

Legislative Update





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Status Report - Tracked Legislation Monday, September 21, 2015

CEQA

[AB 323](#)

(Olsen R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.

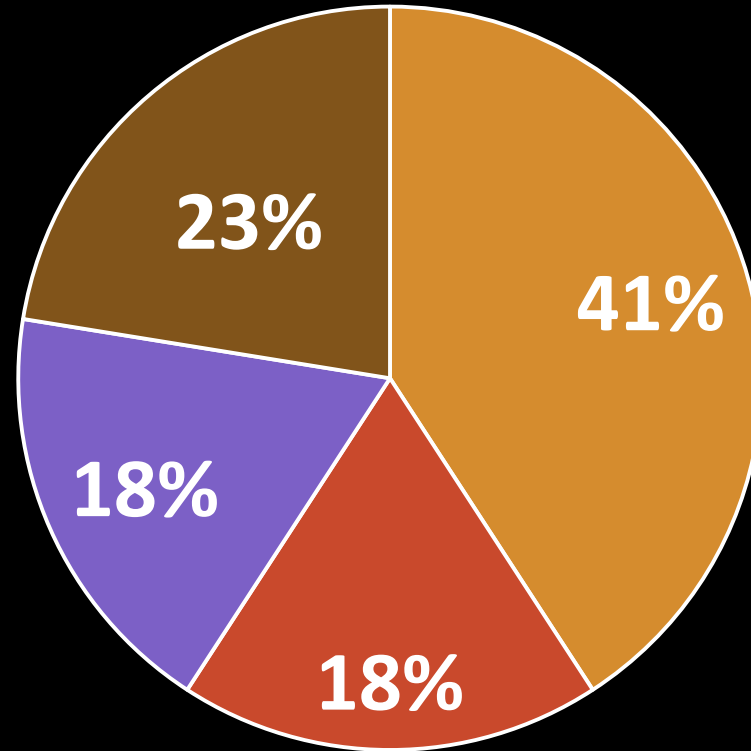
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Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), until January 1, 2016, exempts a project ex

