

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2800

Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk

February 19, 2016

An act to add Division 33 (commencing with Section 56000) to the Health and Safety Code, relating to building standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2800, as introduced, Quirk. Building standards: climate change effects.

Existing law, the California Building Standards Law, requires the California Building Standards Commission to promulgate and publish updated building standards adopted in the California Building Standards Code every 3 years. The commission receives proposed building standards from state agencies in the course of the adoption cycle. These proposed standards are then made available for public inspection and hearings and are reviewed by technical advisory bodies appointed by the commission.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the California Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with other state agencies, to establish appropriate standards for the development, design, and construction of infrastructure projects that will withstand the effects of climate change.

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. Division 33 (commencing with Section 56000)
2 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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DIVISION 33. CLIMATE CHANGE BUILDING
STANDARDS

7 56000. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that there exist
8 throughout the state many buildings and infrastructure projects
9 which are not capable of withstanding the effects of climate change,
10 that adequate standards do not exist for the development, design,
11 and construction of infrastructure projects that will withstand the
12 effects of climate change, and that it is within the public interest
13 to establish appropriate standards for infrastructure projects that
14 will withstand the effects of climate change.

15 (b) It is, therefore, the intent of the Legislature to enact
16 legislation that would require the California Environmental
17 Protection Agency, in coordination with other state agencies, to
18 establish appropriate standards for the development, design and
19 construction of infrastructure projects that will allow these projects
20 to withstand the effects of climate change, utilize the most
21 up-to-date climate science, and ensure the state’s infrastructure is
22 developed with an understanding of the impacts that climate change
23 will have on proposed projects.

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