

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.

Bill Number & Author	Subject	1 st Policy	1 st Fiscal	1 st Floor	2 nd Policy	2 nd Fiscal	2 nd Floor	Gov. Desk
AB 1660 (Salas)	Emergency Aircraft Flights							☑
SB 1141 (McLeod)	Airport Land Use Commissions							veto
SB 1333 (Yee)	Avigation Easements							☑
Color Code: Yellow indicates upcoming hearing/vote and date; Green indicates passage; Red check indicates Governor's approval.								

AB 1660, *Assembly Member Salas-Chula Vista, District 79 (Emergency Aircraft Flights)*

This bill would amend Public Utilities Code (PUC) regarding emergency aircraft flights. Such flights are exempt in the PUC from adopted local ordinances with respect to the time of day they fly, their noise signature and aircraft type. This bill would extend the local ordinance exemption to the non-emergency flight back to the aircraft's operational base.

The Latest -- This bill was approved by the Governor and is now chaptered in law.

SB 1141, *Senator Negrete McLeod-Chino, District 32 (Airports: airport land use commissions)*

This bill would prevent some airports in counties without an Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) or authorized alternative planning body from receiving annual credit grants from the Aeronautics Account. Some exceptions apply. SB 1141 would also allow the Division of Aeronautics to provide some funds for ALUC or authorized alternative planning body start-up costs.

The Latest -- This bill was approved by the Legislature but **vetoed** by the Governor. This bill will not become law.

SB 1333, *Senator Yee-San Francisco/San Mateo, District 8 (Airports: Avigation Easements)*

This bill seeks to have avigation easements granted to airports earlier in the land development process rather than when a project's certificate of occupancy is issued. Easements would terminate if a project is not fully developed.

The Latest -- This bill was approved by the Governor and is now chaptered in law.

AB 2173, *Assembly Member Beall-San Jose, District 24 (Emergency Air Medical Transportation Providers)*

This bill provides for increased Medi-Cal funding of emergency air ambulance transportation by imposing a \$4 fee on each motor vehicle violation in California, with the exception of parking violations.

The Latest -- This bill has been approved by the Legislature and will next be presented to the Governor for his approval or veto.