

**Fresno County**  
**2016 Enacted Legislation Report**  
**October 11, 2016**  
**Agenda Item #4**

(Please note this report includes enacted bills only.)

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**Support**

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**[AB 120](#) (Committee on Budget) Budget Act of 2015.**

**Introduced:** 1/9/2015

**Last Amended:** 4/21/2016

**Status:** 4/29/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 11, Statutes of 2016

**Location:** 4/29/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

The Budget Act of 2015 appropriated specified amounts for support of the state government for the 2015-16 fiscal year. This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2015 to appropriate an additional \$16,288,000 to the Secretary of State for a specified purpose. This bill contains other related provisions.

**Position:** Support

**[SB 1300](#) ([Hernandez D](#)) Medi-Cal: emergency medical transport providers: quality assurance fee.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016

**Status:** 9/27/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** 9/27/2016-S. VETOED

**Summary:**

The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid program provisions. Current law establishes a quality assurance fee program for skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities, as prescribed. This bill, commencing July 1, 2017, and subject to federal approval, would impose a quality assurance fee for each transport provided by an emergency medical transport provider, as defined, subject to the quality assurance fee in accordance with a prescribed methodology.

**Position:** Support

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**Oppose**

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**[AB 1853](#) ([Cooper D](#)) County employees' retirement: districts: retirement system governance.**

**Introduced:** 2/10/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/20/2016

**Status:** 9/23/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** 9/23/2016-A. VETOED

**Summary:**

Would authorize the retirement board of any retirement system operating under CERL to elect, by resolution, to be a district under the law. The bill would authorize a board to adopt, by resolution, specified administrative provisions that would classify various personnel of the retirement system as employees of the retirement system and not employees of the county. The bill would require the retirement system to notify, and to meet and discuss with, participating employers in the retirement system, the employees of the system, and an employee organization of the retirement system's intent to exercise this authority at least 60 days before considering a resolution to make these provisions applicable.

**Position:** Oppose

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### Other Monitored Legislation

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**[AB 935](#) ([Salas D](#)) Water projects.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/17/2016

**Status:** 9/25/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 601, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/25/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Existing law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Department of Water Resources, which manages and undertakes planning with regard to water resources in the state. This bill would require, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the department to provide funding for a certain project provided that certain conditions are met.

**[AB 995](#) ([Bigelow R](#)) Farm vehicles: registration exemptions.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/16/2016

**Status:** 9/28/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** 9/28/2016-A. VETOED

**Summary:**

Would, until January 1, 2020, establish a pilot program in specified counties to evaluate an exemption from vehicle registration for specified farm vehicles. The bill would require applicants to meet specified requirements before participating in the pilot program. The bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of the California Highway Patrol to submit a report to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2018, regarding the pilot program. The bill would require vehicles participating in the program to remain subject to specified fees and requirements.

**[AB 1399](#) ([Baker R](#)) Income taxes: voluntary contributions: California Domestic Violence Victims Fund.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amended:** 6/9/2016

**Status:** 9/12/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 289, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/12/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would allow an individual to designate on his or her tax return that a specified amount in excess of his or her tax liability be transferred to the California Domestic Violence Victims Fund, which would be created by this bill. The bill would prohibit a voluntary contribution designation for the California Domestic Violence Victims Fund from being added on the tax return until another voluntary contribution designation is removed or a space is available. This bill contains other related provisions.

**[AB 1549](#) ([Wood D](#)) Department of Transportation: state highway rights-of-way: broadband: fiber optic cables.**

**Introduced:** 9/11/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016

**Status:** 9/23/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 505, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/23/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would require the Department of Transportation to notify companies and organizations working on broadband deployment on its Internet Web site of specified department-led highway construction projects and would authorize those companies and organizations to collaborate with the department to install a broadband conduit as part of each project. The bill would require the department, in consultation with stakeholders, on or before January 1, 2018, to develop guidelines to facilitate the installation of broadband conduit on state highway rights-of-way.

**[AB 1588](#) ([Mathis R](#)) Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.**

**Introduced:** 1/6/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/16/2016

**Status:** 9/22/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** 9/22/2016-A. VETOED

**Summary:**

Would, to the extent funding is made available, authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a program to provide funding to counties and qualified nonprofit organizations to award low-interest loans and grants to eligible applicants for specified purposes relating to drinking water and wastewater treatment. This bill would authorize a county or qualified nonprofit organization to apply to the board for a grant to award loans or grants, or both, to residents of the county, as prescribed.

