



## STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

City Hall, Room 201

### OVERVIEW

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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 23, 2025.
- 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**

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

Presenter: Sheila Nickolopoulos

AB 1244 (Wicks): California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impact mitigation: Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 1244 would allow developers of transportation or land use projects that increase vehicle miles traveled (VMT) to pay into a fund that would facilitate the creation of affordable housing.

#### **Department of Environment**

Presenter: Joseph Piasecki and Alice Hur

AB 377 (Bennett): Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food recovery.

***Recommended Position: Support***

The bill builds on an existing grant program administered by CalRecycle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State by expanding or creating new projects to reduce, recycle, or reuse recyclable materials, including organic material. Specifically, it will make the transportation of recovered edible food and the purchase or subscription to technology or software that improves the efficiency and tracking of edible food recovery, eligible for grant funding.

#### **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Presenter: Kellie McManamon

SB 350 (Durazo): Water Rate Assistance Program.

***Recommended Position: Support***

SB 350 establishes the Water Rate Assistance Program and under that program, enacts the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury. If appropriated by the State Legislature, the Fund will assist California low-income ratepayers in paying for drinking water and wastewater services. The State Water Resources Control Board would help administer the discount to ratepayers.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for SB 350.

#### **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Presenter: Kellie McManamon

AB 532 (Ransom): Water rate assistance program.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 532 would establish the California Low Income Household Water Rate Assistance Program, which would give assistance to ratepayers in water systems that have under 3,000 connections or are in disadvantaged communities. It also grants the statutory authority for local water agencies to implement a low-income water assistance program.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 532.

### **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Presenter: Kellie McManamon

AB 823 (Boerner): Solid waste: plastic microbeads: plastic glitter.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 823 prohibits the selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes of cleaning or personal care products that are used as an abrasive to exfoliate or polish, and contain more than one part per million (ppm) by weight of plastic microbeads. It also bans personal care products that contain plastic glitter.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 823.

### **Department of Public Health**

Presenter: Max Gara

AB 309 (Zbur): Hypodermic needles and syringes.

***Recommended Position: Support***

Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a physician or pharmacist to, without a prescription or permit, furnish hypodermic needles and syringes for human use to a person 18 years of age or older. This bill would delete the January 1, 2026, repeal date of this law, thereby extending it indefinitely.

### **Department of Public Health**

Presenter: Max Gara

AB 1460 (Rogers): Prescription drug pricing.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 1460 seeks to promote health equity and access to care by ensuring community health centers and other safety-net providers that qualify for the 340B drug pricing program can utilize contract pharmacies to dispense medications to their patients in underserved communities.

### **San Francisco Police Department**

Presenter: Dr. Diana Aroche

AB 468 (Gabriel): Crimes: looting.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 468 is a bill that would add sentencing enhancements for the crime of looting, when committed within an area under evacuation or a state of emergency.

Additionally, committing the crime of looting in areas under evacuation or under a state of emergency while impersonating an emergency services worker would result in felony charges.

### **Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office**

Presenter: Eric Manke

SB 657 (Niello): Personal Income Tax Law: deferred compensation: exclusions: long-term qualified tuition program.

***Recommended Position: Support***

SB 657 would conform California tax law to recent federal changes under federal law, allowing rollovers from 529 college savings accounts to Roth IRAs to be excluded from state taxable income. The bill removes a major barrier to participation in 529 plans—fear of tax penalties on unused funds if a child does not attend college—by ensuring that these rollovers are treated consistently at both the state and federal levels.

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### AGENDA

Meeting commenced at 10:02am.

#### I. ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Mariano, Brad Phelps (Board President Mandelman’s Designee), Frances Hsieh, Rebekah Krell, Hannah Kohanzadeh, and Eric Manke. The Assessor’s Office was not present.

- II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 26, 2025.

Motion to Approve: Frances Hsieh  
Seconded by: Brad Phelps  
Approved: 6-0

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### **New Business**

#### **San Francisco Arts Commission**

Presenter: Mary Chou

SB 456 (Ashby): Contractors: exemptions: muralists.

***Recommended Position: Support***

SB 456 would exempt muralists from having to obtain a contractors license through the California State Licensing Board (CSLB) before being commissioned for public and private art projects.

