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Frazier bill package progresses further in Senate

SACRAMENTO – In the final week before the Legislature’s summer recess, State Senate committees advanced three more bills authored by Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay) this week.

[AB 1792](#), which the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee approved 11-2, would encourage the construction of more new affordable housing. Affordable housing still confronts onerous regulatory barriers in California. AB 1792 would remove some of these barriers by allowing Affordable Housing Authorities to use tax increments to finance the development and improvement of infrastructure that supports affordable housing projects. Improving the infrastructure around a project would be a practical and efficient approach to ensure infrastructure for these developments are up to code and capacity, while making local, state and federal dollars go further. AB 1792 now goes to the full Senate for a Floor vote when the Legislature returns in August.

[AB 2096](#), approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee 7-0, would create a voluntary checkoff fund (VCF) on state tax forms for Donate Life California, the nonprofit that manages the state’s organ, eye and tissue donor registry. California has the largest registry in the nation, but the rate of registered donors is below the national average. Donate Life California would use the funds from this VCF for outreach to increase participation in the registry. More than 120,000 people are waiting for lifesaving transplants nationwide and 21 individuals die each day without

a transplant. AB 2096 now goes to the full Senate for a Floor vote when the Legislature returns in August.

[AB 2353](#), approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, would help to reduce the cost of building new housing by implementing added protections for builders from unwarranted construction defect lawsuits. This bill would ensure that inspectors used in construction defect cases are qualified to perform such inspections by requiring them to be licensed by the Contractors State License Board. AB 2353 now goes to the full Senate for a Floor vote when the Legislature returns in August.

Both houses of the Legislature begin their summer recess upon adjournment Friday, July 6. Session reconvenes on Monday, Aug. 6.

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Assemblymember Frazier represents the 11th Assembly District, which includes the communities of Antioch, Bethel Island, Birds Landing, Brentwood, Byron, Collinsville, Discovery Bay, Fairfield, Isleton, Knightsen, Locke, Oakley, Pittsburg (partial), Rio Vista, Suisun City, Travis AFB, Vacaville and Walnut Grove.

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