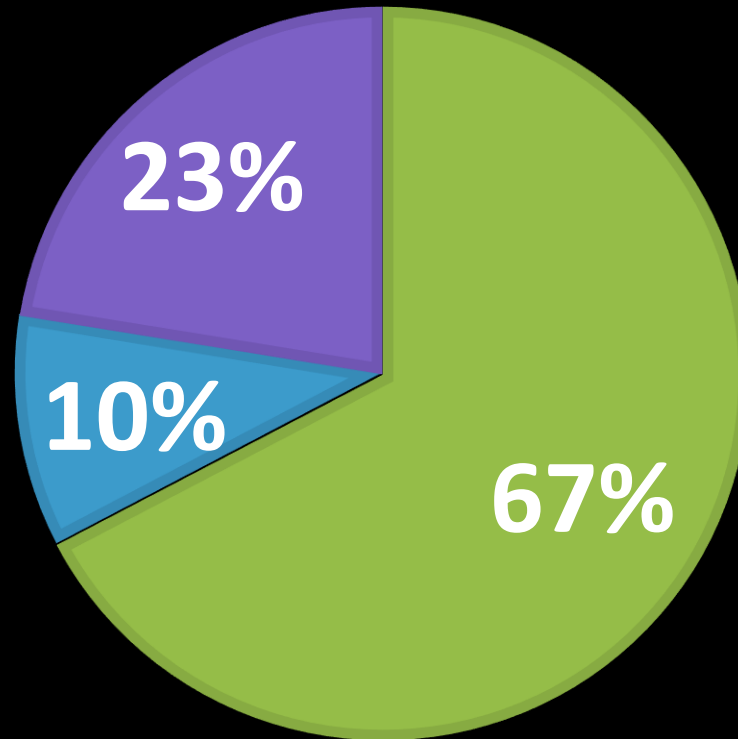
EDC Tracked Legislation



- Economic Development
- Education/Workforce
- CEQA
- Business Climate

Status as of End of Session September 21, 2015

■ 2 Year ■ Died ■ Passed to Governor



Economic Development

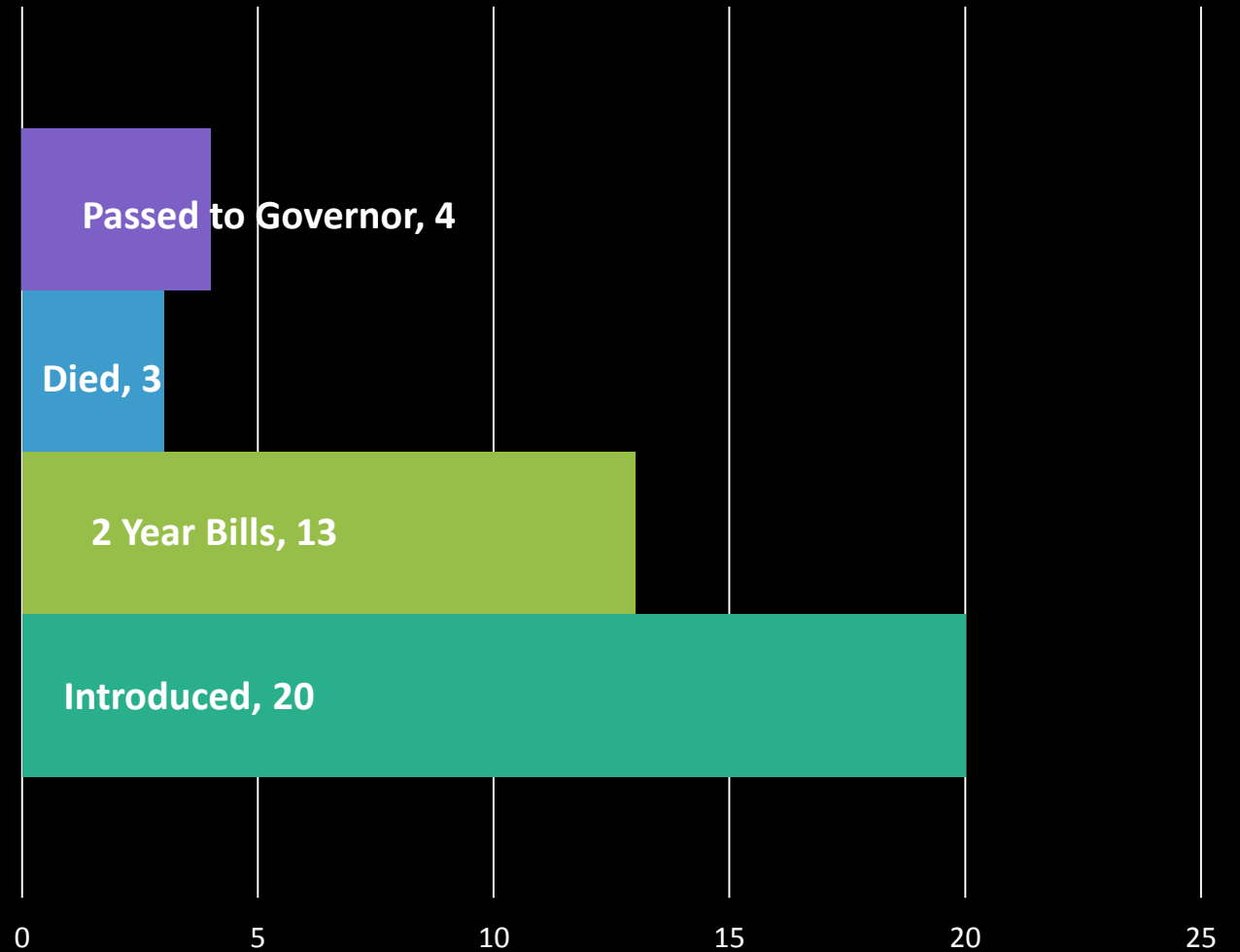
On Governor's Desk

AB 2 – Allow formation of community revitalization authorities.

AB 325 – Sets 60 day turnaround time for grant agreements under the CDBG program.

AB 931 – revises “qualified full time employee” under hiring tax credit to include veterans.

SB 63 – adds port and harbor infrastructure as projects that can be financed under enhanced infrastructure financing district.