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke  
Seconded by: Hannah Kohanzadeh  
Approved: 6-0

#### **Human Services Agency**

Presenter: Susie Smith

AB 299 (Gabriel): Foster care: placement transition planning.

***Recommended Position: Support***

Assembly Bill 299 would help ensure individuals who have been displaced by a disaster can access stable housing at hotels, motels, and short-term rentals for longer than 30 days.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps  
Seconded by: Frances Hsieh  
Approved: 6-0



## **Human Services Agency**

Presenter: Susie Smith

AB 896 (Elhawar): Foster care: placement transition planning.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 896 would require county child welfare agencies to adopt a placement transition policy for supporting foster children and foster youth as they transition between placement settings and as they transition from foster care to reunification. The bill ensures that counties consult with foster youth and caregivers to create transition policies and specifies the required elements of transition policies. Finally, AB 896 would provide guidance to counties to support strategies and best practices in transition planning.

Motion to Approve: Hannah Kohanzadeh

Seconded by: Brad Phelps

Approved: 6-0

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

Presenter: Hailey Gil

AB 1229 (Schultz & Quirk-Silva): Adult Reentry Frant Program.

***Recommended Position: Support***

Every year, thousands of people are released from California's prisons. Faced with numerous barriers to obtaining housing from the stigma of incarceration to criminal records screening policies that reduce access to subsidized housing, many fall into homelessness. As of November 2024, 15% of people on parole were unhoused, nearly all unsheltered. These individuals have a higher risk of recidivating, as people who are homeless are seven times more likely to recidivate than people who are housed.

AB 1229 (Schultz) will address this problem by restructuring the existing Adult Reentry Grant program (ARG), which currently receives ongoing funding to pay for rental assistance and warm hand-off reentry services to individuals who have exited state prison. Restructuring will make the program more effective through key changes.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps

Seconded by: Eric Manke

Approved: 6-0

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

Presenter: Kyra Geithman

AB 480 (Quirk-Silva): Personal Income Tax Law: Corporation Tax Law: insurance tax law: low-income housing tax credit.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 480 would make the State's low-income housing tax credit program more flexible and, by solving a technical issue between allocated and certificated credits, reduce costs for investors to maximize the value of these credits, which are instrumental in delivering affordable housing.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps  
Seconded by: Eric Manke  
Approved: 6-0

### **Office of Economic and Workforce Development**

Presenter: Ben Van Houten

SB 395 (Wiener): San Francisco Downtown Hospitality Zone.  
***Recommended Position: Support***

Sponsored by Mayor Lurie, SB 395 would empower the City and County of San Francisco to create new investment in our downtown hospitality zone through the creation of new non-transferrable affordable liquor licenses. The bill would enable the Board of Supervisors to adopt legislation to create up to 20 new, nontransferable licenses for downtown restaurants.

Motion to Approve: Hannah Kohanzadeh  
Seconded by: Brad Phelps  
Approved: 6-0

### **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Presenter: Scott Ammon

SB 496 (Hurtado): Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.  
***Recommended Position: Support***

The bill would require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to establish the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation Appeals Advisory Committee to review appeals of denied requests for exemptions from the requirements of the ACF regulation. The bill would require the Committee to include representatives of specified governmental and nongovernmental entities, including local governments. The bill requires the Committee to consider and make a recommendation on an appeal of an exemption request denial no later than 60 days after the appeal is made.

The bill would also modify the existing emergency vehicle exemption by expanding the definition of which vehicles are exempted to those which are "reasonably anticipated to respond to emergency situations, or that support those efforts."

The SFPUC recommends a support position for SB 496.

Motion to Approve: Hannah Kohanzadeh  
Seconded by: Brad Phelps

Approved: 6-0

### **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Presenter: Kellie McManamon

SB 601 (Allen): Water: waste discharge.

***Recommended Position: Oppose***

SB 601 makes several amendments to the Water Code, Health and Safety Code, and Business and Professions Code. Most notably, it increases legal exposure to utilities, increases civil penalties, expands the State's authority in creating a new category of protected waters defined as "nexus waters", adopts a state drinking water standard, and increases requirements for building and construction permits.

The SFPUC recommends an oppose position for SB 601.

