



# City of Huntington Beach

**File #:** 20-1857

**MEETING DATE:** 9/8/2020

## REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Oliver Chi, City Manager

**PREPARED BY:** Oliver Chi, City Manager

**Subject:**

**City Council consideration and adoption of a position on Assembly Bill 2287 (Eggman and Ting)**

**Statement of Issue:**

Shortly after the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC) held their August 19, 2020 meeting to review and take positions on pending legislation, Newlight Technologies, a Huntington Beach based business, made the City was made aware of their concerns with Assembly Bill (AB) 2287. As a result of that notification, this bill is being presented to City Council for a position, separately from the legislation that the IRC took positions on during their August 19 meeting.

**Financial Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact from taking a position on this pending legislation.

**Recommended Action:**

Adopt an Oppose position on AB 2287 (Eggman and Ting), unless the bill is amended to reinstate the "marine degradable" provision and standard to assess the marine degradability of plastic products.

**Alternative Action(s):**

Do not adopt a position on AB 2287 and direct staff accordingly.

**Analysis:**

**AB 2287 (Eggman and Ting) - Solid waste: plastic products: certification**

Existing law prohibits the sale of plastic products that are labeled as "biodegradable," "degradable," or "decomposable" and prohibits implying that a plastic product will break down, fragment, biodegrade, or decompose in a landfill or other environment - unless the plastic product meets one of several specified standards to support the environmental marketing claims. This bill would authorize a State agency to issue guidelines and adopt standards to determine whether a plastic product is compliant with these labeling requirements and to ensure the labeling is clearly distinguishable by consumers and solid waste processing facilities. However, the bill was recently amended to repeal the provision that conditionally prohibits the sale of a plastic product that is labeled "marine degradable." The amendment also does not establish a standard by which marine degradability is measured.

**Environmental Status:** Not applicable.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** Non-Applicable - Administrative Item

**Attachment(s):**

1. AB 2287 (Eggman and Ting)