

MEMORANDUM

To: AIA MA Membership
From: GAC Co-chairs Russ Feldman & Larry Spang and Exec. Director John Nunnari
Date: 10/26/2023
Re: Board Approved Priority Levels/Actions for All Currently Tracked Legislation

As stated in [AIA MA's 2023-2024 Legislative and Regulatory Goals](#) document, AIA MA and the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) are committed to legislative and regulatory advocacy in the Commonwealth by addressing issues crucial to the architecture profession. Its main policy focus includes environmental concerns like energy efficiency and carbon neutrality, economic justice emphasizing equity in housing and education facilities, coordination and incentives regarding building codes, enhancing the architectural business practice with a focus on diversity and inclusion, and promoting smart growth development policies.

On that basis, the GAC has sought to monitor and support legislative measures aimed at carbon neutrality, zero-net energy buildings, electrification of utilities, restoring provisions from the 2018 Climate Adaptation Management Plan, expanding net-metering, improving coordination within the construction industry, fostering more housing opportunities, especially affordable ones, advancing historic preservation, endorsing the mass timber industry, linking school funding equity with healthy school initiatives, increasing efficiency in state projects, and lastly, opposing legislation proposing a Practice Act for interior designers. All positions on bills prepared by the GAC are consistent with the current Legislative and Regulatory Goals.

Using those metrics, the GAC has identified 153 bills to track and suggest the following priority levels/actions:

- (17) bills be considered a "High" priority;
- (49) bills be considered a "Medium" priority;
- (67) bills be considered a "Low" priority; and
- (20) bills be removed from tracking

We have previously defined "High," "Medium," and "Low" priority bills as follows:

- **High Priority:** These are bills AIA MA has agreed to either support, support with an amendment, or oppose with written testimony. Due to the process of determining AIA MA's position, written testimony may or may not be prepared in time for the bill's public hearing. This will not compromise our ability to advocate our positions with legislative committee staff or leadership. AIA MA will only submit written testimony once it has been reviewed and approved by the Board.
- **Medium Priority:** These are bills AIA MA has agreed to either support, support with amendment, or oppose with written testimony, but only after the legislative committee hearing the bill has determined it intends to move the bill forward in the legislative process. AIA MA will only submit written testimony once it has been reviewed and approved by the Board.
- **Low Priority:** These are bills that AIA MA has agreed to track and decided that, if enacted, would be of potential interest to the membership but have no effect on the actual practice of architecture. If signed into law, AIA MA will inform the membership of a bill's passage.

Lastly, we recommend that (20) bills be removed from the tracking list as they are outside the realm of the practice of architecture.

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High Priority Bills

Bill Number	Bill Title
HB 315	An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design
HB 469	An Act establishing a green and healthy schools working group and implementation plan
HB 568	An Act establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Massachusetts School Building Authority
HB 764	An Act incorporating embodied carbon into state climate policy
HB 1665	An Act relative to notice of contract, dissolution of lien
HB 2321	An Act relative to safe building materials
HB 3019	An Act establishing gender-neutral bathrooms
HB 3802	An Act creating a municipal and public safety building authority
SB 185	An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design
SB 242	An Act establishing a green and healthy schools working group and implementation plan
SB 278	An Act establishing a special commission to study the effectiveness of the Massachusetts School Building Authority
SB 309	An Act establishing a special commission to review the adequacy and equity of the Massachusetts school building program
SB 1489	An Act creating a municipal and public safety building authority
SB 1523	An Act relative to safe building materials
SB 1978	An Act establishing gender-neutral bathrooms
SB 2090	An Act incorporating embodied carbon into state climate policy
SB 2408	An Act relative to advancing the profession of commercial interior design

Medium Priority Bills

Bill Number	Bill Title
HB 142	An Act relative to community living for older adults and people with disabilities
HB 317	An Act exempting public school stadiums from certain state regulations
HB 427	An Act relative to the safety of schools, residences, and public assemblies
HB 431	An Act to expand the Massachusetts School Building Authority and create a new program to assist public school districts with 21st century technology upgrades
HB 441	An Act modernizing school construction
HB 1260	An Act committing to higher education the resources to insure a strong and healthy public higher education system
HB 1842	An Act requiring OSHA training
HB 2131	An Act to improve outdoor and indoor air quality for communities burdened by pollution
HB 2289	An Act relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings
HB 2290	An Act relative to fire protection
HB 2291	An Act expanding the availability of adaptable housing for people with disabilities and seniors
HB 2386	An Act relative to fire protection systems for buildings and structures
HB 2874	An Act promoting accessible dwellings for older adults and people with disabilities to remain in their communities
HB 3000	An Act relative to default insurance programs for certain public construction projects

