



# Department of Fish & Wildlife

## Legislative Report

### February 2015

(as of January 27, 2015)

#### [AB 12](#)

**(Cooley D) State government: administrative regulations: review.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 1/16/2015-Referred to Com. on A. & A.R.

**Location:** 1/16/2015-A. A. & A.R.

**Summary:** Would, until January 1, 2019, require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2018, and after a noticed public hearing, review and revise that agency's regulations to eliminate any inconsistencies, overlaps, or outdated provisions in the regulations, adopt the revisions as emergency regulations, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would further require each agency to, on or before January 1, 2017, compile an overview of the statutory law that agency administers. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

#### [AB 19](#)

**(Chang R) State government: regulations.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 12/2/2014-From printer. May be heard in committee January 1.

**Location:** 12/1/2014-A. PRINT

**Summary:** The Administrative Procedure Act requires the Office of Administrative Law to provide for the official compilation, printing, and publication of state agency regulations, known as the California Code of Regulations. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation requiring state agencies and departments to review existing regulations for relevance, redundancy, and impact on the business community.

#### [AB 37](#)

**(Campos D) Unmanned aircraft systems.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 1/22/2015-Referred to Coms. on PUB. S. and P. & C.P.

**Location:** 1/22/2015-A. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Would generally prohibit public agencies from using unmanned aircraft systems, or contracting for the use of unmanned aircraft systems, as defined, with certain exceptions applicable to law enforcement agencies and in certain other cases, including when the use or operation of the unmanned aircraft system achieves the core mission of the agency and the purpose is unrelated to the gathering of criminal intelligence, as defined.

#### [AB 56](#)

**(Quirk D) Unmanned aircraft systems.**

**Introduced:** 12/2/2014

**Status:** 1/22/2015-Referred to Coms. on PUB. S. and P. & C.P.

**Location:** 1/22/2015-A. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Would generally prohibit public agencies from using unmanned aircraft systems, or contracting for the use of unmanned aircraft systems, as defined, with certain exceptions applicable to law enforcement agencies and in certain other cases, including when the use or operation of the unmanned aircraft system achieves the core mission of the agency and the purpose is unrelated to the gathering of criminal intelligence, as defined. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 78](#)

**(Mathis R) Groundwater basins.**

**Introduced:** 1/5/2015

**Status:** 1/6/2015-From printer. May be heard in committee February 5.

**Location:** 1/5/2015-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Water Resources to categorize each basin or subbasin as high-, medium-, low-, or very low priority and to establish ground water the initial priority for each basin no later than January 31, 2015. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

[AB 96](#)

**(Atkins D) Animal parts and products: importation or sale of ivory and rhinoceros horn.**

**Introduced:** 1/7/2015

**Status:** 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Location:** 1/26/2015-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** Current law exempts the possession with intent to sell, or sale of the dead body, or any part or product thereof, of any elephant before June 1, 1977, or the possession with intent to sell or the sale of any such item on or after June 1, 1977, if the item was imported before January 1, 1977. This bill would delete this exemption. By changing the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 142](#)

**(Bigelow R) Wild and scenic rivers: Mokelumne River.**

**Introduced:** 1/12/2015

**Status:** 1/26/2015-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 1/26/2015-A. NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would require the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, in a report analyzing the suitability or unsuitability of a proposed designation of the Mokelumne River, its tributaries, or portions thereof as additions to the system, to consider the potential effects of the proposed designation on future water requirements, as specified, and the effects of climate change. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 11](#)

**(Beall D) Peace officer training: mental health.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/15/2015-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to increase the minimum mental health training standard for California peace officers.

[SB 17](#)

**(Monning D) California Sea Otter Fund.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

**Location:** 1/15/2015-S. G. & F.

**Summary:** Current law, on and after January 1, 2015, requires money in the California Sea Otter Fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the purposes of establishing a sea otter fund to be used for sea otter conservation, and to the State Coastal Conservancy for competitive grants and contracts for research, projects, and programs related to the Federal Sea Otter Recovery Plan or improving the nearshore ocean ecosystem. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions to January 1, 2021.

[SB 29](#)

**(Beall D) Employment: sick leave.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Status:** 1/15/2015-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 1/15/2015-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Current law requires an employer to allow an employee to use his or her sick leave to care for an ill spouse, domestic partner, parent, or child, as defined. This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

**SB 127** **(Vidak R) Environmental quality: Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.**

**Introduced:** 1/20/2015

**Status:** 1/21/2015-From printer. May be acted upon on or after February 20.

**Location:** 1/20/2015-S. PRINT

**Summary:** CEQA establishes a procedure by which a person may seek judicial review of the decision of the lead agency made pursuant to CEQA and a procedure for the preparation and certification of the record of proceedings upon the filing of an action or proceeding challenging a lead agency's action on the grounds of noncompliance with CEQA. This bill would require the public agency, in certifying the environmental impact report and in granting approvals for projects funded, in whole or in part, by Proposition 1, including the concurrent preparation of the record of proceedings and the certification of the record of proceeding within 5 days of the filing of a specified notice, to comply with specified procedures.

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