



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 22-461

MEETING DATE: 6/7/2022

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Sean Joyce, Interim City Manager

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PREPARED BY: Shannon Levin, Council Policy Analyst

Subject:

Consider positions on legislation pending before the State Legislature, as recommended by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee (IRC)

Statement of Issue:

On May 18, 2022 the IRC, comprised of Mayor Barbara Delgleize, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Posey, and Council Member Dan Kalmick, discussed legislative items with relevance to Huntington Beach. Following discussion, the IRC chose to take positions on proposed State bills, which are presented to the full City Council for consideration.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable

Recommended Action:

Approve the following positions on State legislation:

1. Oppose AB 2011 (Wicks)
2. Support SB 904 (Bates)
3. Support SB 1338 (Umberg, Eggman)

Alternative Action(s):

Do not approve one or more recommended actions and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

On May 18, 2022, the IRC reviewed and discussed legislative items with relevance to Huntington Beach policies and priorities, as defined by City Council. The following is a summary of the items the IRC took positions on and are presented to City Council for consideration:

Select members of the State Legislatures have developed bills in response to housing:

1. OPPOSE AB 2011 (Wicks) - Affordable Housing and High Road Jobs Act of 2022

This bill would make certain housing developments that meet specified affordability and site criteria and objective development standards by right within a zone where office, retail, or parking are a principally permitted use, and would require, in contracts with construction contractors, that certain wage and labor standards will be met, including that all construction workers shall be paid at least the general prevailing wage.

Select members of the State Legislature have developed a bill in response to the opioid epidemic:**2. SUPPORT SB 904 (Bates) - Controlled Substances: Treatment**

The bill seeks to address the ongoing opioid epidemic by clarifying standards of controlled substance education and treatment programs for probationers and divertees. The standards, which are vague and undefined in current law, would be clarified to include information on the effects of controlled substances on the brain and body. The bill would require defendants to enter education, counseling, and drug diversion programs.

Select members of the State Legislature have developed a bill in response to the mental health response.**3. SUPPORT SB 1338 (Umberg, Eggman) - Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program**

The bill seeks to provide a court-ordered CARE plan to individuals who have severe mental illness, and includes behavioral health treatment services, a trained support team to navigate the process and identify a housing plan. The CARE Court connects a person struggling with mental illness with a court-ordered Care Plan for up to 24 months. Each plan is managed by a care team in the community and can include clinically prescribed, individualized interventions with several supportive services, medication, and a housing plan. The client-centered approach also includes a public defender and supporter to help with self-directed care decision. The CARE Court Program is a long-term strategy to positively impact the individual in care.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. Summary of bills listed
2. Signed letters of opposition for AB 2011
3. Signed letters of support for SB 904
4. Signed letters of support for SB 1338
5. Letter of support for SB 1338 - City of Huntington Beach