**[AB 1813](#) ([Frazier D](#)) High-Speed Rail Authority: membership.**  
**Introduced:** 2/8/2016  
**Status:** 7/25/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 117, Statutes of 2016.  
**Location:** 7/25/2016-A. CHAPTERED  
**Summary:**  
Would provide for appointment of one Member of the Senate by the Senate Committee on Rules and one Member of the Assembly by the Speaker of the Assembly to serve as ex officio members of the High-Speed Rail Authority. The bill would provide that the ex officio members shall participate in the activities of the authority to the extent that participation is not incompatible with their positions as Members of the Legislature.

**[AB 1864](#) ([Cooley D](#)) Inquests: sudden unexplained death in childhood.**  
**Introduced:** 2/10/2016  
**Last Amended:** 8/15/2016  
**Status:** 9/22/2016-Vetoed by the Governor  
**Location:** 9/22/2016-A. VETOED  
**Summary:**  
Would define "sudden unexplained death in childhood" as the sudden death of a child one year of age or older but under 18 years of age that is unexplained by the history of the child and for which a thorough postmortem examination fails to demonstrate an adequate cause of death. The bill would require the coroner to notify the parent or responsible adult of a child within that definition about the importance of taking tissue samples.

**[AB 1900](#) ([Jones-Sawyer D](#)) San Pedro superior courthouse.**  
**Introduced:** 2/11/2016  
**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016  
**Status:** 9/23/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 510, Statutes of 2016.  
**Location:** 9/23/2016-A. CHAPTERED  
**Summary:**  
Would, notwithstanding any other law, specifically authorize the Judicial Council to sell the San Pedro superior courthouse, as specified, if the sale complies with certain requirements applicable to the disposal of court facilities and the Judicial Council consults with, and first offers the right to purchase the property to, the County of Los Angeles. The bill would require the net proceeds from the sale of the courthouse to be deposited into the Immediate and Critical Needs Account of the State Court Facilities Construction Fund.

**[AB 1962](#) ([Dodd D](#)) Criminal proceedings: mental competence.**  
**Introduced:** 2/12/2016  
**Last Amended:** 6/6/2016  
**Status:** 9/21/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 405, Statutes of 2016.  
**Location:** 9/21/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law prohibits a person from being tried or adjudged to punishment while that person is mentally incompetent. Current law establishes a process by which a defendant's mental competency is evaluated, which includes requiring the court to appoint a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist, and any other expert the court may deem appropriate. This bill would, on or before July 1, 2017, require the State Department of State Hospitals, through the use of a workgroup representing specified groups, to adopt guidelines for education and training standards for a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist to be considered for appointment by the court.

**AB 1979 (Bigelow R) Renewable feed-in tariff: hydroelectric facilities.**

**Introduced:** 2/16/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016

**Status:** 9/26/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 665, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/26/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would authorize a conduit hydroelectric facility with an effective capacity of up to 4 megawatts to participate in the renewable feed-in tariff if the facility delivers no more than 3 megawatts to the grid at any time, was operational on January 1, 1990, and complies with specified interconnection and payment requirements.

**AB 2029 (Dahle R) Timber harvesting plans: exemptions.**

**Introduced:** 2/16/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/16/2016

**Status:** 9/24/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 563, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/24/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act of 1973 authorizes, until 3 years after the effective date of regulations adopted by the State Board of Forestry, the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project Exemption if specified conditions are met. This bill would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the board to review and submit a report to the Legislature, on or before December 31, 2017, on the trends in the use of, compliance with, and effectiveness of, the above exemptions and emergency notice provisions and specified regulations. If the report is not submitted on or before that date, the bill would require specified legislative committees to hold a hearing to investigate why the report was not submitted.

**AB 2083 (Chu D) Interagency child death review.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/14/2016

**Status:** 9/12/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 297, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/12/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law authorizes a county to establish an interagency child death review team to assist local agencies in identifying and reviewing suspicious child deaths and facilitating communication among persons who perform autopsies and the various persons and agencies involved in child abuse or neglect cases. This bill would authorize the voluntary disclosure of specified information, including mental health records, criminal history information, and child abuse reports, by an individual or agency to an interagency child death review team.

