



July 8, 2025

The Honorable Isaac Bryan
Chair, Assembly Natural Resources Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 5630
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 830 (Arreguín) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Bryan:

By 2030, California hospitals must meet rigorous seismic safety standards to ensure they remain operational following a major earthquake. In many cases, this requires building replacement facilities or making significant, costly upgrades. Unfortunately, these critical projects often face substantial delays due to litigation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – delays that undermine timely access to care.

To facilitate progress toward the 2030 deadline, the California Hospital Association (CHA), representing nearly 400 hospitals and health systems, is pleased to support Senate Bill (SB) 830. This bill would expedite Sutter Health’s new hospital project in Emeryville, ensuring that patients in East Bay continue to have access to lifesaving care. SB 830 would designate this project as an Environmental Leadership Hospital Campus Project, saving valuable time by streamlining CEQA lawsuit adjudication and allowing for a focused Environmental Impact Report that addresses only the impacts directly related to the hospital.

Lengthy CEQA litigation processes delay and jeopardize projects that provide essential benefits to California communities. Similar streamlined CEQA processes have been granted to major tech campuses, entertainment venues, and sports arenas. Hospitals – critical providers of health care and emergency services – deserve the same consideration to ensure they can continue serving patients safely and reliably.

For these reasons, CHA respectfully requests your “AYE” vote on SB 830. Hospitals appreciate the author’s leadership and look forward to continuing to work together on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vanessa Gonzalez".

Vanessa Gonzalez
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: The Honorable Jesse Arreguín
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