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Development impact fee changes to be discussed by supervisors

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A plan by Mayor Gavin Newsom's administration to spur construction activity by offering developers relief from some city building fees will be discussed by city supervisors on Monday.

Legislation introduced by Newsom and Supervisor Bevan Dufty that would change rules affecting the payment of development impact fees is scheduled to be discussed Monday afternoon at the Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Economic Development Committee.

The legislation, if approved by the Board of Supervisors, would allow developers to defer payment of some fees and reduce the payment of other fees.

Supporters of the legislation say it will help kick-start construction activity and reduce unemployment; opponents liken it to a handout for developers.

The lawmakers will not be asked to approve the legislation at Monday's hearing, which is informational only.

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