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke

Seconded by: Hannah Kohanzadeh

Approved: 4-2

No's: Brad Phelps; Frances Hsieh

### **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Presenter: Kellie McManamon

SB 682 (Allen): Environmental health: product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

***Recommended Position: Support***

SB 682 prohibits the sale and distribution of consumer products with intentionally added PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances), starting in 2027, 2033, or 2040, dependent on product type. The bill grants limited exceptions for items where the use of PFAS is unavoidable. It establishes the PFAS Oversight Fund within the State Treasury, which will be funded by application fees.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for SB 682.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps

Seconded by: Frances Hsieh

Approved: 6-0

### **San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Presenter: Kellie McManamon

AB 1373 (Soria): Water quality: state certification.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 1373 requires the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) to conduct a public hearing at least 21 days before acting on an application for a water quality certification in regards to a license to operate a hydroelectric facility. Additionally, the bill prohibits the Board from delegating the Board's authority to issue a water quality certification for a license to operate a hydroelectric facility to staff.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 1373.

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke  
Seconded by: Frances Hsieh  
Approved: 6-0

### **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency**

Presenter: Monique Webster

AB 394 (Wilson): Public transportation providers.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 394 aims to enhance the safety and security of California's public transportation systems for all by expanding the crime of battery to include all transit employees, public transportation providers, or contractors of a public transportation provider. AB394 would also allow for enforcement of temporary restraining orders or injunction be enforceable across the entirety of the public transit system.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps  
Seconded by: Frances Hsieh  
Approved: 5-1  
No's: Hannah Kohanzadeh

### **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency**

Presenter: Monique Webster

AB 630 (González): Abandoned recreational vehicles.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 630 addresses the growing issue of unhoused individuals living in unsafe and uninhabitable recreational vehicles (RVs). The bill increases the value cap for dismantling abandoned and uninhabited RVs, preventing hazardous vehicles from returning to the streets. AB 630 builds on previous legislative efforts to promote sustainable solutions for homelessness and enhance public safety regarding RV encampments.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps  
Seconded by: Hannah Kohanzadeh  
Approved: 6-0

## **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency**

Presenter: Monique Webster

AB 1532 (Committee on Communications and Conveyance): Omnibus Bill for the Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee Public Utilities Commission.

***Recommended Position: Support***

This legislation would extend the operation of the TNC Access for All Fund, which directs at minimum 5-cents from every Transportation Network Company (TNC) trip into an Access Fund and is used to provide financial incentives for TNC wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) services or to fund local on-demand WAV services for other operators. The CPUC set the current 10-cent charge in their rulemaking and applied it to every county in the state.

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke

Seconded by: Hannah Kohanzadeh

Approved: 6-0

## **San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency**

Presenter: Monique Webster

SB 752 (Richardson): Sales and use taxes: exemptions: California Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project: transit buses.

***Recommended Position: Support***

This bill would extend the partial sales and use tax exemption for zero-emission buses (ZEBs) purchased by California public transit agencies from its current expiration date of January 1, 2026, to January 1, 2028.

Motion to Approve: Frances Hsieh

Seconded by: Eric Manke

Approved: 6-0

## **Department of Public Health**

Presenters: Max Gara and Sneha Patil

AB 543 (González): Medi-Cal: street medicine.

***Recommended Position: Support***

This bill would establish presumptive eligibility for people experiencing homelessness (PEH) to receive full Medi-Cal coverage, allowing Medi-Cal providers, including street medicine teams, to establish eligibility on the spot and provide immediate care. The bill would also require Medi-Cal and the state's welfare system to share data on homelessness status to enable better overall tracking, service coordination, and connection to benefits and programs for vulnerable individuals.

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke  
Seconded by: Hannah Kohanzadeh  
Approved: 6-0

### **Department of Public Health**

Presenters: Max Gara and Sneha Patil

AB 1037 (Elhawary): Public health: substance use disorder  
***Recommended Position: Support***

In order to address the current overdose crisis, AB 1037 would make changes existing state law related to substance use disorder (SUD) care to reflect current evidence-based best practices and ensure access to appropriate treatment and services.

Motion to Approve: Hannah Kohanzadeh  
Seconded by: Brad Phelps  
Approved: 6-0

### **Department of Public Health**

Presenters: Max Gara and Sneha Patil

AB 1103 (Ward): Controlled substances: research.  
***Recommended Position: Support***

In order to remove barriers for conducting research on substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, AB 1103 would no longer require that research studies concerning addiction treatment receive approval by the Research Advisory Panel of California (RAPC).

