



**California Aviation Related Legislative
Bill Analysis Summary
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- May 1, 2015: Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills
- May 15, 2015: Last day for policy committees to hear and report non-fiscal bills
- May 29, 2015: Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the floor
- May 29, 2015: Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 8th

AB 14, Assembly Member Waldron, District 75 – (Government Code): relating to Unmanned Aircraft Systems) (UAS)

This bill would create the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Task Force. The task force would be responsible for formulating a comprehensive plan for state regulation of UAS. The task force would be required to submit, among other things, a comprehensive policy draft and suggested legislation pertaining to unmanned aircraft to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1, 2018. The Task Force would be operating as an ongoing working group reporting ongoing activity, commenting on FAA policy development and anticipating California’s needs for high technology, etc. The bill would provide that these provisions are repealed on January 1, 2022.

**The Division has not been requested to analyze this bill since it is simply the formation of a task force; (The Division is watching this bill progress and including amendments.)*

Status – April 13th - In committee: Set, first hearing, failed passage. Reconsideration granted; April 23rd – Re-referred to Committee on Public Safety Privacy and & Civil Procedure and

AB 37, Assembly Member Campos, District 27- Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
Gutted and Amended to: Libraries: 3D Printers

Status – March 17th – Author amended

The Division of Aeronautics will no longer be tracking or updating this proposal.

AB 56, Assembly Member Quirk, District - 20 (Penal Code): Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

This bill would prohibit public agencies from using unmanned aircraft systems, with certain exceptions applicable to law enforcement agencies, including when the use or operation of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) to achieve the core mission of the agency, and when the purpose is unrelated to the gathering of criminal intelligence.

The bill would require reasonable public notice and guidelines to be made available to the public by law enforcement agencies, subject to approval by the legislative body having management and control of the law enforcement agency; as well as, public notice to be provided by public agencies that intend to deploy UAS. It would also require images, footage, or data obtained during a mission to be permanently destroyed within one year and would generally prohibit the images, footage, or data obtained from being disseminated outside the collecting public agency. Unless authorized by federal law, the bill would prohibit a person or entity, including a public agency from equipping or arming UAS with a weapon or other device that may be carried by or launched from UAS and that is intended to cause bodily injury, death, or damage to real or personal property. The bill would also provide that specified surveillance restrictions on electronic devices apply to the use or operation of UAS by a public agency. And, a law enforcement agency may use UAS under 400 feet above ground level over private property if it has obtained consent from the property owner or a warrant based on probable cause.

Status – April 23rd - Re-Referred to Committee on Public Safety, Privacy, and Consumer Protection; April 30th – From Committee: Do pass and re-refer to Committee on Appropriations; April 30th – Across the Desk.

The term 'Across the Desk' is the official act of introducing a bill or resolution. The measure is given to the Chief Clerk of his or her representative at the Assembly Desk in the Assembly Chamber or to the Secretary of the Senate or his or her representative in the Senate Chamber. The measure then receives a number and becomes a public document available from the bill room (or at www.leginfo.ca.gov). Each proposed amendment to a measure also must be put across the desk in the Assembly or Senate in order to be considered for adoption.

SB 142, Senate Member Jackson, District 19 - (Civil Code): Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)

Existing law imposes liability for physical invasion of privacy, if a person knowingly enters onto the land of another person pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 1708.8 if he or she: operates an UAV below the navigable airspace overlaying real property; operates an UAV less than 350 feet above ground level within the airspace overlaying the real property; a person wrongfully occupies real property and is liable for damages, without permission.

Status – April 14th – Read second time and amended. Ordered to third reading.

SB 271, Senate Member Gaines, District 1 – (Penal Code): Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

This bill would make it an infraction to operate an unmanned aircraft system on or above the grounds of a public school providing instruction in kindergarten or grades 1 to 12 inclusive, during school hours and without written permission of the school principal or higher authority. It would also make it an infraction to capture public images the public school grounds, during school hours and without written permission. School hours would be considered during school

session, extracurricular activity, or event sponsored by or participated in by the school and the one-hour periods immediately preceding and following any session, activity or event.

This bill would provide for a warning upon a first conviction and a fine of no more than \$200 for the each subsequent violation of its provisions.

Status – April 28th – Set for hearing May 4th; April 28th - From Committee with author’s amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

AB 360, Assembly Member Melendez, District 67 – (PUC Code): Evaluation of Airports

Slightly modifies the language in the PUC Code under Section 21632 (a)-(g), Acquisition of Existing Facilities. The modifications are insignificant as presented, (minor word adjustments, i.e., replacing “prior to” for “before”, etc.) This bill reiterates the existing language in the PUC which explains the Division’s duties in evaluating the importance of an airport. This bill proposes to modify the duration of the comment period from the California Transportation Commission (CTC), from 45 days to 50 days.

Status – April 6th – Re-referred to Committee on Transportation; April 8th - In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

SB 747, Senator McGuire, District 2 – (PUC Code): Relating to Airports – Financial Assistance: Grant Program

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to adopt and administer a grant program for the purpose of funding specified infrastructure projects to maintain and improve airport facilities and infrastructure owned or operated by a commercial service airport or general aviation airport. The bill would authorize one or more eligible airports to submit a joint application for funding and would also authorize the department to provide financial assistance for and to enter into agreements with commercial air carriers to, among other things, establish and market new or expanded service at airports with 300,000 or fewer annual enplanements. It would also authorize the department to use available moneys to provide financial assistance to underserved airports.

This bill would require the Division of Aeronautics to develop regulations for the department to adopt in order to implement these provisions. The bill would appropriate an unspecified sum from the Aeronautics Account in the State Transportation Fund for these purposes and would make unspecified percentage allocations to airports with annual enplanements greater than 10,000; 10,000 or less but greater than 2,500; and to general aviation airports.

Status – April 23rd - Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Committee on Rules; April 24th – Set for hearing April 29th in Governance and Finance pending receipt; April 27th – Re-referred to Committee on Governance and Finance.

AB – 1455, Assembly Members Rodriguez, District 52, and Gomez, District 51 – PUC Code):
An act to add Division 17.5 (Commencing with Section 175000) to the PUC, relating to Airports.

This bill would authorize the City of Ontario to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition of the Ontario International Airport from the City of Los Angeles that are secured solely by the revenues and charges at the Ontario International Airport.

Status – March 3rd – Read first time; April 6th – Referred to the Committee on Local Government