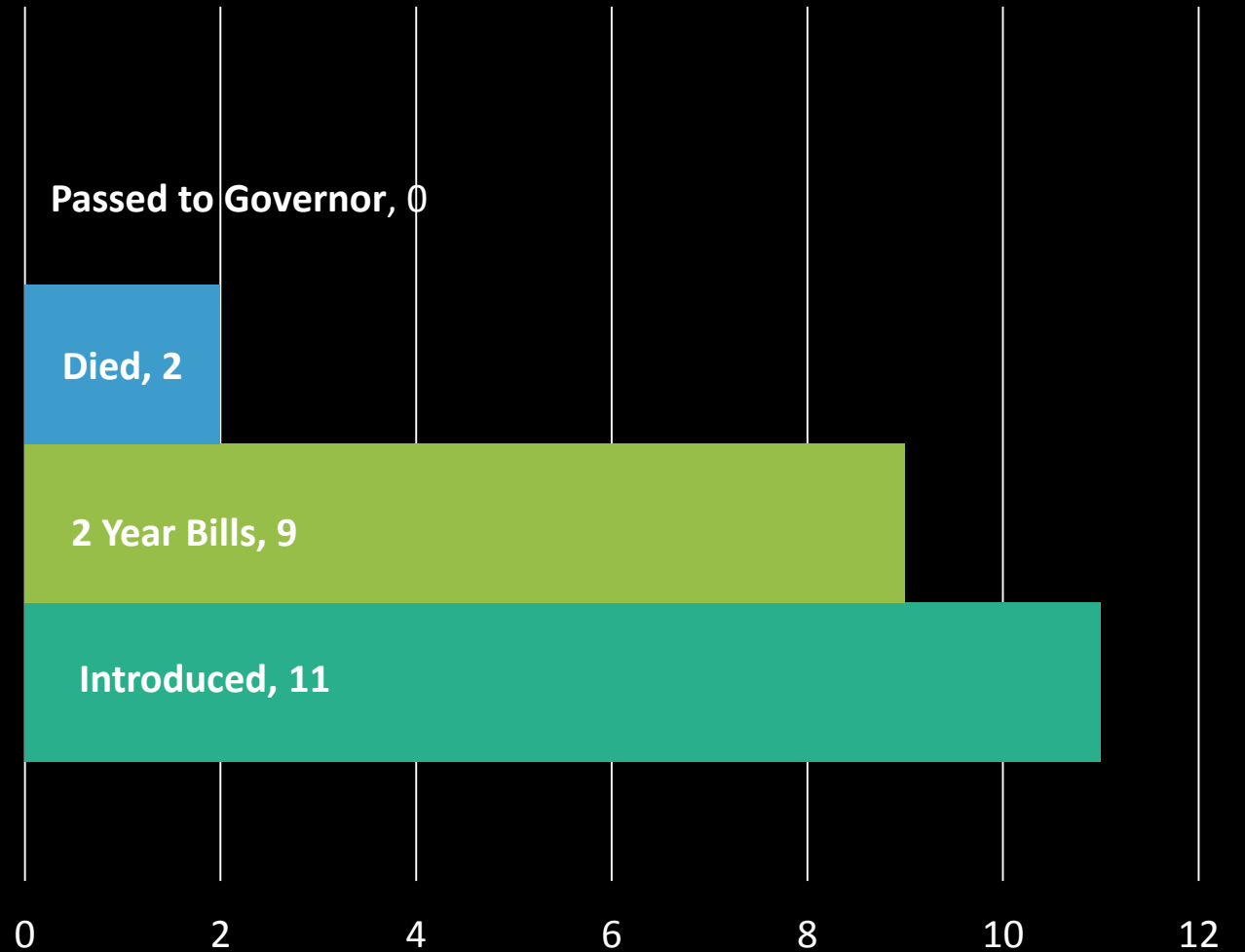


Business Climate

No bills on Governor's Desk

Most are 2 year bills and include

- Double pay on holidays
- Minimum wage increases
- Taxation



Education & Workforce Development

On Governor's Desk

AB 288 – Provides authority for community colleges and shall districts to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways partnership