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke  
Seconded by: Frances Hsieh  
Approved: 6-0

### **Department of Public Health**

Presenters: Max Gara and Sneha Patil

AB 1288 (Addis & Valencia): Registered Environmental Health Specialists.  
***Recommended Position: Support***

REHS' play a critical role in safeguarding public health and safety in our community, from conducting inspections of restaurants, industrial plants and housing, to taking necessary action to abate illegal health, sanitary and safety conditions. AB 1288 extends the time in which local health/environmental health departments may train and employ a local Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) trainee from

three years to five years. This change will improve the training process and make testing more accessible to candidates, thereby strengthening the pipeline for new REHS's.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps

Seconded by: Eric Manke

Approved: 6-0

## **Department of Public Health**

Presenters: Max Gara and Sneha Patil

AB 1366 (Flora): Reimbursement for pharmacist services.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 1366 aims to improve access to pharmacist-provided health services by allowing Medi-Cal and health care service plans to reimburse pharmacists enrolled as providers with the plan for medication therapy management (MTM) services – regardless of whether the pharmacist provides MTM services within a pharmacy or affiliated with a pharmacy.

Motion to Approve: Hannah Kohanzadeh

Seconded by: Frances Hsieh

Approved: 6-0

## **San Francisco Planning Department**

Presenters: Lisa Gibson

SB 611 (Richardson): Planning and Zoning: Community Plans; Review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

***Recommended Position: Support if Amended***

SB 611 would prohibit a court from invalidating a local agency's approval of certain development projects during litigation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenging a community plan update. Specifically, the bill would prohibit a court reviewing an agency's decisions in a community plan update from invalidating, based on the updated community plan's noncompliance with CEQA, the approval of a project that has been approved or had a complete application before the court invalidates the updated community plan or EIR. The bill would apply to development projects that have had a complete application on or before January 1, 2036. SB 611 could help advance the City and County of San Francisco's (City) housing goals and other objectives.

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke

Seconded by: Hannah Kohanzadeh

Approved: 4-2

No's: Frances Hsieh

**Department of Environment**

Presenter: Huy Le

AB 998 (Hadwick): Household Hazardous Waste: Vape pens.

***Recommended Position: Support***

AB 998 would ensure that vaping devices confiscated by school officials retain their classification as household hazardous waste (HHW), allowing for safe disposal through HHW collection programs. The bill would also authorize HHW facilities to perform physical treatment activities—such as the disassembly of vape pens to separate batteries, valves, electronic components, and other parts containing liquids or gases—in a manner that prevents the unauthorized release of hazardous materials.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps

Seconded by: Frances Hsieh

Approved: 6-0

**Department of Environment**

Presenters: Huy Le

SB 501 (Allen): Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act.

***Recommended Position: Support***

SB 501 will require producers of consumer products that contain hazardous materials 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.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps

Seconded by: Frances Hsieh

Approved: 6-0

**Department of Environment**

Presenters: Huy Le

SB 561 (Blakespear): Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act.

***Recommended Position: Support***

This bill will require producers of marine flares to fund and operate a convenient collection system to manage expired or unwanted flares, which are toxic and explosive, to ensure they are properly disposed of to not pollute the water or environment.

Motion to Approve: Eric Manke



Seconded by: Brad Phelps  
Approved: 6-0

### **San Francisco Film Commission**

Presenter: Manijeh Fata

SB 630 (Allen, Menjivar, & Stern): Income and corporate taxes: tax credits: motion pictures.

***Recommended Position: Support if Amended***

SB 630/ AB 1138 proposes significant changes to California's Motion Picture Credit 4.0 and certified studio construction project tax credits, effective taxable years beginning January 1, 2025. It expands eligibility to include additional production types such as animation, series with episodes averaging 20 minutes or more, and large-scale competition shows, while also raising the tax credit for in-zone expenditures up to 35%. The bill will allow an additional credit percentage of up to 5% percent for qualified expenditures in an economic opportunity zone. The bill increases the annual cap for allocated credits from \$330 million to \$750 million and modifies allocations for independent films. It also adjusts eligibility criteria for studio construction projects and streamlines requirements for long-term lease agreements. We recommend supporting this bill with key amendments that ensure broader and more equitable benefits across California. We recommend an increase to 10% from 5% for expenditures and labor occurring outside the Los Angeles studio zone, raise the share of annual tax credits allocated to independent films to 20%, include additional project types, and expand workforce training funds to organizations throughout California. These adjustments would strengthen the bill's impact by fostering statewide job creation, supporting diverse voices, and encouraging infrastructure growth beyond major industry hubs.

