

# STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE Wednesday, May 22, 2024 10:00am – 12:00pm City Hall, Room 201

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# AGENDA

# I. ROLL CALL

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 24, 2024.

# **III. STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).**

The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

**IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action).** Discussion and possible action item: the Committee will review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

### New Business

#### San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Presenter: Scott Ammon

AB 2054 (Bauer-Kahan): Energy: employment, gifts, and rates.

#### Recommended Position: Support

The bill would require investor-owned utilities (IOUs) such as Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to submit an application for rate recovery to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for any costs recorded in balancing accounts which exceed their authorized forecast. For these costs, the bill would require the CPUC to conduct a reasonableness review before authorizing IOUs to recover the costs in rates. For wildfire expenses, the bill requires IOUs to include in their application a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed expenses and at least one credible alternative. If the CPUC approves costs for IOU rate recovery, the bill authorizes the CPUC to allocate cost recovery between ratepayers and shareholders. The bill would also prohibit leadership at the CPUC, the CPUC's Public Advocates Office, and the California Energy Commission (CEC) from accepting employment (for at least 3 years) or receiving gifts from any entity subject to their regulation.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 2054.

#### **Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing**

Presenter: Dylan Schneider

SB 1361 (Blakespear): California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: local agencies: contract for providing services for people experiencing homelessness. *Recommended Position: Support* 

SB 1361 exempts from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) any actions taken by local agencies related to contracting for services for people experiencing homelessness, and further defines what "services" entail under its provisions, to ensure timely and impactful responses to the homelessness crisis in California.

### San Francisco Adult Probation Department

Presenters: Victoria Westbrook and Alek Hartwick

AB 1186 (Bonta): Realizing Equity while Promoting Accountability and Impactful Relief (REPAIR) Act.

### **Recommended Position: Support**

AB 1186 modifies and enhances California's current youth restitution system, so it may effectively provide survivors with more equitable, timely, and stable compensation.

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AB 1986 (Bryan): State prisons: banned books.

**Recommended Position: Support** 

AB 1986 requires the Office of Inspector General (OIG), which is an independent

agency that oversees CDCR, to post CDCR's Centralized List of Disapproved Publications publicly. It will also require CDCR to remove a publication from its list if the OIG finds that there is insufficient evidence to ban a book. AB 1986 is a Black Caucus Reparations priority.

#### San Francisco Adult Probation Department

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SB 1001 (Skinner): Death penalty: intellectual disabled persons.

## **Recommended Position: Support**

Existing state law and rulings by the US Supreme Court have deemed the execution of a person who is intellectually disabled as cruel and unusual punishment. Intellectual disability is defined as someone who has below average intelligence and whose life skills, before adulthood, demonstrate difficulty in thinking and understanding that impacts conceptual, social, and practical skills.

SB 1001 would provide important safeguards to California's existing law to help prevent the execution of those who are intellectually disabled. Specifically, SB 1001 would retain the requirement that a person's intellectual disability had to be present when they were young, e.g.; during their developmental period, but would not require the disability to have been formally diagnosed during that time period.

### San Francisco Adult Probation Department

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SB 1005 (Ashby): Youth Courts.

### Recommended Position: Support

SB 1005 gives statutory authority for minors, with referral from a probation officer and consent of the minor's parent, to waive traditional juvenile court system hearing and sentencing procedures and experience a court of fellow minors.

### San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency

Presenter: Katie Angotti

### AB 1777 (Ting): Autonomous vehicles.

### **Recommended Position: Support and Seek Amendments**

This bill would make a number of changes to the California Vehicle Code to require autonomous vehicle (AV) manufacturers to comply with a number of new requirements aimed at improving interactions and communication with emergency responders. It also would require new data reporting from AV companies with testing or deployment permits. Finally, it would ensure that AVs can be cited for moving traffic violations, and clarifies that the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) may impose incremental enforcement actions against AV manufacturers who do not comply with the provisions of the bill.

### The Department of Environment

Presenter: Huy Le

SB 1143 (Allen): Household hazardous waste producer responsibility.

### **Recommended Position: Support**

SB 1143 will require producers of household hazardous consumer products to fund and ensure convenient access to a system for the safe collection, transportation, and disposal of household hazardous waste (HHW), shifting the cost burden of managing HHW disposal from local jurisdictions and ratepayers to the producers.

## The Department of Public Health

Presenter: Max Gara

## AB 2075 (Alvarez): Resident Access Protection Act.

### **Recommended Position: Oppose Unless Amended**

AB 2075 would enact the Resident Access Protection Act which grants a resident of a long-term care (LTC) facility the right to in-person, onsite access to a visitor and health care and social services providers during any public health emergency (PHE) in which visitation rights of residents are curtailed by a state or local order. This bill would set a concerning precedent of limiting the authority of public health officers and their ability to protect public health in a declared emergency.

## **The Department of Public Health**

Presenter: Max Gara

#### AB 2132 (Low): Health care services.

### **Recommended Position: Support**

AB 2132 would mandate testing and preventive treatment for tuberculosis (TB) in primary care settings by requiring providers to conduct TB risk assessments and provide or refer for follow-up care as recommended by the US Preventive Task Force (USPTF).

### The Department of Public Health

Presenter: Max Gara

AB 2871 (Maienschein): Overdose fatality review teams.

## Recommended Position: Support & Amend

To improve local coordination in the response to the ongoing overdose crisis, AB 2871 would authorize a county to establish an interagency overdose fatality review (OFR) team. The team would be able to assist with identifying and reviewing overdose fatalities, facilitate communication among the various entities involved with responding to overdoses, and integrate local overdose prevention efforts through strategic planning, data dissemination, and community collaboration.

### The Department of Public Health

Presenter: Max Gara

SB 1251 (Stern): Mosquito abatement inspections.

### **Recommended Position: Support**

SB 1251 would require investor-owned utilities to enter into an agreement with a mosquito abatement or vector control district, or city or county health department within 180 days of a request to allow the district to inspect the utility vaults.

## The Department of Public Health

Presenter: Max Gara

SB 1333 (Eggman and Roth): Communicable diseases: HIV reporting. *Recommended Position: Support* 

SB 1333 allows the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and local health departments (LHDs) to disclose personally identifying information in public health records of persons with HIV or AIDS for the coordination of, linkage to, or reengagement in care.

## **Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development**

Presenter: Kyra Geithman

AB 2353 (Ward): Property taxation: welfare exemption: delinquent payments: interest and penalties.

#### **Recommended Position: Support**

AB 2353 would ensure nonprofit affordable rental housing developers can access the existing welfare property tax exemption without floating unnecessary tax payments while their application is under review, reducing the cost of constructing affordable housing.

Earlier this legislative cycle, Asm. Ward introduced AB 86, which also would have allowed nonprofit developers to access the welfare tax exemption. The State Legislation Committee approved a "Support" position, with the Assessor's Office abstaining. Asm. Ward has been working with the California Assessors' Association to address concerns. Currently, no formal opposition has been submitted by any organizations.

# **V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public may address the Committee on items of interest that are within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction and that do not appear on the agenda.

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