

State Coastal Conservancy

March 2019 Legislative Report

[AB 65](#) ***(Petrie-Norris D) Coastal protection: climate adaption: project prioritization.***

Current Text: Introduced: 12/3/2018

Introduced: 12/3/2018

Location: Asm Natural Resources Cmte.

Summary: Existing law authorizes SCC to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for certain projects that address the effects of climate change, and, to the extent allowed, to prioritize projects that maximize public benefits, including, but not limited to, reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, reducing hazards to harbors and ports, preserving and enhancing coastal wetlands and natural lands, conserving biodiversity, and providing recreational opportunities. This bill would require SCC, when it allocates any funding appropriated pursuant to the act, to prioritize projects that use natural infrastructure to help adapt to climate change. The bill would require SCC to provide information to the Office of Planning and Research on any projects funded.

[AB 1300](#) ***(Kamlager-Dove D) State Coastal Conservancy: Explore the Coast Program.***

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2019

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Location: Unassigned

Summary: This bill would establish SCC's Explore the Coast program in Division 21.

[AB 1680](#) ***(Limón D) State Coastal Conservancy: coastal access.***

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2019

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Location: Unassigned

Summary: This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation related to coastal access at Hollister Ranch.

[AB 1731](#) ***(Boerner Horvath D) Short-term rentals: coastal zone.***

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2019

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Location: Unassigned

Summary: This bill would authorize short-term vacation rental platforms to make available a residentially zoned or residentially used unit within a residential property that is located within the coastal zone as a short-term rental 365 days per year if the primary resident lives onsite full time. The bill would prohibit a platform from making available residential property that is located within the coastal zone in which the primary resident does NOT live onsite full time as a short-term rental for more than 30 days per year, UNLESS the primary resident makes the residential property available as a short-term rental in accordance with the Lower Cost Coastal Accommodations Program administered by SCC. The bill would also require the platform facilitator to be responsible for collecting and remitting applicable transient occupancy taxes.

[SB 45](#) ***(Allen D) Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.***

Current Text: Introduced: 12/3/2018

Introduced: 12/3/2018

Location: 1/16/2019-Sen Natural Resources & Water Cmte.

Calendar: 3/12/2019 9:30 a.m. - Room 112

Summary: This bill would enact the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount to finance projects to restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources.

SB 140

(Stern D) Specialized license plates: The Endless Summer.

Current Text: Introduced: 1/17/2019

Introduced: 1/17/2019

Location: Sen Transportation Cmte.

Summary: This bill would require SCC to apply to the DMV to sponsor “The Endless Summer” specialized license plate and would require the DMV, in consultation with SCC, to design the license plate, including a surfer design associated with the movie “The Endless Summer” and the slogan “The Endless Summer”. The bill would require that the proceeds from those license plates, upon appropriation by the Legislature to the SCC, be used to fund projects and programs that promote exposure to, and preservation of, surfing, its cultural heritage, and the coastal resources upon which the surfing environment depends. The bill would also require that projects and programs funded by these provisions be accessible to youth from low- and middle-income households lacking access to coastal resources and to youth with disabilities.

SB 367

(Hueso D) State Coastal Conservancy: grants: educational projects and programs.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/20/2019

Introduced: 2/20/2019

Location: Sen. Natural Resources and Water Cmte.

Summary: Section 31111 of Division 21 authorizes SCC to fund and undertake plans and feasibility studies and to award grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for these purposes. This bill would amend this section to additionally authorize the conservancy to provide technical assistance and to award grants for that purpose. Existing section 31119 authorizes SCC to undertake educational projects and programs for pupils in kindergarten to grade 12 inclusive relating to coastal resources. This bill would amend this section to also include adults and would clarify and expand project eligibility.

SB 576

(Umberg D) State Coastal Conservancy: coastal climate change adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/22/2019

Introduced: 2/22/2019

Location: Sen. Rules Cmte.

Summary: This bill would require SCC to develop and implement a coastal climate adaptation, infrastructure, and readiness program designed to improve the climate change resiliency of the state’s coastal communities, infrastructure, and habitat; to host an international conference on coastal climate change not less than once every 2 years; and to coordinate the development of coastal adaptation best management practices for dissemination to other Pacific coastal nations.

(Note: Ctrl+click on bill numbers to see bill text at www.leginfo.ca.gov)

UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

03/29/2019 Cesar Chavez Day.

04/11/2019 Spring Recess begins upon adjournment of this day's session (J.R. 51(a)(2)).

04/22/2019 Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).

04/26/2019 Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal Committees fiscal bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61(a)(2)).

05/03/2019 Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills introduced in their house to Floor (J.R. 61(a)(3)).