

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Legislative Committee Recommendations

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

I. Consider the following actions recommended by the Legislative Committee:

- A. Oppose AB 1380 (Villaraigosa) removing the existing \$250,000 limit on liability of health care providers for non-economic damages for personal injury or death for professional negligence. Could increase County cost for malpractice insurance/settlements. (Attachment A)
- B. Watch SB 480 (Solis) requiring the State to establish a system of universal health care in California by the year 2003. Twenty-four percent of population in California is without health insurance, the highest percentage of any state in the nation. (Attachment B)
- C. Support SB 1033 (Hughes) requiring schools to ensure that students receive health screening before enrolling in public or private school in California for the first time in kindergarten through 12th grade. This bill's requirements are similar to existing immunization requirements for school enrollment. (Attachment C)
- D. Support AB 220 (Washington et al) establishing community-based alcohol education programs for youth under which the State Alcohol Beverage Control Department would make grants to cities and counties. (Attachment D)
- E. Support AB 34 (Steinberg and Baugh) making statements of legislative intent to provide sufficient funding to counties for adult mental health services and require State Mental Health standards to include access to certain assistance services. (Attachment E)

- F. Support SB 272 (Leslie), SB 201 (Mountjoy), AB 129 (Oller) and SB 192 (Perata) banning the use of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) as a fuel (gasoline) oxygenate. (Attachment F)
- G. Watch AB 538 (Wayne) requiring the Regional Water Quality Control Board and local health officers, whenever beach waters fail to meet bacteriological standards on 3 testing dates within a four week period, to take all necessary steps to reduce the sources of contamination. (Attachment G)
- H. Watch AB 885 (Jackson) establishing performance standards for onsite sewage systems. (Attachment H)
- I. Support AB 1612 (Florez) appropriating \$300 million to counties (50%) and cities (50%) for road construction/repair related to storm damage and requiring certain maintenance of effort expenditures to receive the funds. (Attachment I)
- J. Oppose SB 402 (Burton and Villaraigosa) requiring binding arbitration for negotiation deadlocks involving police and fire employees. (Attachment J)
- K. Oppose AB 109 (Knox) requiring employers to permit an employee to use not less than one half of his/her sick leave entitlement per calendar year to attend to the illness of a child, parent or spouse of the employee. (Attachment K)
- L. Support SB 165 (Rainey), AB 304 (Wildman), AB 550 (Torlakson), AB 1194 (Leonard), AB 1195 (Longville), ACA 11 (Briggs) and ACA 17 (Leonard) all capping the growth and/or returning over time the base of ERAF property tax revenues to counties. (Attachment L)
- M. Support AB 236 (Honda and Cunneen) deeming to be the correct property tax revenue apportionment factors that were applied to fire districts in Santa Barbara County from 1993-94 through 1997-98. Direct staff to attempt to have language removed from the bill regarding intent of the legislature not to validate in the future mistakes in Santa Barbara County regarding allocation of tax revenues. (Attachment M)
- N. Support SB 510 (Alarcon) enacting the Housing Bond Acts of 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2006 which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of \$980 million of bond financing for the purpose of housing assistance for first time homebuyers, seniors, rental housing and other housing programs. (Attachment N)
- O. Support AB 97 (Tolkakson) continuing the \$50 million maximum aggregate dollar amount for low-income housing tax credits. (Attachment O)
- P. Support an appropriation in the State Budget for the City of Guadalupe to create a regional park. (Attachment P)
- Q. Support SB 866 (Escutia) requiring full MediCal reimbursement for all medical anesthesia services including obstetrical anesthesia. (Attachment Q)

II. Consider taking a position (support, watch or oppose) on each of the following legislative items referred without recommendation by the Legislative Committee:

- R. AB 17 (Jackson) eliminating the Legislature's expressed intention that the State occupy the field of regulating registration and licensing of firearms. It also authorizes local authorities to require permits for concealable weapons. (Attachment R)
- S. AB 505 (Wright) requiring, effective January 1, 2000 concealable handguns sold in California to be pressure, drop and fire tested. It also requires manufacturers and wholesalers to annually self verify that their handguns meet testing standards. It also subjects those who knowingly misrepresent compliance information to monetary penalties. (Attachment S)
- T. SB 15 (Polanco) establishing quality and safety standards regarding the manufacture and sale of firearms in the State. (Attachment T)
- U. S.193 (Boxer) federal legislation applying the same quality and safety standards to domestically manufactured handguns that are currently applied to imported handguns. (Attachment U)
- V. S.446 (Boxer) federal legislation increasing the amount of funding available for local environmental and historic preservation projects including land and water conservation; urban park and recreation, open space and forestland; Indian lands; living marine (ocean) resources; native fish and wildlife; and endangered and threatened species. (Attachment V)

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, May 18, 1999 the Legislative Program Committee made the above recommendations for consideration by your Board (A through Q) and also referred five bills (R through V) to your Board without recommendations. In addition, attached for your review is a synopsis of the Governor's "May Revise" Budget. Staff will provide a short presentation during the Board meeting and respond to questions.

Mandates and Service Levels:

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

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

As indicated in the recommendations.

- C: Department Directors w/o attachments
Employee Organizations w/o attachments