

Overview of the California Legislative Process



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BASIC STEPS

1. Bill is drafted and legislator introduces bill
2. Bill assigned to committee, needs majority vote
3. Heard in Fiscal Committee if it has fiscal impacts
4. Floor vote on bill, typically need majority to pass
5. Steps 2 -4 repeated in second house
6. Bill becomes law if Governor signs bill or takes no action after 30 days

Committee Hearings

- Rules Committee assigns bill to policy committee for its first hearing
- Bills assigned to committees based on subject area
- During committee hearing, author presents bill to the committee, and testimony may be heard in support or opposition to the bill
- Committee then votes on whether to pass the bill out of committee, or that it be passed as amended

Committee Hearings – Cont.

- Bills may be amended several times
- Majority vote of committee membership needed to pass and be sent to next committee or to floor
- Prior to bill's hearing, a bill analysis is prepared that explains the intended effect of the bill on current law, together with background information
- Bill analysis also lists organizations that support or oppose the bill

Second and Third Readings

- Bills passed by committees are read a second time on the floor and then assigned to a third reading
- Bill analyses are also prepared prior to third reading
- On third reading, the bill is explained by author, discussed by Members, and a roll call vote is taken
- If a bill is defeated, the Member may seek reconsideration and another vote

Amendments in Second House

- If a bill is amended in the second house, it must go back to the house of origin for concurrence
- If the first house does not concur, the bill is referred to a two-house conference committee to resolve the differences
- If a compromise is reached, the bill is returned to both houses for a vote

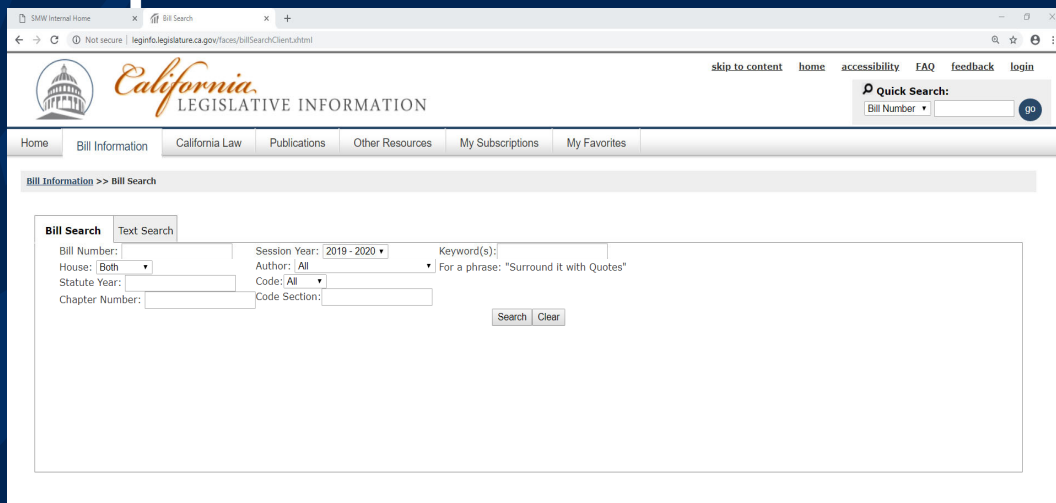
2019 Legislative Deadlines

Feb 5	Last day for bills to be introduced
Apr 26	Last day for Policy Committees to meet and report to Fiscal Committee
May 3	Last day for Policy Committees to meet and report to the floor
May 17	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report to the floor
May 31	Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house

2019 Legislative Deadlines – Cont.

Jun 3	Committee meetings may resume
Jul 10	Last day for Policy Committees to meet and report to Fiscal Committee
Jul 12	Last day for Policy Committees to meet and report to the floor
Aug 30	Last day for Fiscal Committees to meet and report to the floor
Sep 6	Last day to amend bills on the floor
Sep 13	Last day for any bill to be passed

