

AB 2597 (Bloom) Healthy and Heat Resilient Homes

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How Extreme Heat Kills, Sickens, Strains and Ages Us

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Extreme Heat

- ❖ Climate change is driving increased severity and frequency of extreme heat events.
- ❖ Heat-related deaths have increased in California over the last decade.
- ❖ Disproportionately impacts lower income people and people of color.



More than 100M Americans warned to stay indoors

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Heat and Housing

- ❖ Housing is key to resilience to extreme heat events.
- ❖ Vulnerable Californians tend to live in homes that are older and not well-equipped for heat.

Bill Overview

Los Angeles Times

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Editorial: Heat waves are killing Californians in their homes.
Cooling standards could save lives

- ❖ Ensures homes can maintain safe indoor air temperatures during extreme heat events.
- ❖ AB 2597 will modernize state housing and habitability codes.
- ❖ Sponsors: Western Center on Law and Poverty, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Inner City Law Center, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, RAMP

AB 2597 and Asthma

- ❖ Heat and air quality
- ❖ Unsafe heat or unsafe air?
- ❖ Extreme heat and wildfires

Related Budget Asks

- ❖ **APEN, NRDC, CEJA and others are working on separate budget asks that would help with implementation.**
 - The Low-Income Weatherization Program
 - \$1 billion for equitable building decarbonization

Support

- ❖ Email brandon@rampasthma.org to be added to our listserv to receive updates on the bill.
- ❖ Sign-on to our support letter or submit your own
- ❖ AB 2597 will be heard on June 21st in the Senate's Housing Committee.