

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 502**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla**

February 15, 2011

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An act to amend Section 65580 of the Government Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 502, as introduced, Bonilla. Land use: general plan: housing element.

The Planning and Zoning Law requires a city or county to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city or county and any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning. That law also requires the general plan to include various elements, including a housing element that is required to identify adequate sites for housing and to make adequate provision for the existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the community.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to that law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 65580 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 65580. The Legislature finds and declares ~~as follows~~ *all of the*  
4 *following:*

- 1 (a) The availability of housing is of vital statewide importance,  
2 and the early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living  
3 environment for every Californian, including farmworkers, is a  
4 priority of the highest order.
- 5 (b) The early attainment of this goal requires the cooperative  
6 participation of government and the private sector in an effort to  
7 expand housing opportunities and accommodate the housing needs  
8 of Californians of all economic levels.
- 9 (c) The provision of housing affordable to low- and  
10 moderate-income households requires the cooperation of all levels  
11 of government.
- 12 (d) Local and state governments have a responsibility to use the  
13 powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and  
14 development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing  
15 needs of all economic segments of the community.
- 16 (e) The Legislature recognizes that in carrying out this  
17 responsibility, each local government also has the responsibility  
18 to consider economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and  
19 community goals set forth in the general plan and to cooperate  
20 with other local governments and the state in addressing regional  
21 housing needs.