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AB 2050 (Caballero D) Small System Water Authority Act of 2018.

Current Text: Amended: 4/17/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/6/2018 Last Amended: 4/17/2018

Status: 4/26/2018-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (April 25).

Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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Summary:

Would create the Small System Water Authority Act of 2018 and state legislative findings and declarations relating to authorizing the creation of small system water authorities that will have powers to absorb, improve, and competently operate noncompliant public water systems. The bill, no later than March 1, 2019, would require the state board to provide written notice to cure to all public agencies, private water companies, or mutual water companies that operate a public water system that has either less than 3,000 service connections or that serves less than 10,000 people, and are not in compliance with one or more state or federal primary drinking water standard maximum contaminant levels as of December 31, 2018, and for 4 consecutive quarters, as specified.

Position: Watch

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Municipal Services, Water

CALAFCO Comments: This bill is sponsored by Eastern Municipal Water District and the CA Municipal Utilities Assoc. The intent is to give the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) authority to mandate the dissolution of existing drinking water systems (public, mutual and private) and authorize the formation of a new public water authority. The focus is on non contiguous systems. The SWRCB already has the authority to mandate consolidation of these systems, this will add the authority to mandate dissolution and formation of a new public agency.

LAFCo will be responsible for dissolving any state mandated public agency dissolution, and the formation of the new water authority. The SWRCB's appointed Administrator will act as the applicant on behalf of the state. LAFCo will have ability to approve with modifications the application, and the new agency will have to report to the LAFCo annually for the first 3 years.

CALAFCO continues to work with the author and sponsor on additional amendments including giving the authority to levy fines to the SWRCB (rather than the LAFCo); addressing process and timing issues/details; ensuring proper LAFCo funding language (a more generic statement rather than a not-to-exceed amount), and other issues.

AB 2238 (Aguiar-Curry D) Local agency formation: regional housing need allocation: fire hazards: local health emergencies: hazardous and medical waste.

Current Text: Amended: 4/3/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/13/2018 Last Amended: 4/3/2018

Status: 5/3/2018-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

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5/10/2018 #122 ASSEMBLY CONSENT CALENDAR 2ND DAY-ASSEMBLY BILLS

Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 specifies the factors that a local agency formation commission is required to consider in the review of a proposal for a change of organization or reorganization, including, among other things, the proposal's consistency with city or county general and specific plans. This bill would require the commission to consider information contained in a local hazard mitigation plan, information contained in a safety element of a general plan, and any maps that identify land as a very high fire hazard zone or maps that identify land determined to be in a state responsibility area if it is determined that such information is relevant to the area that is the subject of the proposal.

Position: Watch

Subject: Climate Change, Growth Management

CALAFCO Comments: This bill seeks to add another factor for LAFCo consideration in the review of a proposal. That factor is information contained in a local hazard mitigation plan, information contained in a safety element of a general plan, and any maps that identify land as a very high fire hazard zone pursuant to Section 51178 or maps that identify land determined to be in a state responsibility area pursuant to Section 4102 of the Public Resources Code, if it is determined that such information is relevant to the area that is the subject of the proposal.

The bill also adds two non-LAFCo-related sections pertaining to the update of a housing element.

This bill is in response to the rash of wildfires throughout the state over the past several years and the ongoing threat of same as a result of climate change.

AB 2258 (Caballero D) Local agency formation commissions: grant program.

Current Text: Amended: 4/23/2018 httml pdf

Introduced: 2/13/2018 Last Amended: 4/23/2018

Status: 4/24/2018-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

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5/9/2018 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ FLETCHER, Chair

Summarv:

Current law establishes the Strategic Growth Council in state government and assigns to the council certain duties, including providing, funding, and distributing data and information to local governments and regional agencies that will assist in the development and planning of sustainable communities. This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council, until January 1, 2024, to establish and administer a local agency formation commissions grant program for the payment of costs associated with initiating and completing the dissolution of districts listed as inactive, the payment of costs associated with a study of the services provided within a county by a public agency, and for other specified purposes, including the initiation of an action, based on determinations found in the study, as approved by the commission.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Support March 2018 CALAFCO Support_March 2018 **Position:** Sponsor **Subject:** Other

CALAFCO Comments: This is a CALAFCO sponsored bill following up on the recommendation of the Little Hoover Commission report of 2017 for the Legislature to provide LAFCos one-time grant funding for in-depth studies of potential reorganization of local service providers. CALAFCO is working with the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) who has agreed to administer the grant program. Grant funds will be used specifically for conducting special studies to identify and support opportunities to create greater efficiencies in the provision of municipal services; to potentially initiate actions based on those studies that remove or reduce local costs thus incentivizing local agencies to work with the LAFCo in developing and implementing reorganization plans; and the dissolution of inactive districts (pursuant to SB 448, Wieckowksi, 2017). The grant program would sunset on December 31, 2023.