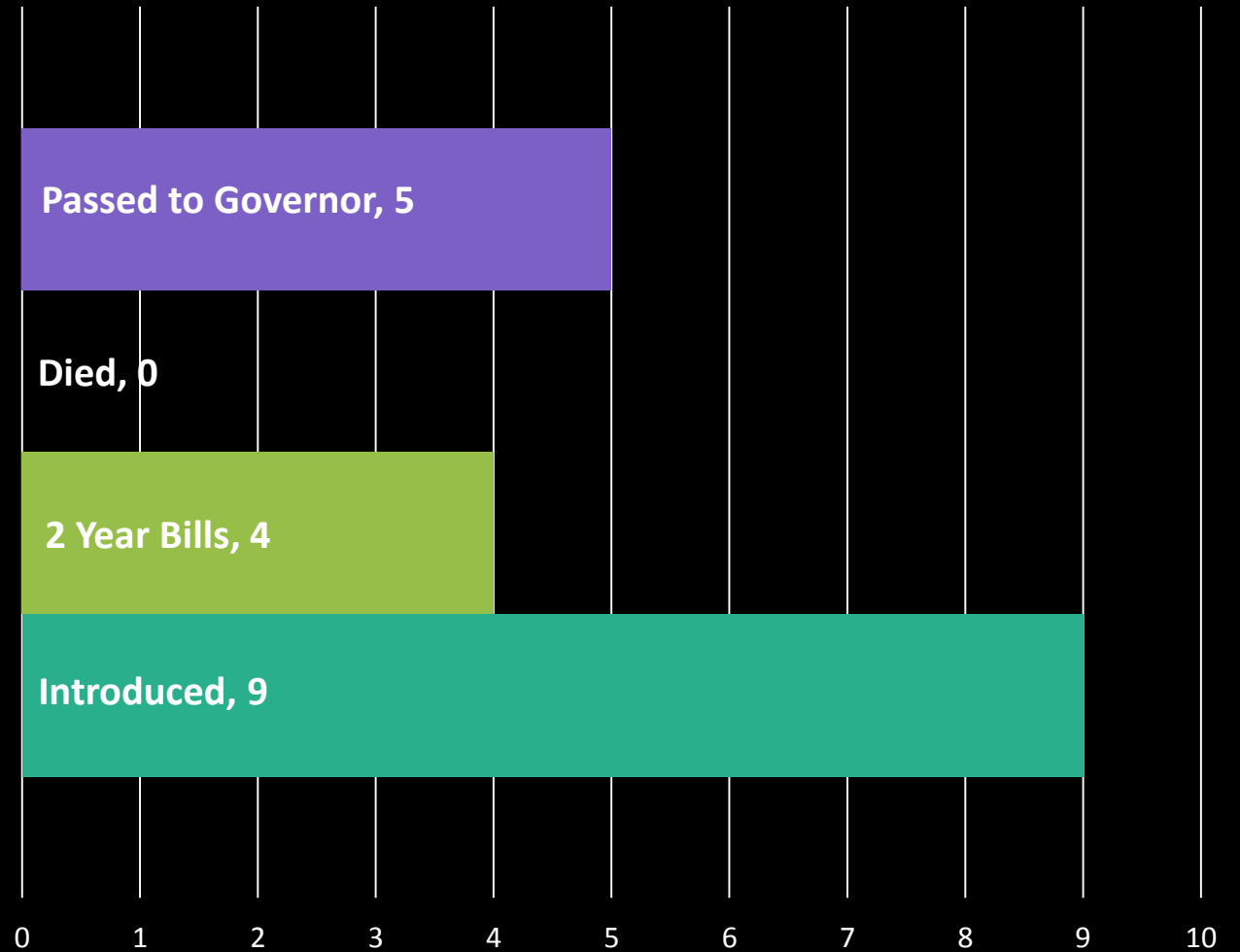
SB 42 – Establishes the Office of Higher Education Performance & Accountability.

SB 148 – Enacts funding formulas for schools districts that are reorganized.

SB 342 – Expands responsibilities for the California Workforce Investment Board.

Signed by Governor

AB 1270 – Updates California law to conform to Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

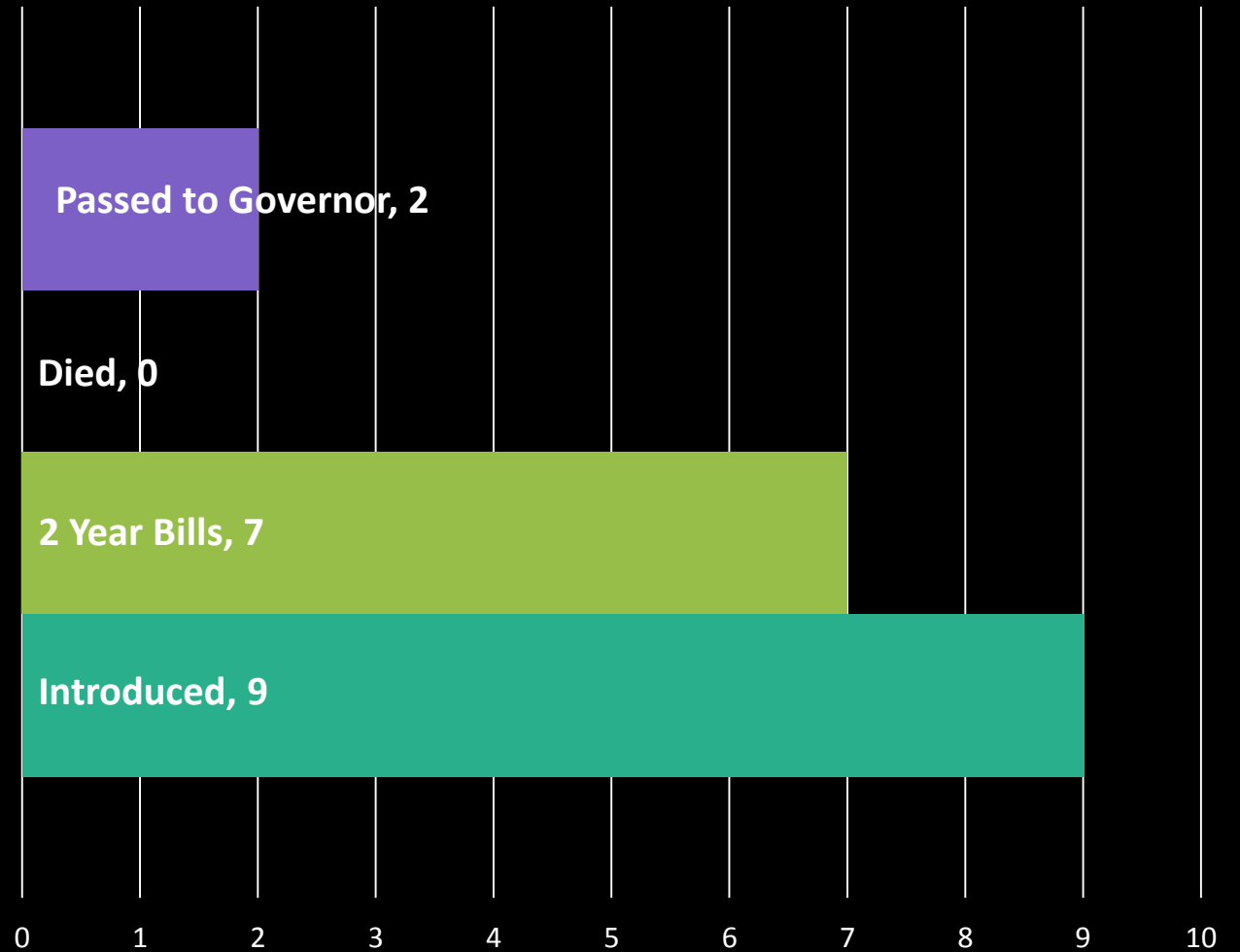


California Environmental Quality Act

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AB 323 – Extends the CEQA exemption for repair, maintenance or minor alterations to roadways from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2020.

SB 348 – Extends the CEQA exemption for closing of railroad crossings from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2019.



2 Year Session Outlook

Bill Count – End of Session

	2014 Session	EDC Tracked
Signed by Gov.	548	3
Sent to Gov.	659	8
Vetoed by Gov.	10	0
2 year/Died	1555	38
Total	2,772	49

What to Expect Next Year

- Need to watch 2 year bills, most have cleared house of origin.
- New bills will be introduced in the session.
- Continued budget surpluses have decreased desire to increase taxes (or decrease).
- Budget always a concern.