

Summary of Aviation Legislation in California

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A short summary of each bill is provided below. Read the bill's full text plus analysis at the official website for California legislative information at < www.leginfo.ca.gov > Click "Bill Information" and Search for the bill number.

SB 1118, *Senator Negrete McLeod-Chino, District 32 (Airports: airport land use commissions)*

This bill would delete some sections of airport land use law leaving fewer ways for counties to establish an airport land use commission (ALUC). Some counties would be required to establish a new, so-called single-entity airport land use commission or designate an established countywide body for airport planning responsibilities. No county would be exempt from the airport land use requirements.

The latest - As of 08/06/2008 - The bill is scheduled to be heard on the Assembly floor. If it passes the Assembly floor vote any changes that were made since leaving the Senate must be approved by the Senate.

AB 1407, *Assemblyman Lieu-Santa Monica, District 53 (Airports: delayed flights: runway incursions)*

This bill would require airports that serve at least one million passengers per year to post information related to frequently delayed flights and runway incursions on their website.

The latest - 08/07/08 - Now in the Senate where it is scheduled for a floor vote.

SB 1510, *Senator Christine Kehoe-San Diego, District 39 (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)*

In the wake of the airport authority's overhaul from the passage of SB 10 (Kehoe) last year, minor changes to the selection, wages and benefits of its board of directors are proposed. Minor changes to rental car facility charges and unclaimed property are also in the bill.

The latest - 08/04/2008 - Was passed in Senate, then Assembly. Bill is enrolled now where it will either be signed, vetoed or allowed to pass by the Governor's Office.

SB 1141, *Senator Bob Margett-Glendora, District 29 (Emergency Medical Services)*

This bill would add a section to the Health and Safety Code which would allow the use of public aircraft for rescue services.

The latest - 08/07/2008 - Was passed in the Senate, then Assembly. After a short trip to the Governor's Office it was returned to the Legislature for amendments. Now in the Senate where it is scheduled for a floor vote.

AB 1943, *Assemblyman Mark Leno-San Francisco, District 13 (Commercial airlines: passenger rights)*

Airline passengers stranded in an airplane on the ground for more than three hours will have their plane serviced with electrical power, restroom services, and adequate refreshments by the air carrier according to this bill. The air carrier must also post information in airports to facilitate consumer complaints to air carriers and US DOT.

The latest - 08/06/08 - Passed Assembly. Now scheduled for floor vote in the Senate.

SB 1462, *Senator Abel Maldonado Jr.-Santa Maria, District 15 (Navigable waters: Seaplanes)*

The latest - This bill is dead.

SB 1577, *Senator Dean Florez-Shafter, District 16 (Airports: security checkpoint donation programs)*

The latest - This bill is dead.

The following bills were introduced to the Legislature in 2007 but have seen no significant movement since last year:

AB 700, *Assembly Member Lieu-Torrance, District 53 (Co-Author: Assembly Member Brownley), (Santa Monica Airport)*

The City of Santa Monica will establish a committee to review studies and data regarding the airport in Santa Monica and then send a report to the FAA and the Legislature. The report will offer suggestions to reduce air quality impacts from operations at Santa Monica airport. The bill calls for many elected officials and stakeholders to participate on the committee which will meet at least four times a year. The committee may also recommend more studies to the Legislature.

This bill was amended five times. Last amended on 8/23/2007.

The Latest - Still an active bill but progress suspended as the Legislature went to recess on 9/14/07.