The bill also changes the protest threshold for LAFCo initiated actions, solely for the purposes of actions funded pursuant to this new section. It allows LAFCo to order the dissolution of a district (outside of the ones identified by the SCO) pursuant to a majority protest (mirroring existing language in Government Code Section 57077.1.c). For all other changes of organization or reorganization pursuant to this section, the threshold would be 25% rather than 10%, in accordance with Government Code Section 57075.

A separate budget ask of \$2 million over 5 years is being done as a companion to this bill.

AB 2600 (Flora R) Regional park and open space districts.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/15/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Status: 5/3/2018-Referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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Summary:

Would authorize the formation of a district by the adoption of a resolution of application by the legislative body of any county or city that contains the territory proposed to be included in the district. The bill would require the resolution to contain certain information, including the methods by which the district would be financed. The bill would require a public hearing before the adoption of the resolution, as provided.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Support March 2018

Position: Support

CALAFCO Comments: This bill would expand the process of initiating the formation of a regional pack and open space district by adding that a local governing body may adopt a resolution proposing to form a new district. This would be in lieu of having a 5,000 signature petition. The LAFCo process remains intact.

The intent of this bill is to create an easier way to proposed the formation of these types of districts, thereby removing the need for special legislation to do so. The bill is author-sponsored.

AB 3254 (Committee on Local Government) Local government organization: omnibus.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/14/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 3/14/2018

Status: 3/22/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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5/9/2018 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY,

Chair

Summary:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (the Act) provides the authority and procedure for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization, reorganization, and sphere of influence changes for cities and districts, as specified. Current law defines various terms for purposes of that Act, including the terms "affected territory" and "inhabited territory." This bill would revise those definitions to include territory that is to receive extended services from a local agency, and additionally define the term "uninhabited territory" for purposes of the Act.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Support

Position: Sponsor

CALAFCO Comments: This is the annual Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus bill,

sponsored by CALAFCO. Amendments are pending to add several items.

SB 1215 (Hertzberg D) Provision of sewer service: disadvantaged communities.

Introduced: 2/15/2018 Last Amended: 4/30/2018

Status: 5/4/2018-Set for hearing May 14.

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5/14/2018 10 a.m. - John L. Burton Hearing Room (4203) SENATE APPROPRIATIONS, LARA, Chair **Summary:**

This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order the provision of sewer service by a special district, city, or county to a disadvantaged community, as defined, under specified circumstances. By authorizing the state board to require a special district, city, or county to provide sewer service, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Watch With Concerns

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Water

CALAFCO Comments: As amended, this bill authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to mandate extension of service or consolidation of wastewater systems - both public and private, under certain circumstances. The process mirrors the process set forth in SB 88 giving the SWRCB authority to mandate the same for drinking water systems.

The current version includes a number of amendments that address previous CALAFCO concerns. However, there is an outstanding issue of annexing territory to which services were extended into a city. (The bill does now call for a mandatory annexation into a district should the services be extended by them.)

SB 1496 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/1/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 3/1/2018

Status: 4/23/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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5/9/2018 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary:

Would enact the Second Validating Act of 2018, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Support March 2018

Position: Support

SB 1497 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/1/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 3/1/2018

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5/9/2018 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY,

Chair **Summary:**

Would enact the First Validating Act of 2018, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Support March 2018

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

SB 1499 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Validations.

Current Text: Introduced: 3/1/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 3/1/2018

Status: 4/23/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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5/9/2018 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY,

Chair **Summary:**

Would enact the Third Validating Act of 2018, which would validate the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state and counties, cities, and specified districts, agencies, and entities.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Support March 2018

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration

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AB 2268 (Reyes D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.

Current Text: Amended: 4/16/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/13/2018 Last Amended: 4/16/2018

Status: 5/2/2018-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

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Summarv:

for the 2018–19 fiscal year, would require the vehicle license fee adjustment amount to be the sum of the vehicle license fee adjustment amount in the 2017–18 fiscal year, the product of that sum and the percentage change in gross taxable assessed valuation within the jurisdiction of that entity between the 2017–18 fiscal year to the 2018–19 fiscal year, and the product of the amount of specified motor vehicle license fee revenues that the Controller allocated to the applicable city in July 2010 and 1.17.

