

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 341**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Dickinson and Gordon**

February 13, 2013

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An act to amend Section 18930.5 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to green building standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 341, as introduced, Dickinson. Green building standards.

Existing law requires the California Building Standards Commission to codify all building standards of adopting agencies or state agencies that propose the building standards and statutes defining building standards into one California Building Standards Code. Existing law provides that if no state agency has the authority or expertise to propose green building standards applicable to a particular occupancy, the commission shall adopt, approve, codify, update, and publish green building standards for those occupancies.

This bill would require the commission to solicit recommendations for code updates relating to green building standards from state agencies with the authority and expertise to propose green building standards applicable to a particular occupancy. The bill would require these agencies to submit recommended code updates for the next 2 California Building Standards Code adoptions and to indicate whether the recommended code updates are intended to be voluntary or mandatory green building standards. The bill would require the commission to compile the recommendations by adoption cycle and by whether the recommendations are for voluntary or mandatory green building standards.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 18930.5 of the Health and Safety Code  
2 is amended to read:  
3 ~~18930.5.—If~~  
4 *18930.5. (a) The commission shall solicit recommendations*  
5 *for code updates relating to green building standards from state*  
6 *agencies with the authority and expertise to propose green building*  
7 *standards applicable to a particular occupancy. These agencies*  
8 *shall submit recommended code updates for the next two California*  
9 *Building Standards Code adoptions. The agencies shall indicate*  
10 *whether the recommended code updates are intended to be*  
11 *voluntary or mandatory green building standards. The commission*  
12 *shall compile the recommendations by adoption cycle and by*  
13 *whether the recommendations are for voluntary or mandatory*  
14 *green building standards.*  
15 *(b) If no state agency has the authority or expertise to propose*  
16 *green building standards applicable to a particular occupancy, the*  
17 *commission shall adopt, approve, codify, update, and publish green*  
18 *building standards for those occupancies.*