for hearing May 1<sup>st</sup> on April 11<sup>th</sup>.