Position: Support Subject: Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: Sponsored by the League, this bill will reinstate ERAF funding for inhabited

annexations.

AB 2491 (Cooley D) Local government finance: vehicle license fee adjustment amounts.

Current Text: Amended: 4/2/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/14/2018 Last Amended: 4/2/2018

Status: 4/25/2018-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

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Summary:

Would establish a separate vehicle license fee adjustment amount for a city incorporating after January 1, 2012, including an additional separate vehicle license fee adjustment amount for the first fiscal year of incorporation and for the next 4 fiscal years thereafter. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Attachments:

CALAFCO Support March 2018

Position: SupportSubject: Tax Allocation

CALAFCO Comments: Sponsored by the League, this bill will reinstate ERAF funding for cities

incorporating after 2017.

AB 2501 (Chu D) Drinking water: consolidation and extension of service.

Current Text: Amended: 4/17/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/14/2018 Last Amended: 4/17/2018

Status: 4/25/2018-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 24).

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Summary:

The California Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to order extension of service to an area within a disadvantaged community that does not have access to an adequate supply of safe drinking water so long as the extension of service is an interim extension of

service in preparation of consolidation. The act defines "disadvantaged community" for these purposes to mean a disadvantaged community that is in an unincorporated area, is in a mobilehome park, or is served by a mutual water company or small public water system. This bill would redefine "disadvantaged community" for these purposes to also include a disadvantaged community that is served by a state small water system or domestic well.

Position: Watch

Subject: Disadvantaged Communities, Water

AB 3023 (Medina D) California Environmental Quality Act.

Current Text: Amended: 3/19/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/16/2018 Last Amended: 3/19/2018

Status: 4/27/2018-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on

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Summary:

Would require lead agencies to post the notices required by CEQA and any environmental review document for a project on their Internet Web sites, if any, or to submit those notices and environmental review documents to the State Clearinghouse for inclusion in the database as specified. Because this bill would impose additional duties on lead agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Watch Subject: CEQA

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AB 1889 (Caballero D) Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Current Text: Amended: 4/4/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 1/18/2018 Last Amended: 4/4/2018

Status: 4/26/2018-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com.

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Summary:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Act authorizes the district to impose special taxes at minimum rates according to land use category and size. The district act authorizes the district to provide an exemption from these taxes for residential parcels owned and occupied by one or more taxpayers who are at least 65 years of age, or who qualify as totally disabled, if the household income is less than an amount approved by the voters of the district. This bill would authorize the district to require a taxpayer seeking an exemption from these special taxes to verify his or her age, disability status, or household income, as prescribed.

Position: Watch

AB 2019 (Aguiar-Curry D) Health care districts.

Current Text: Amended: 4/30/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/5/2018 Last Amended: 4/30/2018

Status: 5/2/2018-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.

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Calendar:

5/9/2018 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 4202 ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS, GONZALEZ FLETCHER, Chair

Summarv:

The Local Health Care District Law provides for local health care districts that govern certain health care facilities. The bill would require a district that is authorized and elects to use the design-build process, as specified, for the construction of housing to require that at least 20% of the residential units constructed be subject to a recorded affordability restriction for at least 55 years and be affordable to lower income households, very low income households, extremely low income households, and persons and families of low or moderate income, as defined, unless the city, county, or city and county in which the district is predominantly located has adopted a local ordinance that requires a greater percentage of the units be affordable to those groups. This bill contains other related laws and provisions.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This bill places a number of statutory requirements on healthcare districts (HCDs). One provision that directly affects LAFCo is the HCDs will be required to notify their respective LAFCo when they file for bankruptcy.

AB 2179 (Gipson D) Municipal corporations: public utility service: water and sewer service.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/12/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/12/2018

Status: 3/1/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Calendar:

5/9/2018 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AGUIAR-CURRY, Chair

Summary:

Would authorize a municipal corporation to utilize the alternative procedures to lease, sell, or transfer that portion of a municipal utility used for furnishing sewer service outside the boundaries of the municipal corporation.

Position: Watch

Subject: Municipal Services

AB 2262 (Wood D) Coast Life Support District Act: urgent medical care services.

Current Text: Amended: 4/16/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/13/2018 Last Amended: 4/16/2018

Status: 5/3/2018-Referred to Coms. on GOV. & F. and HEALTH.

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Summary:

Current law, the Coast Life Support District Act, establishes the Coast Life Support District and specifies the powers of the district. The district is authorized, among other things, to supply the inhabitants of the district emergency medical services, as specified. This bill would additionally authorize the district to provide urgent medical care services.