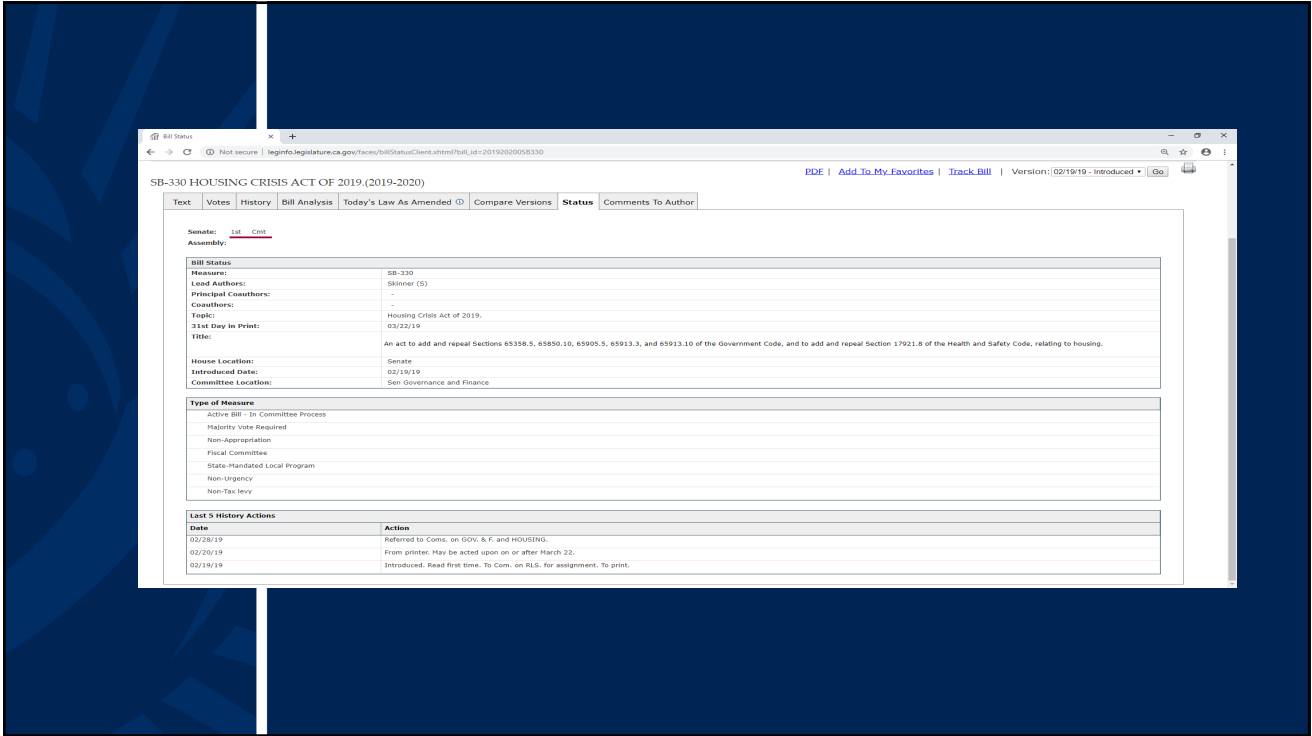
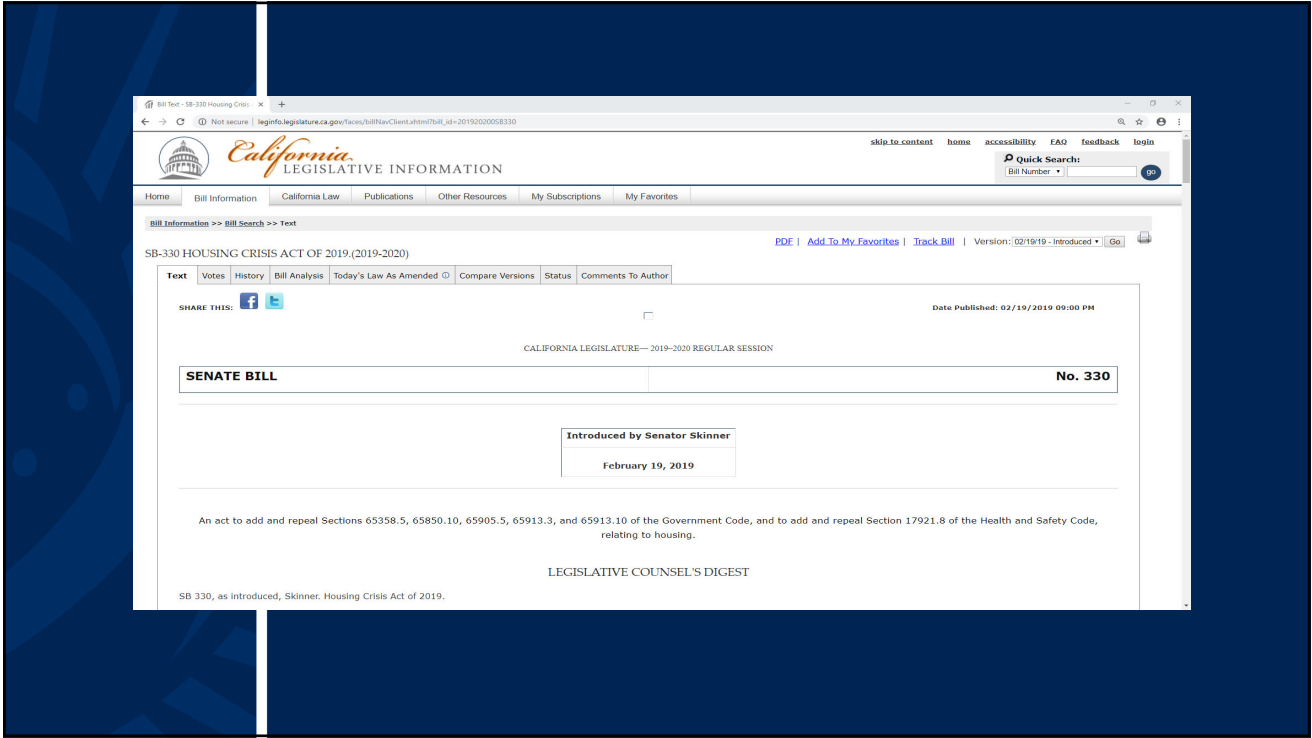
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SB-330 HOUSING CRISIS ACT OF 2019.(2019-2020)

