



AB 346 (Torlakson, 2009)

Joint-Use Education Facilities

Summary: This bill expands the types of projects eligible for joint-use bond funds to include Physical Education and outdoor recreation site development, school health facilities, science and technology laboratories, performing arts centers, science centers, historical or cultural education centers, and Career Technical Education buildings and shops. It also permits local partners to contribute equipment with a useful life of at least 10 years, as part of the local match for a Career Technical Education facility

Background: Current law allows the construction of joint-use facilities for multi-purpose rooms, gyms, pre-schools, and teacher training facilities that are built directly on a K-12 school site. Joint-use facilities are largely seen as an efficient use of tax dollars and have recently been included in bond funds. Proposition 55 (2004) provided \$50 million in education bond funding for joint-use facilities.

The funds provided by Prop 55 had not been completely subscribed at the time of the bond negotiations for Proposition 1D (2006). Due to the under subscription of the funds in Prop 55, there was only \$29 million in new money provided in Prop 1D. However, school district officials and potential partners insist that there is more demand for these projects.

In order to ensure that future joint-use bond funds are subscribed and encourage more responsible use of tax dollars through joint-use facilities, AB 346 will expand the allowable types of projects to include career tech buildings, school health facilities, science and technology laboratories, performing arts center, science centers, historical or cultural education centers, physical education and outdoor recreation site development and parking facilities. This bill also permits joint-use partners to include the value of equipment with a useful life of more than 10 years as a portion of the local match towards Career Technical Education facilities.

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