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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
Date: June 9, 2015

Subject: AB 662 (Bonilla) Public Accommodation: Disabled Adults

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT a "Support" position on AB 662 (Bonilla), as amended: Public Accommodation: Disabled Adults, a bill that would expand public restroom accommodations to meet the health and safety needs of individuals with physical disabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND:

At its May 7, 2015 meeting, the Legislation Committee considered the recommendation from the Employment and Human Services Director to recommend a position of "Support" to the Board of Supervisors on AB 662.

Assembly Bill (AB) 662 would expand public restroom accommodations to meet the health and safety needs of individuals with physical disabilities. This bill requires newly constructed commercial places of public amusement including auditoriums, convention centers, exhibition halls, sports arenas, and theaters that serve over 1, 000 people on a daily basis to install an adult changing station for people with physical disabilities. This

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/09/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 9, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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requirement applies to all new construction as of January 1, 2019. AB 662 also requires that renovations of restrooms in commercial places of public amusement to install an adult changing station. This requirement would go into effect on January 1, 2029.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Introduced: 02/24/2015
Last Amend: 04/28/2015
Disposition: Pending
Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee
Status: 05/06/2015 In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: To Suspense File.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the adoption of building standards regarding the provision of adult changing stations within commercial places of public amusement, as defined. Specifically, this bill:

- 1) Requires the Division of the State Architect (DSA), the State Building Standards Commission (BSC), or other appropriate state entity, by January 1, 2020, to adopt regulations requiring a commercial place of public amusement to install at least one adult changing station—an adult changing table within an enclosed restroom for use by individuals with physical disabilities who need assistance with diapering.
- 2) Makes the regulations applicable to new construction after January 1, 2020, and to renovation of existing restrooms costing over \$10,000, after January 1, 2029.
- 3) Defines commercial place of public amusement as an auditorium, convention center, cultural complex, exhibition hall, permanent amusement park structure, sport arena, theater or movie house with capacity has an occupancy of at least 1,000 people.

FISCAL EFFECT:

One-time special fund cost to DSA of \$150,000 to \$175,000 in 2017-18 to research and develop the regulations through the adoption process. [Disability Access Account]

COMMENTS:

Purpose. The idea for this bill originated from Alisa Rosillo, a Concord resident and mother of two teenage wheelchair-bound boys. Because her young adults require diaper changing, she is forced to limit her excursions to less than four hours or be forced to change them on the floor. The ADA does not require this type of facility, but it is estimated that over 53,000 disabled persons could benefit from adult diaper changing facilities.

Special education departments in school districts provide for restroom accommodations, including a changing table and a lift, so students with disabilities can comfortably and safely attend to their needs. Disneyland and the Disney California Adventure Park offer adult diaper changing facilities that are reportedly used dozens of times daily without incident. It is unclear how many facilities would be impacted by this bill, however, the long delay in implementation is intended to provide ample time for impacted building owners to comply.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County would not have a position on the bill.

ATTACHMENTS Attachment A - Bill Text Attachment B - Sample Support Letter