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Date	Action
02/28/19	Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HOUSING.
02/20/19	From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 22.
02/19/19	Introduced. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. To print.

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Bill Search

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Friday, March 15, 2019

SB 330

(Skinner D) Housing Crisis Act of 2019. (Introduced: 2/19/2019)
Status: 2/28/2019-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HOUSING.
Location: 2/28/2019-S. GOV. & F.

Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Desk	Policy	Fiscal	Floor	Conf. Com.	Enrolled	Vetted	Chapters
1st House				2nd House							

Summary: (1)The Planning and Zoning Law, among other things, requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city and of any land outside its boundaries that relates to its planning. That law authorizes the legislative body, if it deems it to be in the public interest, to amend all or part of an adopted general plan, as provided. That law also authorizes the legislative body of any county or city, pursuant to specified procedures, to effect ordinances that, among other things, regulate the use of buildings, structures, and land as between industry, business, agriculture, open space, and other purposes. This bill, until January 1, 2020, with respect to land where housing is an allowable use, would prohibit the legislative body of a county or city, defined to include the electorate exercising its local initiative or referendum power, in which specified conditions exist, from enacting an amendment to a general plan or adopting or amending any zoning ordinance that would have the effect of (A) changing the zoning classification of a parcel or parcels of property to a less intensive use or reducing the intensity of land use within an existing zoning district below what was allowed under the general plan land use designation and zoning ordinances of the county or city as in effect on January 1, 2018; (B) imposing a moratorium on housing development within all or a portion of the jurisdiction of the county or city, except as provided; (C) imposing design standards that are more costly than those in effect on January 1, 2019; or (D) establishing a maximum number of conditional use or other discretionary permits that the county or city will issue for the development of housing within all or a portion of the county or city, or otherwise imposing a cap on the number of housing units within or the population of the county or city. The bill would, notwithstanding these prohibitions, allow a city or county to prohibit the commercial use of land zoned for residential use consistent with the authority of the city or county conferred by other law. The bill would state that these prohibitions would apply to any zoning ordinance adopted or amended on or after January 1, 2018, and that any zoning ordinance adopted, or amendment to an existing ordinance or to an adopted general plan, on or after that date that does not comply would be deemed void. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Policy Committee (primary)
Housing Community and Economic Development

League Position
Watch

Primary Lobbyist
Briana Jackson

Hot/Priority

2nd Lobbyist
Caroline Sato

Policy Analyst
[Alicia Bui](#)

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