

**Summary of Aviation Legislation  
in California  
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- **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin.
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014:** Committee meetings may resume
- **June 15, 2014:** Budget must be passed by midnight.
- **June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills.
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014:** Summer Recess begins if budget has passed.

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**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.)*

**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** – *Amended and re-referred to committee on Public Safety; passed and re-referred to Committee on Appropriations. Remains an active Bill in Committee process.*

**AB 1787, Airports: (Commercial Operations: Lactation Accommodation)** This bill proposes to require commercial service airports with one million enplanements a year to provide a lactation accommodation at each airport terminal for members of the public to express breast milk in private, requiring a chair and an electrical outlet. Commercial airports with less than one million enplanements a year shall comply with this bill upon new terminal construction, replacement, expansion or renovation of an existing terminal and will include a sink as well. 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** – *Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate on May 28<sup>th</sup>; In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on Rules for assignment on May 28th.*

**SB 15, Assembly Member Padilla-Van Nuys, District 20 (Aviation: Unmanned Aircraft Systems)**  
An unmanned aerial vehicle (commonly referred to as a “drone”) is an aircraft without a human pilot that is either remote controlled or fully automated. This bill would clarify that a constructive invasion of privacy may occur through the use of a device affixed to or contained within an unmanned aircraft system. This bill would similarly amend criminal prohibitions relating to eavesdropping and privacy to include the use of devices affixed to or contained within an unmanned aircraft system; and would prohibit unmanned aircraft systems from being equipped with a weapon.

**Status** – *Died - Failed deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11); Last location was Public Safety on 8/27/2013.*

**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 since January 28<sup>th</sup>. (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.)*