



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 23-388

MEETING DATE: 5/2/2023

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Al Zelinka, City Manager

VIA: Travis K. Hopkins, Assistant City Manager

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 April 26, 2022, the IRC, comprised of Mayor Tony Strickland and Mayor Pro Tem Van Der Mark (with Council Member Pat Burns absent), discussed legislative items with relevance to Huntington Beach. Following discussion, the IRC chose to take positions on various State bills, which are presented to the full City Council for consideration.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Approve one or more of the following positions on State legislation:

- A) Oppose AB 480 (Ting/Umberg)
- B) Support SB 747 (Caballero)
- C) Oppose AB 1035 (Muratsuchi)
- D) Oppose SB 4 (Wiener)
- E) Oppose AB 1485 (Haney/Wiener)
- F) Oppose AB 68 (Ward)
- G) Oppose SB 423 (Wiener)

H) Watch SB 222 (Nguyen)

I) Watch SB 1175 (Quirk-Silva)

J) Oppose SB 252 (Gonzalez)

Alternative Action(s):

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

Analysis:

On April 26, 2023, the IRC reviewed and discussed various legislative and regional issues 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:

1. OPPOSE AB 480 (Ting/Umberg) Surplus Land
This bill is an attempt at a prior bill that tried to expand the Surplus Lands Act that was stopped last year (AB 2357 Ting). This would permanently expand the reach of the SLA to include review of leases and all but eliminating the use of the Economic Opportunity Law for cities and counties.
2. SUPPORT SB 747 (Caballero) Surplus Land
This bill that creates much-needed efficiencies in SLA and upholds the Economic Opportunity Act to further economic development.
3. OPPOSE AB 1035 (Muratsuchi) Mobilehome parks: rent caps
This would establish rent caps in mobile home parks, which is in direct conflict with the City's Charter Section 803.
4. OPPOSE SB 4 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development: higher education institutions and religious institutions
This would allow by-right zoning of medium and high-density housing on religious and educational properties located in residential areas.
5. OPPOSE AB 1485 (Haney/Wiener) Housing element: enforcement: Attorney General
This bill would grant HCD and the Attorney General the unconditional right to intervene in specified housing law cases.
6. OPPOSE AB 68 (Ward) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: density, subdivision, and utility approvals
This bill is a mechanism for HCD to allow by-right development and total authority to interpret housing law.
7. OPPOSE SB 423 (Wiener) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments
This would allow for streamlined housing approvals and eliminate objective building standards by which to evaluate a project.

8. WATCH SB 222 (Nguyen) Outdoor advertising: applications
This bill would require the Department of Transportation (CalTrans) to consider the approval or denial of a pending outdoor advertising application before construction on an applicable highway project is completed.
9. WATCH SB 1175 (Quirk-Silva) Outdoor advertising displays: redevelopment agency project areas
The bill would allow the applicable city or county to request from the Department of Transportation (CalTrans) a 10-year extension for treating a display in a redevelopment agency project, as described above, as an on-premises display if the display meets the criteria for a finding of good cause.
10. OPPOSE SB 252 (Gonzalez) Public retirement systems: fossil fuels: divestment
This bill prohibits the Board of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and the Teachers' Retirement Board of the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) from making any additional or new investments or renewing existing investments of public employee retirement funds in a fossil fuel company, and requires PERS and STRS to liquidate investments in a fossil fuel company on or before July 1, 2031.

Environmental Status:

Not applicable.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. AB 480
2. SB 747
3. AB 1035
4. SB 4
5. AB 1485
6. AB 68
7. SB 423
8. SB 252