Motion to Approve: Brad Phelps  
Seconded by: Hannah Kohanzadeh  
Approved: 5-0

### **San Francisco Film Commission**

Presenter: Manijeh Fata

AB 1138 (Zbur and Bryan): Income and corporate taxes: tax credits: motion pictures.

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### **AB 1244**

#### **Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, Assembly District #14, D-Oakland**

#### **California Environmental Quality Act: transportation impact mitigation: Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program.**

#### **Recommended Position**

☐ **SPONSOR**    ☒ **SUPPORT**    ☐ **SUPPORT if amended**    ☐ **OPPOSE**    ☐ **OTHER & Describe**

#### **Summary**

AB 1244 would allow developers of transportation or land use projects that increase vehicle miles traveled (VMT) to pay into a fund that would facilitate the creation of affordable housing.

#### **Background/Analysis**

San Francisco has a goal of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, and the State is aiming for net-zero by 2045. Emissions from cars and trucks are responsible for 46% of San Francisco's carbon footprint, and transportation accounts for 38% of greenhouse gas emissions statewide; thus, reducing the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is crucial to achieve these goals.

Research definitively demonstrates that transit-oriented affordable housing significantly reduces VMT. Lower-income households drive 25-30% fewer miles when living within ½-mile of transit, and nearly 50% less when living within ¼-mile of frequent transit.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to evaluate the environmental impacts of discretionary projects before approving them. This includes determining if the project will generate a "significant increase" in the amount of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). For proposals where VMT will increase significantly, the agency can request the developer to make changes that encourage biking, walking, or taking public transit to mitigate or offset the VMT increase. Public agencies are not prohibited from approving a project if it generates more VMT, and lead agencies are individually responsible for what mitigations a project makes to meet a threshold for approval.

Lead agencies have broad guidelines for mitigation, allowing developers flexibility in their approach. Given limited budgets, these also need to be cost effective. Common cost-effective options for mitigation include physical modifications that increase efficiency for buses, bicyclists and pedestrians—since the project often

already includes making some changes to the surrounding infrastructure—and marketing campaigns that encourage or incentivize people to use alternate modes of transportation.

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#### **Challenge**

Mitigating VMT by developing housing near transit is currently not a widely used strategy, making it an untapped mitigation tool. This is a missed opportunity given the pressing need for new affordable housing in California and in light of analyses showing that building affordable housing is an impactful way to reduce VMT.

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#### **Solution/Recommended Proposal**

AB 1244 introduces an option for VMT-generating projects to mitigate their impacts by contributing to a statewide fund supporting affordable infill housing. This fee-based option would complement existing mitigation strategies without replacing them.

The funds would be managed by the Department of Housing and Community Development, which already administers the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program that prioritizes projects close to jobs, schools, and other daily destinations to reduce VMT. A return-to-source provision ensures that funds are spent in the same communities from which they were collected—prioritizing reinvestment in the same city or county.

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#### **Departments Impacted & Why**

MOHCD provides preliminary and final gap financing for affordable housing projects. This increase in available state funds would reduce the amount of MOHCD financing needed.

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#### **Fiscal Impact**

This change will take the dollars individual developers may spend on project-level VMT mitigations and pool them together to make larger-scale and more impactful VMT mitigation efforts—like building affordable housing near transit—more feasible.

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#### **Support / Opposition**

##### **Support**

California Housing Partnership Corporation (Co-Sponsor)  
Housing California (Co-Sponsor)

##### **Oppose**

None on file.



