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2019 - 2023 Amendments by Year

2019

- SB 1227 requires a 35% density bonus for housing developments that include at least 20% of its units for low-income college students.
- AB 2797 requires density bonuses in the Coastal Zone to be consistent with the California Coastal Act.
- AB 2372 allows developers to request a floor-area-ratio bonus rather than a traditional density bonus for projects that meet specific requirements.
- AB 2753 requires local governments to notify applicants of required information for a project to be determined complete and provide information on the project's eligibility for density bonus and reduced parking ratios.

2020

• AB 1763 provides incentives for 100% affordable housing projects, such as an 80% density bonus and an additional concession entitlement. For projects located within ½ mile of a major transit stop, AB 1763 eliminates all local government limits on density and parking and allows a height limit of up to three stories or 33 feet.

2021

 AB 2345 provides for up to 50% density bonus for mixed-income developments, reduces parking requirements for many projects qualifying for a density bonus, lowers some thresholds for obtaining concessions, and adopts density bonus reporting requirements.

2022

- AB 571 prohibits local governments from charging affordable housing impact fees, including inclusionary zoning fees and in-lieu fees, against affordable units in density bonus housing developments.
- AB 634 allows local government to adopt an ordinance requiring an affordability period of more than 55 years in density bonus housing projects, except for developments financed with low-income housing tax credits.
- SB 290 provides additional incentives to student housing development, reconciles text regarding public health and safety between the Housing Accountability Act and Density Bonus Law, defines 'total units' in a density bonus project, reduces parking requirements for moderate-income units, and clarifies that the Density Bonus Law applies to both rental and for-sale housing developments.
- SB 728 allows developers in for-sale density bonus housing developments to sell affordable units to nonprofit housing corporations instead of selling the units directly to a low- or moderate-income homebuyer.

2023

 AB 682 establishes "shared housing" as a new category of housing eligible for a density bonus and other associated benefits and establishes a method of determining base densities.

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- AB 1551 readopts legislation that sunsetted at the end of 2021 requiring that cities and counties provide a "development bonus" to commercial developers if they meet certain requirements.
- AB 2334 provides special benefits to housing developments based on vehicle miles travelled.