**[AB 2244](#) ([Gatto D](#)) Court fees: electronic filing.**

**Introduced:** 2/18/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/13/2016

**Status:** 9/22/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 461, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/22/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Upon Judicial Council adoption of the uniform rules, current law authorizes a superior court, by local rule, to require mandatory electronic filing and service of documents for specified civil actions in accordance with certain requirements including a requirement that any fees charged by the court do not exceed the actual cost of electronic filing and service of documents. This bill would add the additional requirement that a fee to process a payment that is charged by the court, an electronic filing manager, or an electronic filing service provider, does not exceed the actual costs incurred for processing the payment. The bill would require waiver of fees to process a payment if the court deems waiver appropriate.

**[AB 2313](#) ([Williams D](#)) Renewable natural gas: monetary incentive program for biomethane projects: pipeline infrastructure.**

**Introduced:** 2/18/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016

**Status:** 9/24/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 571, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/24/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would require the Public Utilities Commission to modify the monetary incentive program for biomethane projects so that the total available incentive limitation for a project, other than a dairy cluster biomethane project, as defined, is increased from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000. The bill would require the commission to increase the total available incentive limitation for a dairy cluster biomethane project to \$5,000,000 and would authorize the use of incentive payments subject to this limitation for interconnection costs and costs incurred for gathering lines for transport of biogas to a centralized processing facility for the project.

**[AB 2551](#) ([Gallagher R](#)) Contract procurement: surface storage projects.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016

**Status:** 9/28/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 760, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/28/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would allow a local agency to use the construction manager at-risk, design-build, or design-build-operate method of delivery on a surface storage project, as described. The bill would require these contracts to be awarded on a best value basis or to the lowest responsible bidder, and establish a procurement process for these contracts. The bill would require the bidder to certify specified information under penalty of perjury. By expanding the crime of perjury, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**[AB 2686](#) (Mullin D) Elections: all-mailed ballot elections.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/16/2016

**Status:** 9/28/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 764, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/28/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law authorizes, until January 1, 2021, San Diego County to conduct, as a pilot program, an all-mailed ballot special election or special consolidated election (1) to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy if the congressional or legislative district lies wholly within San Diego County, (2) to fill a vacancy in the legislative body or governing body, and (3) for certain local initiative and referendum measures. This bill would authorize San Diego County to additionally conduct such an all-mailed ballot special election (1) to fill a congressional or legislative vacancy if the congressional or legislative district lies partially within San Diego County, and (2) for the recall of a local officer.

**[AB 2765](#) (Weber D) Proposition 47: sentence reduction.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 5/19/2016

**Status:** 9/28/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 767, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/28/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Under the provisions of the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, a person currently convicted of a felony or felonies who would have been guilty of a misdemeanor under the act if the act had been in effect at the time of the conviction may petition or apply to have the sentence reduced in accordance with the act. That act requires that this petition or application be filed before November 4, 2017, or at a later date upon a showing of good cause. This bill would instead authorize a person to petition or apply for a reduction of sentence before November 4, 2022, or at a later date upon a showing of good cause. Because the bill would extend the period of time in which a person could file a petition or application without a showing of good cause, the bill would amend the act and would require a 2/3 vote of the Legislature.

**AB 2847 (Patterson R) High-Speed Rail Authority: reports.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 5/23/2016

**Status:** 9/28/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** 9/28/2016-A. VETOED

**Summary:**

Current law requires the High-Speed Rail Authority, on a biennial basis, to prepare a business plan containing specified elements and also requires the preparation of various other reports. This bill would require the business plan to identify projected financing costs for each segment or combination of segments of the high-speed rail system, if financing is proposed by the authority. The bill, in the business plan and in another report, would require the authority to identify any significant changes in scope for segments of the high-speed rail system identified in the previous version of each report and to provide an explanation of adjustments in cost and schedule attributable to the changes.

**AB 2872 (Patterson R) Children.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/4/2016

**Status:** 9/27/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 702, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/27/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law establishes a procedure for a stepparent to adopt a stepchild and requires a probation officer, qualified court investigator, licensed clinical social worker, licensed marriage and family therapist, or licensed adoption agency to conduct an investigation of the proposed stepparent adoption, as specified. This bill would provide that if the petitioner does not request that a licensed clinical social worker, therapist, or private adoption agency complete the investigation, the court may collect the investigation fee and assign a probation officer, court investigator or, if so authorized by the county board of supervisors, the county welfare department to complete the investigation.