Attachments:

<u>CALAFCO Oppose Unless Amended</u> CALAFCO Support as amended

Position: Support

Subject: LAFCo Administration, Special District Powers

CALAFCO Comments: This is a single district bill in which the district is seeking to add the power of providing urgent care (actually to codify powers they have been performing for a number of years). As amended, the bill cleans up the outdated reference to the Act and adds a provision requiring the district to seek LAFCo approval to activate the new power. As a result of these amendments, CALAFCO has removed our opposition and now supports the bill.

AB 2339 (Gipson D) Water utility service: sale of water utility property by a city.

Current Text: Amended: 4/3/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/13/2018 Last Amended: 4/3/2018

Status: 4/25/2018-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

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Would permit a city that owns and operates a public utility for furnishing water service to sell the public utility for the purpose of consolidating its public water system with another public water system pursuant to the specified procedures, only if the potentially subsumed water system is wholly within the boundaries of the city, if the city determines that it is uneconomical and not in the public interest to own and operate the public utility, and if certain requirements are met. The bill would prohibit the city from selling the public utility for one year if 50% of interested persons, as defined, protest the sale.

Position: Watch Subject: Water

SB 522 (Glazer D) West Contra Costa Healthcare District.

Current Text: Amended: 1/3/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/16/2017 Last Amended: 1/3/2018

Status: 4/19/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

Current law provides for the formation of local health care districts and specifies district powers. Under existing law, the elective officers of a local health care district consist of a board of hospital directors consisting of 5 members, each of whom is required to be a registered voter residing in the district and whose term shall be 4 years, except as specified. This bill would dissolve the existing elected board of directors of the West Contra Costa Healthcare District, effective January 1, 2019, and would require the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa, at its election, to either serve as the district board or appoint a district board, as specified.

Position: Watch

Subject: Special Districts Governance

SB 561 (Gaines R) Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District: elections.

Current Text: Amended: 1/23/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 2/17/2017 Last Amended: 1/23/2018

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Summary:

Under current law, the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District is a resident voting district. This bill, notwithstanding existing law, would provide that voters who are residents of the district, and voters who are not residents but either own a real property interest in the district or have been designated by the owner of a real property interest to cast the vote for that property, may vote in a district election in the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District.

Position: Watch

Subject: Special Districts Governance

SB 623 (Monning D) Water quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.

Current Text: Amended: 8/21/2017 html pdf

Introduced: 2/17/2017 Last Amended: 8/21/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-From committee: Without recommendation. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (September 1) Re-

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Summary:

Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would require the board to administer the fund to secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure. The bill would authorize the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, bequests, and settlements from parties responsible for contamination of drinking water supplies.

Position: Watch Subject: Water

SB 778 (Hertzberg D) Water systems: consolidations: administrative and managerial

services.

Current Text: Amended: 7/13/2017 httml pdf

Introduced: 2/17/2017 Last Amended: 7/13/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. on

8/23/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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Would require, on or before March 1, 2018, and regularly thereafter, as specified, the State Water Resources Control Board to track and publish on its Internet Web site an analysis of all voluntary and ordered consolidations of water systems that have occurred on or after July 1, 2014. The bill would require the published information to include the resulting outcomes of the consolidations and whether the

consolidations have succeeded or failed in providing an adequate supply of safe drinking water to the communities served by the consolidated water systems.

Position: Watch

Subject: Municipal Services

SB 929 (McGuire D) Special districts: Internet Web sites.

Current Text: Amended: 3/6/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 1/25/2018 Last Amended: 3/6/2018

Status: 4/30/2018-Referred to Com. on L. GOV.

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Summary:

The California Public Records Act requires a local agency to make public records available for inspection and allows a local agency to comply by posting the record on its Internet Web site and directing a member of the public to the Web site, as specified. This bill would, beginning on January 1, 2020, require every independent special district to maintain an Internet Web site that clearly lists contact information for the special district, except as provided. Because this bill would require local agencies to provide a new service, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

Position: Watch

SB 1498 (Committee on Governance and Finance) Local Government Omnibus Act of 2018.

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2018 html pdf

Introduced: 3/1/2018 Last Amended: 4/18/2018

Status: 5/7/2018-From committee: Be ordered to second reading pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8 and

ordered to consent calendar.

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5/10/2018 #26 SENATE SEN SECOND READING FILE - SENATE BILLS

Summary:

Current law sets forth various provisions governing cities that reference various officers and employees. This bill would make these references gender neutral.

Position: Watch

CALAFCO Comments: This is the annual Senate Governance & Finance Committee Omnibus bill.