HB 3002	An Act relative to low-embodied carbon concrete
HB 3028	An Act relative to resilient buildings and climate preparedness
HB3.035	An Act requiring state procurement of low-carbon building materials
HB 3067	An Act establishing a special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a municipal building financing authority
HB 3151	An Act establishing a pathway to net zero buildings
HB 3227	An Act expanding access to the fossil fuel free demonstration project
HB 3232	An Act establishing a Zero Carbon Renovation Fund
HB 3240	An Act relative to procurement services for artists
HB 3246	An Act establishing a program for local art and community engagement
HB 3691	An Act relative to healthy and sustainable schools
HB 3801	An Act establishing a Municipal Building Assistance Program and Building Authority
HB 3803	An Act establishing a public safety building authority and assistance program
HB 3850	An Act authorizing the town of Brookline to adopt green zoning by-laws and regulations
SB 223	An Act to ensure the health and safety of the commonwealth's students and educators
SB 251	An Act modernizing school construction
SB 271	An Act relative to carbon monoxide detectors in schools
SB 473	An Act promoting climate safe buildings
SB 816	An Act committing to higher education the resources to insure a strong and healthy public higher education system
SB 1303	An Act establishing a Municipal Building Assistance Program and Building Authority
SB 1382	An Act to improve outdoor and indoor air quality for communities burdened by pollution
SB 1537	An Act establishing a public safety building authority and assistance program
SB 1552	An Act relative to enhanced fire protection in new one- and two-family dwellings
SB 1553	An Act building a more accessible Massachusetts
SB 1599	An Act relative to the creation of the Massachusetts Public Safety Building Authority
SB 1934	An Act relative to the curatorship program
SB 1981	An Act requiring state procurement of low-carbon building materials
SB 1982	An Act relative to the use of low-embodied carbon concrete in state projects
SB 2037	An Act establishing a special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a municipal building financing authority
SB 2040	An Act relative to transparency in selecting a public construction alternative delivery method
SB 2093	An Act expanding access to the fossil fuel free demonstration project
SB 2116	An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by permitting local option all-electric buildings and homes ordinances
SB 2127	An Act relative to healthy and sustainable schools
SB 2190	An Act establishing a program for local art and community engagement
SB 2195	An Act relative to State House restoration and management commission
SB 2365	An Act establishing a zero carbon renovation fund

Low Priority Bills

Bill Number	Bill Title
HB 209	An Act providing for diaper changing stations in public buildings and accommodations
HB 212	An Act requiring universal changing stations in public buildings
HB 286	An Act relative to clarifying homeowners right to perform electrical work
HB 348	An Act to relative to increasing opportunities for employment in professional licensure
HB 356	An Act relative to the licensure of swimming pool builders and service contractors

