




Date: March 4, 2010

To: State Legislation Committee Members

From: Patrick H. West, City Manager 

Subject: Sacramento Update

For your information, attached you will find a memorandum from Michael J. Arnold and Associates providing an update on new bills introduced and the State Legislature's action on the Budget Special Session.

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Memorandum

TO: Suzanne Frick
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FROM: Michael J. Arnold, Legislative Advocate
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DATE: February 24, 2010

SUBJECT: Sacramento Update

New Bills Introduced

Last Friday, February 19, was the deadline for introduction of 2010 legislative proposals. Note however that urgency legislation is exempt from all deadlines, including the bill introduction deadline. Also, it is noteworthy that many of the newly introduced bills were introduced in "spot" form. Spot bills will be amended further later in the process. The constitution requires a bill to be in print for 30 days before it may be heard in a legislative committee. We are in now in the process of reviewing all newly introduced legislative proposals.

Budget Update – Fiscal Package

The Governor declared a fiscal emergency in January and called a special session of the Legislature to tackle part of the state's projected \$19.9 billion deficit within 45 days, the last of which was Monday. Schwarzenegger asked lawmakers to resolve \$8.8 billion of the gap, while the Legislature on Monday sent about \$2.3 billion in solutions to the Governor.

Below is a list of the bills sent to the Governor. All of the bills are from the 8th Extraordinary Session (Special Session 8X):

AB 1	Current Year Budget Changes
AB 2	Budget Year Budget Changes
AB 3	DOJ/Corrections Trailer Bill
AB 10	General Government Trailer Bill
AB 11	Proposition 116 Letter of No Prejudice
AB 12	Port Security

Legislators are set to continue this week special session work on bills aimed at closing the budget gap. It is unclear if any other bills will be sent to the Governor. The Legislature feels that they have already met the constitutional deadline for sending at least a partial fix to the Governor under the emergency session rules. Also, there is a growing feeling that the legislators should wait until the May Revision comes out because there is a chance that the numbers will not be as bad and they will not have to make quite as deep cuts to the budget.