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## Governor Newsom Signs Priority Industry Legislation

With the October 13<sup>th</sup> deadline to act on measures in 2019 fast approaching, Governor Newsom has taken swift action and signed all four of the priority industry measures sent to him. Our continued success in improving the industry by pursuing change and pushing issues in Sacramento reflects your great support. We want to thank everyone that took the time to submit support letters on these critical issues when requested. A brief summary of each new law is below. Please contact our office with any questions.

**AB 456 - Public Contracts: Change Order Claims Resolutions:** Extends the sunset, for seven years, in Public Contract Code §9204. That section of law provides California public works contractors a fair and prompt process to pursue payment for change order and extra work performed. - **Signed by Governor**

**AB 695 - Community College Facilities: Design-Build Contracts:** Authorizes community college districts to enter into design-build construction contracts until January 1, 2030 and requires the prime contractor and all subcontractors to utilize a skilled and trained workforce on those projects. - **Signed by Governor**

**AB 48 - School Facilities: K-12 and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020:** Places a \$15 billion state bond on the March 2020 ballot to fund the construction and refurbishing of public schools, colleges and universities. The largest such bond in the state's history, providing: \$2.8 billion for new construction of K-12 schools, \$5.2 billion for modernization of K-12 schools, \$1 billion to be equally divided between charter schools and career technical education, \$2 billion for community college construction and modernization, \$2 billion for University of California construction and modernization, and \$2 billion for California State University construction and modernization. The measure also provides a preference for access to the bond funds for K-12 school districts that have a project labor agreement in place. - **Signed by Governor**

**SB 530 - Construction Industry: Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Training:** Provides that discrimination and sexual harassment training certificates, which are valid for two years shall be portable for CBA covered construction employees working for employers who are signatory to the same CBA. The measure also authorizes Joint labor management apprenticeship committees and labor management cooperation committees to provide the requisite training and be the custodian of records. - **Signed by Governor**