



## Summary of Aviation Legislation in California

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- **June: House of origin deadline | Budget deadline** – Early June was the deadline for a bill to pass out of its house of origin to its second house. June 3<sup>rd</sup> the committee meetings resumed; June 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the Legislature to pass a budget. Budget trailer bills are enacted after the main budget bill.
- **July: Last policy committee deadline | Recess** - Deadline for a bill to be passed out of its respective policy committee in its second house. Then the Assembly adjourns for one month on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for Summer Recess; the Senate adjourns for one month for Summer Recess on July 12<sup>th</sup> and reconvenes on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **August: Legislature reconvenes from summer recess** – The Assembly reconvenes on August 5<sup>th</sup> from summer recess; August 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the policy committees to meet and report bills; August 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
- **September: No committees may meet** – Labor Day observed on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Floor session only September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>; no committees, other than conference and Rules Committee

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**AB 128, Assembly Member Bradford-Inglewood, District 62 (Peace Officers: Airport Law Enforcement)**

This bill would place an airport law enforcement officer regularly employed by Los Angeles World Airports, (LAWA), as defined, within a different category of peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the state without restrictions as to arrest powers and with the authority to carry specified firearms. It would also make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City of Los Angeles, relating to law enforcement at the Los Angeles International Airport.

**The latest** – In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on Rules for assignment on May 28<sup>th</sup>; Referred to Commission on Public Safety and Appropriations; In committee: Set first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 2.) (June 25). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**AB 393, Assembly Member Cooley-Rancho Cordova, District 8 (Internet Website)**

Existing law requires a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its licensing requirements, as provided. This bill would require the Director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to ensure that the office's Internet Web site contains information on the fee requirements and fee schedules of state agencies and would also require a state agency that the Governor determines has licensing authority to provide accurate updated information about its fee schedule, as provided. This only pertains to the Division of Aeronautics in that the Safety Consultants issue permits to the various airports throughout the state.

**The latest** – Read third time, passed. Ordered to the Assembly (Ayes: 32, Noes: 0)

**AB 737, Assembly Member Fox-Palmdale, District 36 (Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development)**

This bill would require the director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (Go-Biz) to prepare a proposal to establish a test site in California to develop and implement operational and certification requirements for the operation of public unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the national airspace system by December 31, 2015.

**The latest** – This bill was “gutted and amended” which serves as a place holder for the ability to rewrite. The new title is: Space Flight Liability.

The new verbiage is regarding space flight liability and immunity, and discusses the limits of responsibility, which has no connection to the Division of Aeronautics. The Caltrans Legislation staff has taken on this analysis.

**AB 867, Assembly Member Yamada-Davis, District 8 (aviation)**

This bill would require a meteorological tower to be marked with a flashing 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 includes any meteorological tower erected before January 1, 2013, or between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 that is located on prime agricultural land or within one mile of prime agricultural land. Additionally, this bill would expand the marking requirements for meteorological towers erected between January 1, 2013 and December 13, 2013, to encompass towers located outside the boundaries of an incorporated city and require a database to be maintained depicting the locations of all meteorological towers.

**The latest** – Re-referred to Committee on Business, Profession and Consumer Protection, (B., P. & C.P.) on April 16<sup>th</sup>; In committee: Hearing for testimony only on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. No activity since April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Still active and in committee process.

**AB 1058, Assembly Member Chavez – Carlsbad, District 76 (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)**

This bill makes several changes to laws governing the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority members. This bill would delete references to the city selection committees appointing the 4 directors, and instead would require the mayors of those cities to jointly appoint the directors in a public meeting that is publicly noticed by the authority and each of the cities, as specified. This would increase the duties of local officials, and would impose a state-mandated local program. The bill would authorize the authority to adopt a comprehensive plan on the future development of San Diego International Airport.

**The latest** – Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Assembly on July 1<sup>st</sup>; In Assembly, ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**AB 1327, Assembly Member Gorell-West Lake Village, District 44 (Unmanned Aircraft Systems)**

This bill would generally prohibit public agencies from using unmanned aircraft systems, (UAS), or contracting for their use, with certain exceptions applicable to law enforcement agencies. The bill would require a contract for the use of an unmanned aircraft system, for authorized purposes by a local public agency to be subject to the specific approval of the applicable local public agency's legislative body. The bill would require a local legislative body, in approving the acquisition or purchase, to also adopt policies governing the use and deployment of the UAS. Additionally, a state agency that uses an UAS, or contracts for the use of an UAS, to provide, no later than January 1 of each year, an annual report to the Governor that includes, the agency's acquisitions, purchases, rentals, or leases of unmanned aircraft systems. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**The latest** – From committee on Local Government, passed with vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Re-referred to committee on Appropriations; Set, first hearing and referred to Appropriations suspense file on May 15<sup>th</sup>; Hearing postponed by committee on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Bill is still active and in committee process.

**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.

**The latest** – From committee: Voted and passed and re-referred to Com. on P. S. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S. on June 18<sup>th</sup>. From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Public Safety on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Set, first hearing, Hearing cancelled at the request of author on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SB 758, Senate Member Block-San Diego, District 39 (San Diego Co. Regional Airport Authority)**

This bill would postpone the preparation of an airport land use compatibility plan for the City of Coronado and the United States Naval Air Station North Island by the San Diego Regional Airport Authority as the airport land use commission until a joint land use study is completed by the City of Coronado, the United States Navy, and the San 3Airport

Authority. By requiring the local airport land use commission to postpone the preparation of its airport land use compatibility plan, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill provides that this extension remains in effect only until January 1, 2017, or 540 days after an amendment to the ALUCP, whichever is earlier, and as of that date is repealed.

**The latest** - Read third time, passed with vote: Ayes 38, Noes 0; ordered to Assembly on May 28, 2013. In Assembly, read first time, held at desk. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk on May; Referred to Committee on Local Government on June 14<sup>th</sup>.