



Memorandum

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DATE: November 1, 2021

TO: Legislative Program Committee

FROM: Jasmine McGinty, Legislative Coordinator

SUBJECT: Consideration of request from Supervisor Williams for letter of support for AB 1400

Introduction

On October 4, during the LPC meeting, Supervisor Williams directed staff come back with additional information and discussion of a support letter on Health Care for All- AB 1400. Staff has provided additional information on both issues and is asking the Legislative Program Committee to consider this request for a support letter and provide direction to staff as appropriate. If the Committee should direct staff to do so, staff can prepare a Board item for consideration to send support letter of the full Board.

Discussion

Introduced February 19, 2021, AB 1400 Guaranteed Healthcare for All was introduced by Assemblymember Kalra. It was never moved thus, no analysis was produced. It is not clear this bill will be assigned to a committee or not when the legislature reconvenes in January.

AB 1400 establishes a comprehensive single-payer health care coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit of California residents. The bill specifically would provide that CalCare cover a wide range of medical benefits and other services and would incorporate the health care benefits and standards of other existing federal and state provisions, including the federal Children's Health Insurance Program, Medi-Cal, ancillary health care or social services covered by regional centers for persons with developmental disabilities, Knox-Keene, and the federal Medicare program. The bill would require the board to seek all necessary waivers, approvals, and agreements to allow various existing federal health care payments to be paid to CalCare, which would then assume responsibility for all benefits and services previously paid for with those funds.

Recommended Action

- A) Receive and file draft letter of support; and
- B) Provide direction to staff on recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors.

Attachments:

- A) AB 1400 Support Letter