

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1429**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chiu  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Nazarian)**

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An act relating to earthquake mitigation repairs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1429, as introduced, Chiu. Earthquake mitigation retrofit program: homes.

Existing law establishes a program within all cities and all counties and portions thereof located within seismic zone 4, as described, to identify all potentially hazardous buildings, as defined, establish a mitigation program for these buildings, and file a report on the programs with the Seismic Safety Commission. Among other tax incentives, the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law allow various credits against the taxes imposed by those laws.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create and fund a program to assist California homeowners with earthquake mitigation repairs to their homes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

1 (1) The earthquakes of 2014 that affected the Cities of La Habra  
2 and Napa have generated increased interest in mitigating  
3 single-family homes against earthquake damage.

4 (2) The California Earthquake Authority and the Office of  
5 Emergency Services plan to expand the Earthquake Brace + Bolt  
6 Program to 650 homes in 2015.

7 (3) The California Earthquake Authority is working with the  
8 Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Applied  
9 Technology Council, a nonprofit research organization, to develop  
10 the “ATC-110. Redevelopment of a Prestandard for the Evaluation  
11 and Retrofit of One and Two Family Light Frame Residential  
12 Buildings” for retrofitting additional types of single-family homes.

13 (4) A well-funded program to encourage homeowners to mitigate  
14 their homes would mean more homes would survive an earthquake  
15 and homeowners who retrofit their homes would receive actuarially  
16 justified lower rates for earthquake insurance.

17 (5) Only 12 percent of California homeowners currently  
18 purchase earthquake insurance, leaving the vast majority of  
19 homeowners unprotected in the event of a major earthquake.

20 (6) There are many paths to funding a retrofit program, including  
21 income tax credits, sales tax rebates, attaching the financing to  
22 property taxes, and grants.

23 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to enact  
24 legislation that would create and fund a program to assist California  
25 homeowners with earthquake mitigation repairs to their homes.