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## LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

May 8, 2017

10:30 A.M.

651 Pine Street, Room 101, Martinez

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair  
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

### Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

Present: Diane Burgis, Chair  
Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Lara DeLaney, Senior Deputy County Administrator  
Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, DCD  
Bob Campbell, Auditor-Controller  
Susan Jeong, Policy & Planning Division, EHSD  
Dr. William Walker, HSD Director

### 1. Introductions

*After the Committee and attendees introduced themselves, Cathy Christian and Ben Palmer of Nielsen Merksamer, introduced themselves via conference call.*

### 2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

*No public comment provided.*

### 3. APPROVE the Record of Action with any necessary corrections.

*The Committee unanimously approved the Record of Action as presented.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

### 4. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors a position of "Support" on AB 60 (Santiago), as recommended by the Director of Employment & Human Services.

*The Committee voted unanimously to recommend support to the Board of Supervisors and directed staff to place the item on the Consent for the Board's consideration.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

5. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors a position of "Support, if amended" on AB 271 (Caballero), Property Assessed Clean Energy Program, as recommended by the Contra Costa County Treasurer-Tax Collector.

*The Committee voted unanimously to recommend support if amended to the Board of Supervisors and directed staff to place the item on the Consent for the Board's consideration.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

6. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors a position of "Oppose" on AB 626 (Garcia): Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations, as recommended by the County Public Health Director and the County Environmental Health Director.

*The Committee voted unanimously to recommend an oppose position to the Board of Supervisors and directed staff to place the item on the Consent for the Board's consideration.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

7. Provide direction to staff and the County lobbyists with regard to the Park Bond related bills.

*The Committee directed staff to continue to monitor bills SB 5 and AB 18.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

8. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors a position of "Support" on AB 1520 (Burke): Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Act.

*The Committee voted unanimously to recommend support to the Board of Supervisors and directed staff to place the item on the Consent for the Board's consideration.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

9. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors an "Oppose" position on H.R. 1921 (Banks): Prekindergarten Education Block Grants and S. 185 (Lee): Prekindergarten Education Block Grants, as recommended by the Director of Employment & Human Services Department.

*The Committee voted unanimously to recommend an oppose position to the Board of Supervisors and directed staff to place the item on the Consent for the Board's consideration.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

10. RECEIVE the memo from the County's federal advocates, Alcalde & Fay, on the federal Fiscal Year 2017 Omnibus Appropriations Bill.

*The memo was received by the Committee.*

11. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors a position of "Support" on SB 687 (Skinner): Health Facilities: Emergency Centers: Attorney General, as recommended by the County Director and Health Officer Contra Costa Health Services and the County Director Emergency Medical Services.

*The Committee voted unanimously to recommend support to the Board of Supervisors and directed staff to place the item on the Consent for the Board's consideration.*

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis, Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff  
Passed

12. The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 12, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

*The June meeting of the Legislation Committee was subsequently cancelled.*

13. Adjourn

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## **Hospital Council** of Northern & Central California

*Excellence Through Leadership & Collaboration*

May 5, 2017

The Honorable Diane Burgis, Chair  
The Honorable Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' Legislation Committee  
651 Pine Street, Room 101  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Supervisors Burgis and Mitchoff:

The Hospital Council of Northern and Central California is writing to share our opposition to SB 687 (Skinner), which your Committee is reviewing on Monday.

The bill would require a nonprofit hospital to provide a written notice to the Attorney General no later than 90 days prior to a planned reduction in the level of emergency services or an elimination of those services. The Attorney General would then conduct public meetings to hear comments from interested parties and may hire experts or consultants to assist in reviewing the proposed changes – with the costs charged to the hospital. Further, the Attorney General would have the discretion to consent, give conditional consent, or not consent to any elimination or reduction of emergency services.

Hospital emergency departments are the most expensive setting to provide care because of the staffing and clinical expertise required, as well as ancillary and other services that must be available. Typically, if a hospital is planning to reduce or eliminate emergency services, it is due to financial stress as we know how valuable emergency services are to the communities we serve. Forcing hospitals to keep emergency departments open during a review by the Attorney General, could adversely impact the entire hospital and all its services to the community.

In addition, there are already existing procedures in place that require hospitals to notify the California Department of Public Health and counties prior to downgrading or closing emergency services. Once notice is given, the local Emergency Medical Services Agency conducts an evaluation and holds a public hearing to assess the impact of the changes on the local community. Adding a statutory layer of oversight for the Attorney General is unnecessary, duplicative, and inefficient.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Legislation Committee recommend an oppose position on SB 687.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Rozen  
Regional Vice President