HB 505	An Act to improve and enhance the Advisory Board to the Massachusetts School Building Authority
HB 547	An Act relative to special education finance
HB 553	An Act relative to the consideration of ergonomically designed school buildings
HB 554	An Act relative to equipping public elementary and secondary schools with panic alarms or emergency mechanisms
HB 559	An Act relative to increased access to safe swimming
HB 567	An Act relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority
HB 569	An Act providing school building assistance for special education collaboratives
HB 895	An Act to Require Separate Carbon Accounting for Working Lands and Natural Lands and to Eliminate from Massachusetts Net-Zero Carbon Emissions Goal any Carbon Offsets Sold to Entities Outside of the Commonwealth
HB 1333	An Act facilitating site plan review
HB 1348	An Act relative to detached accessory dwellings
HB 1382	An Act relative to reducing damage caused by the current foreclosure crisis in the historic districts of Massachusetts
HB 1429	An Act relative to penalties for unlicensed work
HB 2066	An Act encouraging public-private partnerships to create affordable housing at public sites
HB 2090	An Act to improve parking and pedestrian safety
HB 2106	An Act to improve parking and pedestrian safety
HB 2396	An Act relative to the requirement of explosive gas sensor devices
HB 2723	An Act to protect historic buildings from fire
HB 2995	An Act relative to bidding for public construction contracts
HB 3005	An Act banning hostile architecture targeting unhoused individuals
HB 3012	An Act authorizing project labor agreements
HB 3030	An Act relative to the definition of fraud in public construction bid laws
HB 3037	An Act relative to technical changes in chapter 30B
HB 3048	An Act relative to the fair participation of minority and women-owned businesses on public construction projects
HB 3057	An Act relative to timely decisions by awarding authorities
HB 3071	An Act relative to the submission of design-build proposals
HB 3108	An Act to promote American manufacturing
HB 3113	An Act to promote American manufacturing
HB 3127	An Act relative to chapter 30B procurement parity
HB 3135	An Act relative to monthly minimum reliability contributions
HB 3165	An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting the use of fossil fuels in certain construction
HB 3183	An Act relative to the electrification of new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated buildings
HB 3192	An Act relative to building energy and decarbonization
HB 3217	An Act relative to consumer access to residential energy information
HB 3231	An Act investing in a prosperous, clean Commonwealth by 2030
HB 3236	An Act sparking the construction of 21st century buildings
SB 331	An Act providing school building assistance for Special Education Collaboratives
SB 359	An Act relative to school districts in receivership and the Massachusetts School Building Authority
SB 563	An Act relative to a stronger emissions limit to safeguard our environment
SB 564	An Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions threatening our natural environment
SB 599	An Act to incentivize the adoption of local climate resilience policies
SB 892	An Act relative to window guards in residential rental properties
SB 1289	An Act relative to installing solar energy systems in historic districts
SB 1318	An Act to improve parking and pedestrian safety
SB 1480	An Act creating the public safety building authority

SB 1526	An Act relative to construction and rehabilitation of public safety facilities
SB 1928	An Act creating the Preservation of Historic Buildings Trust Fund
SB 1969	An Act concerning induction loop listening system installation
SB 1984	An Act providing for access to baby-changing stations
SB 2019	An Act relative to Chapter 30B procurement
SB 2026	An Act to promote American manufacturing
SB 2027	An Act authorizing project labor agreements
SB 2034	An Act relative to the definition of fraud in public construction bid laws
SB 2045	An Act relative to the submission of design build proposals
SB 2069	An Act providing for alternative delivery of infrastructure projects
SB 2086	An Act relative essential energy needs
SB 2115	An Act relative to the electrification of new and substantially remodeled or rehabilitated building
SB 2121	An Act investing in a prosperous, clean Commonwealth by 2030
SB 2130	An Act relative to monthly minimum reliability contributions
SB 2144	An Act relative to building energy and decarbonization
SB 2170	An Act relative to green financing
SB 2173	An Act relative to net metering
SB 2176	An Act sparking the construction of 21st century buildings

Bills Suggested for Removal

Bill Number	Bill Title
HB 1864	An Act relative to clean energy workforce standards and accountability
HB 1865	An Act relative to a just transition to clean energy
HB 1868	An Act to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement
HB 1894	An Act clarifying the prevailing wage law
HB 1902	An Act relative to independent contractors
HB 1904	An Act relative to the definition of an independent contractor
HB 3032	An Act relative to timely public payments for work not included in original construction contracts
HD 1980	An Act relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority
HD 1986	An Act relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority
HD 1989	An Act relative to the Massachusetts School Building Authority
HD 4143	An Act relative to carbon monoxide alarms in schools
SB 298	An Act relative to increased material costs in school construction projects
SB 1146	An Act clarifying the prevailing wage law
SB 1158	An Act to prevent wage theft, promote employer accountability, and enhance public enforcement
SB 1179	An Act relative to a just transition to clean energy
SB 1180	An Act relative to clean energy workforce standards and accountability
SB 1212	An Act relative to continuation of health insurance in the case of plant closings
SB 1222	An Act providing a safe harbor for contractors of services
SB 1985	An Act relative to increasing transparency in public construction