

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Legislative Committee Recommendations

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Support AB 715 (Firebaugh) requiring the State Department of Health Services to continue to fund cost-based reimbursement to rural health clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) as the federal program winds down. (Attachment A)
- B. Support SB 82 (Vasconcellos) re-enacting State-only Medi-Cal coverage for prenatal care for undocumented women. (Attachment B)
- C. Support AB 612 (Jackson) requiring the Military Department to keep state armories open for emergency homeless shelters until March 15, 2001, and require the State reimburse counties and cities for costs. (Attachment C)
- D. Support AB 319 (Thompson) ensuring that the State Department of Health Services pay counties on a regular basis their ongoing health programs allocations rather than waiting for agreements to be signed. (Attachment D)
- E. Support AB 359 (Cedillo) creating the ACCESS Fund (Assuring California's Communities Essential Services and Security) to provide support for certain health care providers who deliver the full spectrum of essential health care services without regard to the patients' insurance status or ability to pay would be financed from State Tobacco Settlement funds. Support is based on the use of State tobacco settlement funds and not local tobacco funds for financing. (Attachment E)

- F. Support AB 518 ((Mazzoni) authorizing clean needle and syringe exchange projects and authorizing (as a local option) pharmacists, physicians, and others authorized under the projects to furnish needles and syringes without a permit or prescription. (Attachment F)
- G. Support AB 1015 (Gallegos) allowing local government entities to apply for federal financial participation under Title XXI of the Social Security Act (S-CHIP). (Attachment G)
- H. Support AB 1022 (Maddox) allowing counties flexibility in determining the use of local public health programming funds. (Attachment H)
- I. Support AB 43 (Villaraigosa) expanding Healthy Families Program eligibility to 250% of FPL (Federal Poverty Level), providing otherwise eligible children access to the program regardless of date of entry into US, and revising Medi-Cal income eligibility to include all children under age 19 with income under 133% of FPL. (Attachment I)
- J. Support AB 48 (Cedillo) making the Healthy Families Program more accessible to low-income families and prohibiting family contributions and co-payments. Also, expanding eligibility to 300% of FPL and including all children regardless of date of entry into the U.S. (Attachment J)
- K. Support AB100 (Thomson) extending Healthy Families' coverage to natural or adoptive parents of eligible children, to be financed by State Tobacco Litigation funds. . Support is based on the use of State tobacco settlement funds and not local tobacco funds for financing . (Attachment K)
- L. Support AB 212 (Aroner) establishing the California CARES program to improve quality of childcare programs through training, stipends, etc. (Attachment L)
- M. Support AB 1052 (Jackson) re-authorizing and making permanent the California Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) that increases the quality of child care. To be funded 1/3 by the State match and 2/3 match from "other sources" including local government. (Attachment M)
- N. Support SB 87 (Escutia) establishing presumptive eligibility for children between 12 months and 19 years for the Healthy Families Program and for children under age 19 for Medi-Cal. Also extends eligibility for Healthy Families to kids entering the country after 8/22/96. (Attachment N)
- O. Support SB 112 (Figueroa) creating a simplified system for reimbursement of CHDP (Child Health and Disability Program) providers. (Attachment O)
- P. Support SB 168 (Speier) allowing MRMIB (Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board) to establish a purchasing credit for an employer who contributes at least 50% of the cost of coverage for a child of an employee in an employer sponsored plan. Also, allowing local government to use local funds to match unused federal funds to expand community-based health delivery system. (Attachment P)
- Q. Support SB 180 (Sher) requiring (rather than authorizing), MRMIB and DHS to include community-based initiatives as part of their outreach and education campaign and to award \$5 million in contracts for this project. (Attachment Q)

- R. Support SB 259 (Wright) requiring (rather than make dependent on funding) childcare for children ages 11-12 years under CalWORKs. State mandated local program, with reimbursement. (Attachment R)
- S. Support SB 277 (Ortiz) establishing a commission for the development of a master plan for a Universal Preschool to be publicly funded, voluntary pre-kindergarten education, at least ½ day, for 3 and 4 year olds. (Attachment S)
- T. Support AB 1036 (Wesson) extending indefinitely the State – County Property Tax Administration Program (now scheduled to sunset in 2001) and providing additional funding for which counties may apply pursuant to the program. (Attachment T)
- U. Support AB 1122 (Machado et al) establishing the local Disaster Preparedness Trust Fund and allowing local government to apply for funding for purposes of disaster preparedness and response. (Attachment U)
- V. Support AB 1134 (Washington) providing funding for continuation of existing juvenile crime prevention projects from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2003. One such project is the County’s Partnership for Families. (Attachment V)
- W. Consider recommending that the Board of Supervisors take a watch position on bills affecting the organization/staffing/funding of County child support programs and support local Board of Supervisors’ control/authority regarding child support program operations and management. (Attachment W – County Administrator)

AB 196 (Kuehl) requiring the creation of a new and separate county department to provide child support services (services currently provided by District Attorney) and providing that the State may set staffing levels and dictate procedures for operations of the new department.

SB 542 (Burton/Schiff) developing an alternative child support program for counties that fail to meet conditions of a yet to be developed State plan. Also, developing a long term plan for consolidating State and local child support collections administration and providing for a child enforcement program not operated by District Attorney offices.

SB 240 (Speier) creating a Secretary of Statewide Child Support and moving statewide management of the Title IV-D child support program from the State Department of Social Services to the Attorney General and making other changes to create a statewide “fail-safe child support reform effort

- X. Oppose SB 1293 (Schiff) providing that lawsuits for refund of local property taxes not be limited to the administrative record created by Assessment Appeals Boards. This bill would in effect require a de novo review of assessment appeals decisions by the courts. The issues are erosion of local control/authority and increased cost. (Attachment X)

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with Goal No. 1: An Efficient Government Able to Respond Effectively to the Needs of the Community.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

During its meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, the Legislative Program Committee made the above recommendations for consideration by your Board. Staff will be available during the Board meeting to provide additional input as required.

In addition, the Committee decided to send to your Board (without recommendation) the question of whether to consider establishing a Federal Legislative Program. This issue will be placed on a future Board agenda which has time available for its discussion.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Legislative Program is not mandated and its service levels are discretionary.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

As indicated in the report.

C: Legislative Program Committee
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