**AB 2914 (Committee on Governmental Organization) Gaming: Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.**

**Introduced:** 3/17/2016

**Status:** 7/25/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 110, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 7/25/2016-A. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law establishes the Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund within the State Treasury for the receipt and deposit of moneys derived from gaming device license fees that are received from tribes pursuant to the terms of tribal-state gaming compacts for the purpose of making distributions to noncompact tribes. Current law provides that moneys in that fund are available to the California Gambling Control Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of making those distributions in accordance with plans specified in tribal-state gaming compacts. This bill would clarify that the purpose of the fund is for making distributions to eligible recipient Indian tribes.

**SB 10** (**Lara D**) **Health care coverage: immigration status.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Last Amended:** 5/27/2016

**Status:** 6/10/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 22, Statutes of 2016

**Location:** 6/10/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would require the Exchange to apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for a waiver to allow individuals who are not eligible to obtain health coverage through the Exchange because of their immigration status to obtain coverage from the Exchange. The bill would require the Exchange, after that waiver has been granted, to require an issuer that offers a qualified health plan in the individual market through the Exchange to concurrently offer a California qualified health benefit plan, as specified, to these individuals.

**SB 37** (**Vidak R**) **Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act.**

**Introduced:** 12/1/2014

**Last Amended:** 8/18/2016

**Status:** 9/16/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 391, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/16/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would create the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency and would establish the agency's initial boundaries. The bill would authorize the boundaries of the agency to be adjusted, as specified. The bill would require the agency to elect to be a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for that portion of the Kings Subbasin that lies within the boundaries of the agency and would require the agency to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan to achieve sustainable groundwater management within the territory of the agency.

**SB 425** (**Hernandez D**) **City of El Monte: maintenance of effort: streets and roads allocations.**

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amended:** 6/14/2016

**Status:** 9/23/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 532, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/23/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would give the City of El Monte until June 30, 2021, to meet the maintenance of effort requirement for receipt of streets and roads funds from the Transportation Investment Fund for any fiscal year between 2006-07 and 2010-11, inclusive. This bill contains other related provisions.

**SB 450 (Allen D) Elections: vote by mail voting and mail ballot elections.**

**Introduced:** 2/25/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/18/2016

**Status:** 9/29/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 832, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/29/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law requires all vote by mail ballots to be voted on or before the day of the election and requires the vote by mail voter to return the ballot by mail or in person, as specified, to the elections official who issued the ballot. This bill would require an elections official who receives a vote by mail ballot that he or she did not issue to forward that ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot no later than 8 days after receipt. By requiring an elections official to forward a ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/1/2016

**Status:** 9/21/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 424, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/21/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would create the Veterans' Home Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Special Fund (MWR Fund), a continuously appropriated fund, in the State Treasury. The bill would require the administrator of a veterans' home to deposit all moneys maintained by the administrator in an existing Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund into the statewide MWR Fund. The bill would require the administrator of each home to establish a Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Operating Fund (MWRO Fund) to administer quality of life activities for the general welfare of the residents and receive funds from the MWR Fund, as specified, and to establish an MWR Advisory Committee, as specified.

**SB 552 (Wolk D) Public water systems: disadvantaged communities: consolidation or extension of service: administrative and managerial services.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016

**Status:** 9/28/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 773, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/28/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation where a public water system or a state small water system is serving, rather than within, a disadvantaged community, and would limit the authority of the state board to order consolidation or extension of service to provide that authority only with regard to a disadvantaged community. This bill would make a community disadvantaged for these purposes if the community is in a mobilehome park even if it is not in an unincorporated area or served by a mutual water company. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 564 (Cannella R) North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Act.**

**Introduced:** 2/26/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/18/2016

**Status:** 9/16/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 392, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/16/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would create the North Fork Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, would establish the initial boundaries of the agency, and would authorize the agency's boundaries to be changed by the boards of supervisors of the Counties of Fresno and Kings after a noticed public hearing, as specified. The bill would require the agency to be a groundwater sustainability agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for that portion of the Kings Subbasin that lies within the boundaries of the agency and would require the agency to develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan to achieve sustainable groundwater management within the territory of the agency.

**SB 759 (Anderson R) Prisoners: segregation housing.**

**Introduced:** 2/27/2015

**Last Amended:** 8/1/2016

**Status:** 8/25/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 191, Statutes of 2016

**Location:** 8/25/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law requires a prisoner of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to be awarded credit reductions from his or her term of confinement of 6 months for every 6 months of continuous confinement, as specified. Current law makes a person who is placed in a Security Housing Unit, Psychiatric Services Unit, Behavioral Management Unit, or an Administrative Segregation Unit for specified misconduct, or upon validation as a prison gang member or associate, ineligible to earn credits pursuant to these provisions. This bill would repeal those provisions regarding ineligibility to earn credits and instead require the department, no later than July 1, 2017, to establish regulations to allow specified inmates placed in segregation housing to earn credits during the time he or she is in segregation housing.

