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County of Orange Positions on Proposed Legislation

The Legislative Bulletin provides the Board of Supervisors with analyses of measures pending in Sacramento and Washington that are of interest to the County. Staff provides recommended positions that fall within the range of policies established by the Board. According to the County of Orange Legislative Affairs Procedures adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2003, staff recommendations for formal County positions on legislation will be agendaized and presented in this document for Board action at regular Board of Supervisors meetings. When the Board takes formal action on a piece of legislation, the CEO will direct the County's legislative advocates to promote the individual bills as approved by the Board. The Legislative Bulletin also provides the Board of Supervisors with informative updates on State and Federal issues.

The 2007 Legislative Platform was adopted by Board of Supervisors' Minute Orders dated November 14, 2006. On May 8, 2007, the Board of Supervisors approved the following actions:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. SUPPORT Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Efforts to Consolidate
2. OPPOSE – AB 391 (Lieu) Air Quality: South Coast Air Quality Management District: Board Membership
3. Receive and File Legislative Bulletin

SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE REPORT

SACRAMENTO UPDATE

The Governor's May Revise Budget is scheduled to be released next Monday, May 14. The May Revise is typical the opening kick-off for the serious rounds of budget hearings and negotiations between the Governor and the Legislature. Much hand-wringing has taken place in the State Capitol since the Governor released his initial budget in January. That's because revenues have been running significantly under budget since January.

Last week, the state announced that personal income taxes collected in April surged to almost \$12 billion, \$1.5 billion ahead of what had been predicted. The Department of Finance announced that while personal income tax collections through the end of March were more than \$1.6 billion below forecast, April collections were \$1.3 above projections. While the increases provide some relief to concerned Legislators, many cautioned that next year's State Budget is still in for some lively debate about the efficacy of new programs or increases in existing programs.

Orange County Bills

SB 497 (Ackerman) has become a two-year bill. This is Orange County-sponsored legislation to allow electronic filing of Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests. Such statements are required to be filed by elected officials for each agency Board upon which they sit. Key professional staff is also required to file a Form 700 each year. The bill became a two-year effort after some staff members from the Fair Political Practices Commission and Committee staff raised concerns over information being accessible on the internet. Staff is working on language to demonstrate the filing process would be secure and accessible only to the filer. Once filed, the process would generate a paper copy that would be available to meet public records requests, as it is today.

SB 893 (Cox) has also become a two-year bill. This bill proposed to funnel funds away from County Proposition 10 Commissions to state-run health care programs for children. The bill failed in committee, but the author requested and received permission to make it a two-year bill. Senator Cox has indicated he intends to pursue taking funds away from the First Five Commissions around the state.

Two road-related bills upon which the County of Orange has adopted oppose positions have also become two-year bills. AB 1457 (Huffman), which forbids new roads on State Park Property whether it is leased or owned, and AB 823 (Solorio), which would have required the County to report on its road funds and any surpluses to the Governor, the Legislature, the California Transportation Commission and others, are both now two-year bills. Assembly Member Solorio indicated he is holding the bill to be a vehicle in case additional legislation is necessary for the County to share road funds with the cities.

Senator Tom McClintock's SCA 1, his latest effort on eminent domain reform has also become a two-year bill. Orange County supports the bill.

Corrections Reform

As expected, on Thursday Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed AB 900 (Solorio) the corrections reform bill approved by the Legislature the week before. The bill provides \$7.7 billion in new state prison constructions funds and new local jail beds among a number of other programs designed to enhance rehabilitation and reduce recidivism of state prisoners.

ACTION ITEMS

Multipurpose Senior Services Program Consolidation

The California Department of Aging (CDA) provides funding to operate the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP). MSSP provides case management services and contracts for other support services, such as in-home care, for low income, frail, elderly clients residing in their own homes to prevent premature placement in long term care facilities. The Social Services Agency's (SSA) contract with CDA provides an annual budget of \$1,542,600 to serve approximately 360 clients each month.

MSSP is the only non-mandated program operated by SSA and the only SSA program which must comply with special regulations as a covered entity under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). There is a second MSSP program in Orange County, operated by CalOptima. The CalOptima program serves approximately 208 additional clients, with a budget of \$891,280.

