

# Summary of Aviation Legislation in California

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February 24, 2012 – Last day for bills to be introduced.

April 27, 2012 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees fiscal bills introduced in their house.

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## **AB 511**, *Assembly Member Yamada-Davis, District 8 (aviation)*

This amended bill would add a section to the State Aeronautics Act. It would provide requirements for marking and lighting meteorological evaluation towers that are erected to gather wind data over a period of time at locations where wind energy facilities may be built; specifically, those higher than 50 feet but lower than 200 feet to be marked in standards that are issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**The latest**-This is a 2-year bill. It was amended on April 13, 2011 and may be heard again by April 27, 2012.

## **AB 2540**, *Assembly Member Gatto – District 43 (aviation)*

This bill would impose a new 7.5% tax on traditional and non-traditional retailers from the sale of tangible personal property, on the storage, use or other consumption as well as specified services. The sale of tangible property would include the sale of private airplanes; storage would include airplane hangars; and services would include flight instruction, airplane cleaning and maintenance.

**The latest** – This is a 2-year bill. It was amended on April 14, 2012 and will be heard again on April 23, 2012.

## **SB 446**, *State Senator Dutton-Rancho Cucamonga, District 31 (airports)*

This legislation would establish the Ontario International Airport Authority and require the transfer of management and operational control of the Ontario International Airport from the City of Los Angeles to the authority.

**The latest**-This is a 2-year bill. It may be heard again in legislative committee hearings by April 27, 2012.

**Draft Budget Trailer Bill, Governors' Proposed 2012-2013 Budget Trailer Bill to Eliminate Airport Land Use Commissions (aviation)**

The language in the this Draft Budget Trailer Bill would eliminate the requirement to establish and maintain Airport Land Use Commissions (ALUC) in the State and is proposed via a Department of Finance (DOF) sponsored Trailer Bill for immediate adoption in the State's 2012-2013 Fiscal Year budget.

**The latest** – On April 11, 2012, the Senate Budget Subcommittee discussed eliminating five State mandates contained in the DOF Trailer Bill proposal, including the requirement for counties to establish and operate ALUCs. All five mandates before the Subcommittee were recommended to be removed from the Trailer Bill. This vote does not completely remove the issue from debate. Another Subcommittee hearing will be held in May.