

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

October 22, 2020

TO: SBCCOG Board of Directors

FROM: SBCCOG Steering Committee

RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action – updated as of October 4, 2020

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

NEW LAWS:

AB 725 (Wicks): General plans: housing element: moderate-income and above moderate-income housing: suburban and metropolitan jurisdictions. The purpose of this bill is to facilitate the development of more medium density housing at moderate and above-moderate incomes, akin to the requirement for very low- and low-income housing. **SBCCOG OPPOSED**

AB 1851 (Wicks): Religious institution affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements. Allows a religious institution to develop an affordable housing project at a place of worship owned by the religious institution even if the development requires the religious institution to reduce the number of religious-use parking spaces available at the place of worship. **SBCCOG OPPOSED**

AB 2345 (Gonzalez): Planning and zoning: density bonuses: annual report: affordable housing. - Revises Density Bonus Law to increase the maximum allowable density and the number of concessions and incentives a developer can seek. **SBCCOG OPPOSED**

FEDERAL

HR 530 (Eshoo)	Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019. Overturns the FCC's September order preempting local authority over small cell wireless infrastructure on January 14, the day the order took effect. Would not preclude future FCC or congressional preemption of cities on wireless infrastructure, but it would halt the FCC's harmful preemption order, which ignored the input of hundreds of local governments. The bill also complements ongoing efforts to overturn the FCC order in federal courts, and the investigation by congressional leaders into alleged attempts by the FCC to thwart that litigation.	SUPPORT & REQUEST CO- SPONSORS (2/11/19) Endorsed by NLC, NATOA, NAC	1/25/19 House Energy & Commerce Committee - Subcommittee on Communications & Technology
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HR 763 (Deutsch)	Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. Imposes a fee on the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The fee is imposed on the producers or importers of the fuels and is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the carbon fee rate. The rate begins at \$15 in 2019, increases by \$10 each year, and is subject to further adjustments based on the progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets. Imposes a specified fee on fluorinated greenhouse gases.	SUPPORT (6/8/20) (Ltr to House Energy and Commerce 6/18/20)	1/25/19 House Ways & Means, Energy & Commerce, Foreign Affairs – referred to Subcommittee on Energy
HR 1507 (Blumenauer)	The Bicycle Commuter Act of 2019. Official summary in progress. Would allow cyclists to deduct more than \$50 per month and write off bike-share memberships.	MONITOR	3/5/19 House Ways and Means Committee
HR 7197 (Blumenauer) & S 4012 (Wicker)	Restaurants Act of 2020. Temporarily establishes and provides funding for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, from which the Department of the Treasury shall make grants to eligible food and beverage purveyors to cover specified costs. For the grant program's initial period, Treasury must (1) prioritize awarding grants to marginalized and underrepresented communities, and (2) only award grants to eligible food and beverage purveyors with annual revenues of less than \$1.5 million.	SUPPORT (9/24/20) (Ltr sent to 3 committees 9/30/20)	6/29/20 House Financial Services & Ways and Means, Budget Committees
HR 7809 (Taylor)	HOPE Act of 2020 - Would establish an equity facility in the Treasury Department to assist commercial mortgage borrowers. The bill would set aside \$454B in funding for distressed businesses from the CARES Act and would make that money available to commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) borrowers in the form of equity instruments. The Treasury must guarantee the purchase of these equity instruments to CMBS borrowers by lending institutions, leaving taxpayers on the hook for funds that do not get repaid.	MONITOR	House Financial Services Committee Hearing: 9/22/20

2020 Legislative Session Calendar

Sept. 30 Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 & in the Governor's possession on or after Sept. 1

Oct. 1 Bills enacted on or before this date take effect January 1, 2021.

Nov. 30 Adjournment sine die at midnight.

Dec. 7 2021-22 Regular Session convenes for Organizational Session at 12 noon.