**SB 826 (Leno D) Budget Act of 2016.**

**Introduced:** 1/7/2016

**Last Amended:** 5/25/2016

**Status:** 6/27/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 23, Statutes of 2016.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 6/27/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would make appropriations for the support of state government for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

**SB 867 (Roth D) Emergency medical services.**

**Introduced:** 1/11/2016

**Last Amended:** 4/12/2016

**Status:** 8/19/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 147, Statutes of 2016

**Location:** 8/19/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law, until January 1, 2017, authorizes county boards of supervisors to elect to levy an additional penalty, for deposit into the EMS Fund, in the amount of \$2 for every \$10 upon fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected for criminal offenses. Current law, until January 1, 2017, requires 15% of the funds collected pursuant to that provision to be used to provide funding for pediatric trauma centers. This bill would extend the operative date of these provisions until January 1, 2027.

**SB 940 (Vidak R) High-Speed Rail Authority: eminent domain: right of first refusal.**

**Introduced:** 2/3/2016

**Last Amended:** 4/12/2016

**Status:** 8/22/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 169, Statutes of 2016

**Location:** 8/22/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Under current law, if the High-Speed Rail Authority determines that real property or an interest therein acquired by the state for high-speed rail purposes is no longer necessary for specified purposes, the authority is authorized to sell or exchange the real property or interest therein at fair market value as specified. This bill would require the authority, if selling the real property or interest therein, to send notification by certified mail to the last known owner of the real property or interest therein at his or her last known address, advising him or her that the real property or interest therein will be offered for sale. The bill would require the authority to wait at least 30 days after the notification has been sent to sell the real property or interest therein.

**SB 955 (Beall D) State hospital commitment: compassionate release.**

**Introduced:** 2/4/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/1/2016

**Status:** 9/27/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 715, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/27/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law, subject to exceptions, authorizes the release of a prisoner from state prison if the court finds that the prisoner is terminally ill with an incurable condition caused by an illness or disease that would produce death within 6 months, as determined by a physician employed by the department, and that conditions under which the prisoner would be released or receive treatment do not pose a threat to public safety. This bill would establish similar compassionate release provisions for a defendant who has been committed to a state hospital because, among other reasons, the defendant is incompetent to stand trial or to

be adjudged to punishment, or the defendant is a mentally disordered offender, including a person who has been found not guilty by reason of insanity.

**[SB 1028](#) (Hill D) Electrical corporations: local publicly owned electric utilities: electrical cooperatives: wildfire mitigation plans.**

**Introduced:** 2/12/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/18/2016

**Status:** 9/24/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 598, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/24/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would require each electrical corporation, local publicly owned electric utility, and electrical cooperative to construct, maintain, and operate its electrical lines and equipment in a manner that will minimize the risk of catastrophic wildfire posed by those electrical lines and equipment. The bill would require each electrical corporation to annually prepare a wildfire mitigation plan.

**[SB 1085](#) (Roth D) Professional engineers: geologists and geophysicists: land surveyors.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/28/2016

**Status:** 9/25/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 629, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/25/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law makes the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists responsible for the certification, licensure, and regulation of the practice of professional engineering, the practice of professional geologists and geophysicists, and the practice of professional land surveyors. Current law subjects these certificates and licenses to renewal and requires the holder of the certificate or license to apply for renewal on a form prescribed by the board and pay a prescribed fee, as provided. This bill would require an applicant for renewal to complete a board-administered online assessment to reinforce the certificate holder's or licenseholder's knowledge of laws applicable to his or her practice area.

**[SB 1157](#) (Mitchell D) Incarcerated persons: visitation.**

**Introduced:** 2/18/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/19/2016

**Status:** 9/27/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** N

**Location:** 9/27/2016-S. VETOED

**Summary:**

Would require a local detention facility, as defined, that elects to utilize video or other types of electronic devices for inmate visitations to also provide an inmate with in-person visitation that meets or surpasses the minimum number of weekly visits required by those regulations for a person detained in the facility. If a local detention facility does not have existing space available for in-person visitation, the bill would require the facility to comply no later than January 1, 2022.

