



DBW COMMISSION MEETING

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STAFF REPORT: Legislative Update

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SUBJECT: California Legislation

Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). Information contained in this report is accurate as of September 19, 2023.

Senate Bill 544 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.

Summary: This bill would amend the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, indefinitely removing certain teleconference requirements, as specified, while ensuring public access to state body meetings via audio, video, or physical attendance. This bill would stipulate that a meeting with remote participation must adjourn if connectivity is lost and cannot be restored. This bill would also require accommodation for individuals with disabilities, as specified, and would mandate that all individuals present at a remote location be disclosed, as specified.

Status: Enrolled on September 15, 2023

Assembly Bill 748 (Villapudua) California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program.

Summary: This bill would establish the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program to identify, prioritize, and fund the removal of abandoned and derelict commercial vessels from commercially navigable waters, as specified. This bill would also establish the California Abandoned and Derelict Commercial Vessel Program Task Force to oversee and provide policy direction for the new program. Additionally, this bill would prohibit a commercial vessel that is at-risk of becoming derelict from occupying, anchoring, mooring, or otherwise being secured in or on commercially navigable waters.

NOTE: This bill does not directly impact the Division of Boating and Waterways.

Status: Enrolled on September 18, 2023

Assembly Bill 966 (Davies) Division of Boating and Waterways: report to the Legislature: shoreline erosion control and public beach programs.

Summary: This bill would require the Department's Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) to coordinate with the State Coastal Conservancy to submit a joint report to the Legislature, no later than January 1, 2025, on shoreline erosion control and public beach restoration programs, as specified.

Status: Enrolled on September 13, 2023

Assembly Bill 1150 (Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife) Parks, recreation, and vessels: omnibus.

Summary: This bill would revise several vessel related code sections for compliance with federal code. This bill would also authorize the Department to enter into "community access agreements" with nonprofit organizations to expand and enhance access to the State Park System for underserved park users, including free or reduced-cost access, contingent upon the availability of Department resources, including a Legislative reporting requirement and 2029 sunset. Additionally, this bill would clarify CalWORKS eligibility for the Departments' "Golden Bear Pass". Lastly, this bill would expand eligibility for the Recreational Trails Program to include tribes, as specified.

Status: Enrolled on September 14, 2023

Assembly Bill 1686 (Grayson) Ports and harbors: Martinez Marina.

Summary: This bill extends the sunset date, until June 30, 2029, of the authorization for the State Lands Commission (SLC) to relieve the City of Martinez (City) of its obligation to transmit gross revenues to the state so the City can instead invest in improving conditions at the Martinez Marina.

NOTE: This bill does not directly impact the Division of Boating and Waterways.

Status: Chapter 143, Statutes of 2023

Commission Action

For information only

Attachments

None