

AB 692 (Chu) - Schoolbuses: passenger restraint systems.

Requires school districts to provide information to the California Department of Education and CHP to formulate a plan to have all schoolbuses equipped with passenger restraint systems by January 1, 2023.

Status: Held on the Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File.

AB 1303 (McCarty) - Vehicles: window tinting.

Authorizes a clear, colorless, and transparent material to be installed, affixed, or applied to the windshield, side, or rear windows of a motor vehicle, if the material has a minimum visible light transmittance of 88%, meets specified Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, is designed and manufactured to enhance the ability of existing window glass to block the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays, the material is removed or replaced if damaged, and the driver of the motor vehicle has in his or her possession a certificate signed by a licensed dermatologist certifying that the person should not be exposed to UV rays because of a medical condition, as specified.

Status: Chapter 210, Statutes of 2017

AB 1798 (Chu) - Schoolbuses: passenger restraint systems.

Requires all school buses to have seatbelts by July 1, 2035.

Status: Chapter 206, Statutes of 2018

AB 2061 (Frazier) - Near-zero-emission and zero-emission vehicles.

Authorizes a near zero-emission vehicle or a zero-emission vehicle, as defined, to exceed axle, tandem, gross, or bridge formula weight limits, up to a 2,000 pound maximum, by an amount equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the fueling or propulsion system carried by that vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling or propulsion system, only to the extent that it is expressly allowed under federal law.

Status: Chapter 580, Statutes of 2018

SB 20 (Hill) - Vehicles: buses: seatbelts.

Requires a passenger, as defined, or driver of a bus to be properly restrained by a safety belt, if the bus is equipped with one.

Status: Chapter 593, Statutes of 2017

SB 145 (Hill) - Autonomous vehicles: testing on public roads.

Makes various changes regarding DMV's authority to develop regulations and approve applications for the operation of autonomous vehicles on the public roadways.

Status: Chapter 725, Statutes of 2017

SB 1236 (Monning) - Commercial driver's license: education.

Requires DMV to adopt federal regulations to strengthen commercial driver training requirements and to require a minimum number of hours of behind-the-wheel training for commercial drivers.

Status: Chapter 984, Statutes of 2018

Oversight and Informational Hearings

2018 Hearings:

Joint Hearing with the Budget Subcommittee #6 on Budget Process, Oversight & Program Evaluation: The purpose of this hearing was for the Committees to be updated by the DMV as to what actions are being taken by the department to address wait times at local DMV offices. (August 7, 2018)

Initiative Hearing: Initiative Constitutional Amendment: Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding by Repealing Revenues Dedicated for those Purposes. Requires any Measure to Enact Certain Vehicle Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Submitted to and Approved by the Electorate. (#1830): The purpose of this hearing was to comply with Elections Code Section 9034, specifically to hold a joint public hearing on the subject of a proposed initiative which has submitted 25 percent of the number of signatures needed to qualify the initiative for the ballot. (June 18, 2018)

Driverless Disruption: Balancing the Safety Benefits and Concerns of Automated Vehicles: The purpose of this hearing was to focus exclusively on public safety, and what, if any, role should the state play in ensuring AVs are tested and deployed safely. The federal government has called for the states to leave safety up to them, but has provided no laws or regulations to ensure these vehicles are safe on public roads. (May 7, 2018)

Review of the Draft 2018 Business Plan for the California High-Speed Rail Authority: The purpose of the hearing was to review the California High-Speed Rail Authority's recently released Draft 2018 Business Plan. The Authority is statutorily required to adopt and submit a final business plan to the Legislature on May 1st every two years. At least 60 days prior to the publication of the plan, the Authority is required to release a draft for legislative and public review and comment. (April 2, 2018)

2017 Hearings:

Transportation Funding: The purpose of this hearing focus on SB 1 (Beall), relative to transportation funding. This hearing allowed a public discussion of the contents of the bill. (April 3, 2017)

Departmental Overview: The purpose of this hearing was to introduce Committee members to departments whose issue areas fall within the Committee's jurisdiction. State departments that presented at the hearing included CalSTA, CHP, California Transportation Commission, The California High-Speed Rail Authority, DMV, ARB, Caltrans, the Board of Pilot Commissioners, and the Office of Traffic Safety. (February 6, 2017)

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