



Senate Bill 355

Recently, CMAA has mobilized to respond to the serious concerns raised by this pending legislation. As currently drafted, the legislation would define anyone who provides construction management services as a contractor and therefore require that person to be a licensed contractor. While other professional associations such as AIA and CELSOC have sought exemption of this requirement by virtue of the licensing of their respective services (P.E., R.A., P.L.S.), CM professionals are not yet exempt. CMAA's three California chapters have joined with national to address this issue for the benefit of all California membership.

CMAA's position is in opposition to the proposed legislation as currently drafted. Our objective is to have the bill pulled or defeated. The mission and vision of CMAA is our guide in this matter. The proposed legislation is an ill-advised attempt to assure professional competency in the practice of construction management. These licenses do not assure an owner that the individual providing CM services has the qualifications or the experience that is necessary for the project or the owner. Hence, the selection of the CM should, first and foremost, be based upon the qualifications and experience of the CM that matches those needs. An owner can then be confident that they are receiving the proper services. If licensure is required, then the CCM designation program should be included.

We continue to urge your support in our efforts regarding SB 355. Letters to your representatives, legislative advocacy within your own organizations and simply raising the awareness amongst your peers and clients will help!

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