



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** May 13, 2019

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RE: Legislative Program: State Advocacy Updates

1. Sponsored Legislation

- a. SB 657 (Monning): Cannabis cultivation: county agricultural commissioners: reporting:** On April 29, 2019, SB 657 was heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee and was placed on the suspense file. The fiscal committee deadline is May 17 and the committee will likely hear the suspense file on May 16. Lastly, the amendments to SB 657 went into print on April 11, 2019 to move the bill language to the Business and Professions Code.

2. State Budget

- a. May Revise:** As of the drafting of this report, the May Revise has not yet been released though the Governor's office has announced a number of proposals that will be included in the May Revise including the end of sales taxes on diapers and feminine hygiene products as well as \$130 million for childcare and a proposed tax credit for families with children under 6. The Governor plans to release the May Revise budget proposal on Thursday, May 9 and Nossaman will provide an update to the committee at that time.
- b. Update on Interlake Tunnel Member Request:** Nossaman continues to work with Senator Monning and Assemblyman Rivas in support of a State budget request of \$17 million for fish screens for the Interlake Tunnel. The Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 met on May 1 to hear member requests and Nossaman testified in support. All member requests will be held open and further discussions will occur in conference committee. Nossaman is coordinating our advocacy efforts with the lobbyist for the Sustainable Ag Water Corporation and we continue to follow up with key members and their staff.
- c. Extend Medi-Cal to Undocumented Youth – Recommend Support:** The 2019-20 Governor's budget proposes to extend comprehensive Medi-Cal coverage to income-eligible undocumented immigrants ages 19 through 25. Under the Governor's proposal, the administration projects that 138,000 undocumented young adults will gain comprehensive Medi-Cal coverage in 2019-20, at a net General Fund cost of \$134 million. Supervisor Alejo has requested support for this budget item.
- a. Promise Proposal – Recommend Support:** The Governor's January budget proposal includes an increase to the College Promise Program by \$40 million. This proposal would allow community colleges to waive two years, instead of just one year, of enrollment fees for students enrolled full time or use the funds for various student support purposes. Although this initiative is associated with "free college," the structure of the initiative allows districts to decide how best to use the dollars. Under current law,

districts can use funds to waive or buy out enrollment fees for any first-time, full-time California students for up to one year. Districts also can decide to use the funds for other purposes, such as providing grants to students to pay non-fee expenses, working with local education agencies to promote college preparedness and attendance, or providing other services to foster better outcomes for students.

- b. **County Veteran Service Officers Funding – Recommend Support:** The County's Military and Veterans Affairs Officer has asked for a support position on a State Budget request to increase local assistance funding for the County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) from \$5.6 million to \$11 million ongoing. A similar request for funding is being proposed in AB 55 (Garcia).

3. Legislation

- a. **AB 55 (Garcia) Department of Veterans Affairs: veterans services. – Recommend Support:** The County's Military and Veterans Affairs Officer has asked for a support position on AB 55 which would increase the local assistance funding for the County Veterans Service Officers (CVSO) from \$5.6 million to \$11 million ongoing.
- b. **AB 1747 (Gonzalez) Law enforcement: immigration – Recommend Support:** Supervisor Alejo has requested the County support AB 1747 which would prohibit law enforcement agencies from making available any information for the purpose of immigration enforcement.
- c. **AB 1460 (Weber) California State University: graduation requirement: ethnic studies – Recommend Support:** Supervisor Alejo has requested the County support AB 1460 which would require the Cal State Universities to provide courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses and require the completion of one three-unit course in ethnic studies as an undergraduate graduation requirement.
- d. **AB 901 (Gipson) Juveniles – Recommend Oppose:** Supervisor Phillips and the County's Probation Department have requested an oppose position on AB 901 which would limit the authority of a probation department to supervise and provide services to minors to only circumstances where the minor is within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
- e. **SB 207 (Hurtado) Medi-Cal: Asthma preventative services. – Recommend Support:** The Health Department has requested support for SB 207 which would require asthma preventative services be a covered benefit to Medi-Cal beneficiaries with poorly controlled asthma for whom a licensed provider has recommended these services.
- f. **AB 377 (E. Garcia) Microenterprise home kitchen operations. - Recommend Support:** The Health Department has requested support for AB 377 which is a cleanup bill following AB 626 (Garcia) from 2017.
- g. **AB 166 (Gabriel) Medi-Cal: violence preventive services. – Recommend Support:** The Health Department has requested support for AB 166 which would allow violence preventive services to be covered as a Medi-Cal benefit for a period of 5 years.

- h. AB 577 (Eggman) Medi-Cal: maternal mental health. – Recommend Support:** The Health Department has requested support for AB 577 which would extend the duration of Medi-Cal eligibility for postpartum care for up to one year for an individual who is diagnosed with a material mental health condition.
- i. AB 769 (Smith) Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics: licensed professional clinical counselor. – Recommend Support:** The Health Department has requested support for AB 769 which would add licensed professional clinical counselors to the list of health care professionals whose services are reimbursed through Medi-Cal on a per-visit basis to federally qualified health center or rural health clinics.
- j. AB 217 (E. Garcia) Safe Drinking Water for All Act. – Recommend Support:** The Health Department has requested support for AB 217 which would impose water, fertilizer, dairy and confined animal facility fees to fund grants and loans for safe drinking water programs.
- k. Proposed resolution on Safe and Affordable Drinking Water for All Act – Recommend Adoption to Board of Supervisors:** In addition to the recommendation of support for AB 217 (above), the County has previously taken support positions on SB 200 (Monning) and the Budget Trailer Bill which would create the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund. Supervisor Alejo requests that the Legislative Committee recommend adoption of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors.
- l. AB 1253 (Rivas) Local agency formation commissions: grant program. – Recommend Support:** Supervisor Parker has requested support for AB 1253 which would require the Strategic Growth Council to create a grant program to fund the dissolution of inactive special districts, prepare special studies and initiate other actions in disadvantaged communities.
- m. AB 1822 (Committee on Local Government) Local Government: omnibus. – Recommend Support:** Supervisor Parker has requested support for AB 1822 which is an omnibus bill by the Assembly Local Government Committee. The bill makes several non-controversial changes to the LAFCO statutes.

4. State Bill/Issue Track: Attached.