**SB 1165 (Cannella R) Engineers, geologists, geophysicists, and land surveyors.**

**Introduced:** 2/18/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/21/2016

**Status:** 8/29/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 236, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 8/29/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

That Professional Engineers Act generally permits certificates of registration as a professional engineer and certificates of authority, which authorize the use of specific titles, to be renewed at any time within 3 years after expiration. That act prohibits the renewal, restoration, reinstatement, or reissuance of these certificates unless the applicant meets certain requirements. This bill would delete the requirement that an applicant for licensure as a professional engineer pass the first division examination in order to sit for the 2nd division examination and would delete the requirement that an applicant for a certificate as an engineer-in-training successfully complete 3 years or more of postsecondary education or engineering experience, or a combination of both, before the applicant is eligible to sit for the first division examination.

**SB 1295 (Nielsen R) Mentally ill prisoners.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/27/2016

**Status:** 9/21/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 430, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/21/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law requires, as a condition of parole, a prisoner who has a severe mental disorder that is not in remission and who meets specified criteria to be treated by the State Department of State Hospitals and provide the necessary treatment. This bill would authorize the use of certain documentary evidence for purposes of satisfying the criteria used to evaluate whether a prisoner released on parole is required to be treated by the State Department of State Hospitals.

**SB 1315 (Bates R) Counties: budgets.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 4/7/2016

**Status:** 7/1/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 56, Statutes of 2016

**Location:** 7/1/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would authorize the board of supervisors of a county to direct the publication of a recommended budget for the purpose of conducting a budget hearing without authorizing spending pursuant to the recommended budget until the budget is adopted. The bill would require the board of supervisors to follow specific procedures for the adoption of a budget under these provisions, including, among other requirements, conducting a hearing on the recommended budget on or

before June 20 and adopting the budget on or before June 30 of each year in which the board elects to utilize these provisions.

**[SB 1383](#) ([Lara D](#)) Short-lived climate pollutants: methane emissions: dairy and livestock: organic waste: landfills.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/31/2016

**Status:** 9/19/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 395, Statutes of 2016

**Location:** 9/19/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

The State Air Resources Board is required to complete a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, as defined, in the state. This bill would require the state board, no later than January 1, 2018, to approve and begin implementing that comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants to achieve a reduction in methane by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40%, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030, as specified. The bill also would establish specified targets for reducing organic waste in landfills.

**[SB 1398](#) ([Leyva D](#)) Public water systems: lead user service lines.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/18/2016

**Status:** 9/27/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 731, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/27/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Would require a public water system to compile an inventory of known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system and identify areas that may have lead user service lines in use in its distribution system by July 1, 2018. This bill would require a public water system, after completing the inventory, to provide a timeline for replacement of known lead user service lines in the distribution system to the State Water Resources Control Board.

**[SB 1456](#) ([Galqiani D](#)) Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Law of 1997: water systems: financing.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 8/18/2016

**Status:** 9/22/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 488, Statutes of 2016.

**Location:** 9/22/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

Current law, for community public water systems and not-for-profit noncommunity public water systems, allows planning and preliminary engineering studies, project design, and construction costs incurred by those public water systems to be funded by loans and other repayable financing. This bill would authorize the above-described costs to be funded by loans or other repayable financing, grants, principal forgiveness, or a combination of grants and loans or other financial

assistance, regardless of whether the community water system or not-for-profit noncommunity water system is owned by a public agency or private not-for-profit water company.

**SB 1463** (Moorlach R) **Electrical lines: mitigation of wildfire risks.**

**Introduced:** 2/19/2016

**Last Amended:** 6/30/2016

**Status:** 9/24/2016-Vetoed by the Governor

**Location:** 9/24/2016-S. VETOED

**Summary:**

Would require the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, to prioritize areas in which communities are subject to conditions that increase fire hazards associated with overhead utility facilities when determining areas in which it will require enhanced mitigation measures for wildfire hazards posed by overhead electrical lines and equipment.

**SCR 45** (Berryhill R) **Joe Levy Memorial Highway.**

**Introduced:** 4/21/2015

**Last Amended:** 7/6/2015

**Status:** 2/1/2016-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter No. 1

**Location:** 2/1/2016-S. CHAPTERED

**Summary:**

This measure would redesignate a portion of State Highway Route 41 in the County of Fresno as the Joe Levy Memorial Highway, instead of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Freeway, and would adjust the portion of State Highway Route 41 designated as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Freeway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the costs of erecting the appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.