

# DVBA

## Bills of Interest

September 18, 2013

AB 10 (Alejo) - Automatic minimum wage increase. 9/12 Passed in Both houses and sent to the Governor's office.

SB 731 (Steinberg) – CEQA improvements on 5 points. In the Assembly. Read Second time and amended again August 6<sup>th</sup>. Named “CEQA Modernization Act of 2013”. 9/11 Re-Referred to ASM Committee on Local government. Hearing cancelled at request of author. Current draft does little to modernize or streamline. Expect more amendments to document.

SB 391 (DeSaulnier) – California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013. \$500 mil to affordable housing annually, \$75 recordation. 8/30 Re-referred to ASM Appropriations Committee. Hearing postponed.

SB 64 (Corbett) – Prop. 39 Clean Energy Jobs Act 2012; Implementation. Taxation measures from businesses located outside the state (but doing business within the state) to aid in renewable energy and energy efficiencies of public buildings. 8/12 In Assembly, sent to Committee on Natural Resources, hearing date August 12. Hearing canceled at request of author.

SB 73\*(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Energy: Proposition 39 implementation. Budget trailer bill. Signed by Governor June 27, Chaptered June 27. Makes grants available for K-12 and Community Colleges for a total of \$381 million in grants, with \$28 million of the total used in a revolving loan program.

SB 33 (Wolk) – Infrastructure Financing Districts. To finance Community Scale Public Works Projects. Repeals voter approval to create an infrastructure financing district. 9/11 ASM Appropriations, ordered to inactive file at request of Assemblymember Atkins.

SB 7 (Steinberg) – Public Works: Charter Cities. Would disallow use of state funds for city projects in cities where the charter states they do not accept prevailing wage bids. August 7, Received from author, second reading and amended. 9/11 Submitted to Governor for signature. **DVBA wrote and submitted a letter in OPPOSITION w/ League of Cities.**

AB 1229 (Atkins) – Inclusionary housing of rentals. 9/9 presented to Governor for signature. **DVBA wrote and submitted a letter in OPPOSITION.**

AB 667 (Hernandez) – CEQA – Additional requirements for Superstores. 7/3 SEN Committee on Governance and Financing, hearing date July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hearing canceled at request of author. **DVBA wrote and submitted a letter in OPPOSITION.**

**BEWARE:**

Each of these proposed Constitutional Amendments is to reduce the voter threshold from 2/3 to 55% voter approval on increased taxes. The possibility of increasing local taxes to off-set the loss of RDA funds could seriously affect small businesses and the construction industry. These bills are moving through their respective houses without opposition and are expected to pass as easily as the State Budget.

ACA 3 (Campos) – Public Safety: Education: Parcel Tax: 55% voter approval

SCA 4 (Lui) – Transportation Special Taxes: 55% voter approval

SCA 7 (Wolk) – Financing Libraries: 55% voter approval

ACA 8 (Blumenfield) Government Financing: GO Bonds to 55% voter approval

SCA 8 (Corbett) – Financing Transportation: 55% voter approval

SCA 9 (Corbett) – Financing Economic Development Special Taxes: 55% voter approval

SCA 11 (Hancock) – Special Taxes: 55% voter approval