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### AB 337

**Assemblymember Steve Bennett, Assembly District #38, D-Ventura**  
**Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: grant program: edible food recovery.**

#### Recommended Position

☐ SPONSOR    X SUPPORT    ☐ SUPPORT if amended    ☐ OPPOSE    ☐ OTHER & Describe

#### Summary

*The bill builds on an existing grant program administered by CalRecycle to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State by expanding or creating new projects to reduce, recycle, or reuse recyclable materials, including organic material. Specifically, it will make the transportation of recovered edible food and the purchase or subscription to technology or software that improves the efficiency and tracking of edible food recovery, eligible for grant funding.*

#### Background/Analysis

*Billions of meals go to waste every year in California, contributing to the ongoing climate crisis and rates of food insecurity for Californians across the state. This wasted food is referred to as “edible food”. Types of edible food include fresh produce, pre-packaged food, and pre-prepared food. California introduced SB 1383 in 2016, landmark legislation that required CalRecycle to create regulations that would lead to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from landfills in two major ways: the reduction of organic waste disposal and the recovery of edible food. Edible food recovery requires enormous effort from commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations and services. CalRecycle provides grants as appropriated by the legislature for projects targeting food waste prevention and edible food recovery. Since 2018, CalRecycle has awarded \$20 million to 68 edible food recovery projects, resulting in 86 million meals, 103 million pounds of food redirected from landfills, and greenhouse gas reductions equivalent to over 21,000 cars off the road.*

#### Challenge

*Edible food recovery remains a costly and complex endeavor. Businesses required to comply with SB 1383’s edible food recovery mandates are often reluctant to pay for food recovery services. At the same time, food recovery organizations are hesitant to charge donors due to several interrelated barriers:*

1. **Mission Alignment:** Many recovery services operate under a mission-driven ethos to rescue edible food from going to waste, often believing that this work should be performed at no cost to donors.
2. **Donor Retention Concerns:** Charging donors may discourage participation, increasing the risk that surplus edible food will be discarded rather than recovered.
3. **Market Disadvantage:** Most food recovery organizations do not charge for their services, creating a highly competitive environment where donors will seek free services rather than pay a fee.

Without expanded and reliable funding, especially in rural and underserved communities, local jurisdictions face significant obstacles in building and sustaining the infrastructure necessary to meet SB 1383's edible food recovery targets. Transportation, software, and technology investments—critical for tracking and optimizing food recovery—are often out of reach without dedicated support. This gap undermines both climate goals and the ability to redistribute food to Californians in need.

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### Solution/Recommended Proposal

AB 337 will expand the eligibility of CalRecycle's Organics Grant Program to cover projects including the transportation of recovered edible food and the purchase or subscription to technology or software that improves the efficiency and tracking of edible food recovery. Edible food recovery is not only extremely important as Californians continue to struggle with food insecurity, but these projects are also vital for keeping organics out of landfills and reducing harmful pollutants such as methane.

This bill codifies that edible food recovery projects are eligible for the infrastructure grant program, including the transportation of recovered edible food and the purchase or subscription to technology that improves the efficiency and tracking of edible food recovery. While CalRecycle has previously funded various transportation projects to improve food recovery, it determined that the fees to support subscription services or software that provide edible food recovery services are not eligible for funding. This bill would require CalRecycle to include these as eligible expenses for grant funding.

This bill is intended to help accomplish two important goals. First, codifying edible food recovery as eligible for SB 1383 grant funding has the potential to increase the amount of food available to low-income and food insecure Californians. Second, food waste is the largest contributor to short-lived climate pollutant emissions from landfills. Reducing food waste from landfill disposal reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which has a benefit to vulnerable communities.

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### Departments Impacted & Why

If AB 337 passes and the City and County of San Francisco receive funding through CalRecycle's expanded Organics Grant Program, it would significantly enhance departmental capacity to meet SB 1383 edible food recovery mandates. Departments like SF Environment could leverage funding to support transportation infrastructure and food recovery technology, reducing operational barriers and allowing for more efficient, scalable, and equitable programs. This would help the City divert edible food from landfills while increasing access to food for underserved communities. Additionally, grant-supported technology would improve data tracking and reporting, enabling more effective program evaluation and policy development.

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### Fiscal Impact

The potential fiscal impact of AB 337 to the City and County of San Francisco would likely be positive, with increased access to state funding to support edible food recovery infrastructure. By expanding eligible expenses under CalRecycle's Organics Grant Program, the City could receive additional state grants to cover costs for transportation and technology, reducing the financial burden on local resources. If San Francisco collaborates with local food recovery organizations, this could also stimulate economic activity and job creation, particularly in underserved areas, without additional local investment. