



**Summary of Aviation Legislation
in California
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- **April 10th, 2014:** Spring Recess begins at the end of this day's session.
- **April 21st, 2014:** Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess.
- **May 2nd, 2014:** Last day for policy committees to hear and report to Fiscal Committees.
- **May 9th, 2014:** Last day to hear and report on non-fiscal bills.

AB 1327, Assembly Member Gorell, Bradford, and Quirk, District 44 (Privacy Rights: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)

This bill establishes standards for the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Specifically, it describes allowable usage by public and private parties. The bill also describes appropriate use by Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) and provides guidelines if the agency has a reasonable expectation that the UAS will collect evidence relating to criminal activity. It describes LEA appropriate usage when the agency has obtained a warrant based on probable cause pursuant to law and all exceptions to that law. Also, it describes privacy concerns that must be acknowledged and addressed along with any emergency exceptions and ensures the UAS will not be armed with any weaponry.

Status – Referred to Committee on Public Safety on February 6, 2014. Remains an active Bill in Committee process.

AB 867, Assembly Member Yamada-Davis, District 8 (Met Towers)

This bill would require a meteorological tower to be marked with a flashing obstruction light, and would require the tower to comply with these marking requirements by January 1, 2015, or when the tower is lowered and then raised for maintenance or other purposes, whichever is sooner; and would encompass towers located outside the boundaries of an incorporated city and

require a database to be maintained by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), depicting the locations of all meteorological towers.

Status – *Died pursuant to Art. IV, Sec. 10(c) of the Constitution on January 31, 2014; (Inactive); from committee: Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to Joint Rule 56 on February 3, 2014. (Joint Rule 56: Immediately after January 31, bills introduced in the first year of the regular session that do not become “carryover bills” shall be returned to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly or Secretary of the Senate, respectively.)*

SB 616, Senate Member Wright, District 35 – (California Aid to Airports Program)

Existing federal law authorizes airport sponsors to submit applications to the Secretary of Transportation for financial assistance for airport improvement projects. Under federal law, upon approval by the Secretary of Transportation, the United States government may pay for certain project costs.

This bill suspends, until July 1, 2015, the California Code of Regulation section 4059(a) that states in part payments from the Aeronautics Account are not allowed for those projects that a sponsor has already started or completed, prior to allocation of AIP Matching Grant funds. The bill exempts the projects started or completed prior to January 1, 2014.

Status - *Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 34. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly on January 28, 2014. In Assembly, read first time; Held at the Desk. (The “desk” is the main rostrum in the Senate/assembly. A bill goes “across the desk” when it is submitted. If held at desk - it is waiting to be assigned to a committee.)*

AB 1787, Airports: (Commercial Operations: Lactation Accommodation) This bill proposes to require commercial service airports with more than 1,000,000 enplanements a year to provide a lactation station at each airport terminal for members of the public to express breast milk in private. Should this bill pass and be incorporated into the PUC, it may require a passenger terminal inspection by Division of Aeronautics staff to ensure compliance with the new statute within the State Aeronautics Act.

Status – *From committee chair, with author's amendments: re-referred to Committee on Transportation. Read second time and amended on April 10, 2014.*