



April 30, 2026

The Honorable Buffy Wicks  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 2527 (Hoover) — SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Wicks:

California hospitals are continuously evolving to meet patients' and communities' needs, undertaking construction projects to replace basic equipment and update their facilities. However, outdated and fragmented regulatory processes sometimes delay the delivery of critical services needed to complete these projects.

**That's why the California Hospital Association, on behalf of nearly 400 hospitals and health systems, strongly supports Assembly Bill (AB) 2527 (Hoover, R-Folsom), which would streamline governmental approval for new hospital services and facility upgrades and help ensure that patients receive timely access to needed care.**

Specifically, AB 2527 would require the California Department of Public Health and the Department of Health Care Access and Information to coordinate their reviews and act concurrently rather than sequentially, which often results in duplicative processes and delays in approving projects. Concurrent reviews would help reduce unnecessary delays and redundant processes that impact patient care.

This common-sense reform would allow hospitals to bring essential infrastructure projects and services online more quickly while maintaining appropriate oversight. Importantly, this requirement would have minimal impact on the state's General Fund, as the costs would be covered by the Licensing and Certification Fund, which is supported by facility licensing fees.

This issue is becoming increasingly urgent as hospitals work toward meeting the 2030 seismic standards, which require many hospitals to undertake significant construction projects to ensure facilities remain fully operational following a major earthquake. At the same time, Southern California hospitals are preparing for the 2028 Olympics. While hospitals already face multiple challenges with construction projects, a streamlined review and approval process would help ensure that they do not incur additional delays.

**For these reasons, CHA requests your "YES" vote on AB 2527.**

Sincerely,

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