CEO Legislative Affairs and Social Services Agency comments

SSA and CalOptima have collaborated on the operation of these programs since the CalOptima program was initiated, including sharing referrals, in an effort to make both programs operate as efficiently as possible. SSA and CalOptima support the goal of consolidating the two programs at CalOptima, as a means of reducing administrative costs by eliminating duplicative administrative overhead. CEO Legislative Affairs recommends that the Board support this objective and allow collaboration among the respective advocates of CalOptima and the County of Orange on this issue of mutual concern.

OPPOSE – AB 391 (Lieu) – Air Quality: South Coast Air Quality Management District: Board Membership – As Introduced February 15, 2007

Author: Assembly Member Ted Lieu
Status: Assembly Local Government Committee
Hearing: Not Set
Reviewed: CEO Legislative Affairs

AB 391 would increase the membership on the South Coast Air Quality Management District Board of Directors from 12 to 13 members to add an automatic seat for the City of Los Angeles. The bill would also add the Cities of Calabasas and Malibu to the list of cities in Western Los Angeles County. Existing law establishes a 12-member Board that is drawn from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties with four County representatives and five City representatives (two from Los Angeles County). The other three members are appointed by the Speaker of the assembly, the Senate President Pro Tem and the Governor. Currently, Los Angeles County is divided into Western and Eastern regions and the City Selection Committee chooses a representative from among the cities in each region.

CEO Legislative Affairs Comments

AB 391 is similar to last year's AB 2015 by the same author. AB 2015 increased the SCAQMD Board from 12 to 16 members to add an additional city representative from each of the four counties in the Air Basin. The Orange County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution on January 31, 2007, opposing changes in the SCAQMD's governing board. AB 391 reduces the proposed change to 13 members instead of 16, but gives another seat to the cities of Los Angeles County creating some regional imbalances in representation on the governing board. Assembly Lieu is carrying the bill to allow the cities of the Western Region to elect a representative other than the City of Los Angeles. Because an appointment requires a combination of votes representing number of cities and incorporated population, the City of Los Angeles is the *de facto* representative of the Western Region of Los Angeles County.

Based upon the Board's adopted resolution and the regional representation imbalance created by the AB 391, staff recommends that the Board adopt an "oppose" position.

County of Orange - Sponsored Bills Status/Update

AB 332 (DeVore) Elections: Recall Petitions: Signature Certification. Introduced: 02/13/2007
Location: 05/07/2007 – Senate Rules
Status: 05/07/2007 – In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on Rules for assignment

AB 405 (Duvall) Redevelopment: Tax Increment Revenues. Introduced: 02/15/2007
Location: 04/25/2007– Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
Status: 04/25/2007 – From Appropriations to Appropriations Suspense File

AB 745 (Silva) Local Agency Formation Commissions. Introduced: 02/22/2007
Last Amend: 05/02/2007
Location: 05/07/2007 – Senate Rules
Status: 05/07/2007 – In Senate. Read first time. To Committee on Rules for assignment

AB 1042 (Spitzer) Property Taxation: Applications for Changed Assessment: Electronic Filing.
Introduced: 02/22/2007
Location: Assembly Consent Calendar
Status: 05/07/2007 – From Revenue and Taxation: Do pass. To Consent Calendar

SB 497 (Ackerman) Political Reform Act of 1974: Conflict of Interest: Electronic Filing of Statements of Economic Interest. Introduced: 02/22/2007
Location: Senate 2-Year
Status: 05/02/2007 – Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). Last Location: Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments

SB 547 (Correa) Property Tax Revenue Allocations. Introduced: 02/22/2007
Location: 05/07/2007 - Senate Appropriations Suspense File
Status: 05/07/2007 – From Appropriations: To Appropriations Suspense File

SB 644 (Correa) Court Records: Social Security Numbers. Introduced: 02/22/2007
Last Amend: 03/29/2007
Location: 04/23/2007– Senate Inactive File
Status: 04/23/2007 – Placed on inactive file on request of Senator Correa.

A copy of the 2007 County of Orange Legislative Platform is available at: <http://www.oc.ca.gov/> under OC Links.

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