



## ***SB 1005 (Cox)***

### ***District Hospitals: Design-Build***

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ACHD is sponsoring SB 1005 (Cox) which would authorize all District Hospitals to utilize the Design-Build process for construction projects that exceed \$2.5 million.

#### Current law:

- Districts are forced to competitively bid each phase of hospital construction projects, such as architectural design, structural, electrical and plumbing work.
- The current design-bid-build process is costly, time-consuming and often leads to unnecessary delays and cost over-runs.
- All other hospitals in California, public and private, are authorized to use Design-Build contracting.
- Sonoma Valley Health Care District gained authorization in 2008.
- Cities, Counties and some Special Districts have this authority.
- OSHPD has been inspecting design-build hospital construction projects since 1996.

#### Design-Build:

- Hospital projects must meet the same criteria and standards regardless of the construction method.
- Design-Build allows for a single bid and contract to cover all phases of design and construction of a project.
- One company or consortium acts as both the project designer and builder, thereby resulting in additional time savings and lower project costs.
- This process is faster and far more cost effective.

#### Support:

- District Hospitals are required to meet certain seismic safety standards.
- Due to the current financial crisis most Districts are finding it is increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to meet this mandate.
- The Design-build process is an efficient use of taxpayer money.
- SB 1005 provides a cost effective tool for Districts Hospitals to upgrade and seismically retrofit facilities.

#### Urge your legislators to:

- **Vote Aye on SB 1005 (Cox)**