



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors

From: LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Date: August 9, 2016

Subject: Proposition 61: The California Drug Price Relief Act

RECOMMENDATION(S):

CONSIDER adopting a Support position on Proposition 61 The California Drug Price Relief Act, which seeks to prohibit state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as recommended by the Legislation Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No direct impact to the County from supporting the initiative.

It is the opinion of the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance that the measure, if adopted, may result in a substantial net change in state or local finances.

BACKGROUND:

Proposition 61 prohibits state agencies from paying more for a prescription drug than the lowest price paid for the same drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The measure applies to any program where the state is the ultimate payer for a drug, even if the state does not purchase the drug directly. The Measure exempts certain purchases of prescription

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/09/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

ABSENT: Candace Andersen, District II
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: August 9, 2016

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

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

drugs funded through Medi-Cal.

Fiscal impact: It is the opinion of the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance that the measure, if adopted, may result in a substantial net change in state or local finances.

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See Attachment A for the full text of the measure and Attachment B for a report by the Legislative Analyst's Office.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

There would be no record of the County's support for the ballot initiative.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Proposition 61: The California Drug Price Relief Act

Attachment B: Legislative Analyst's Office report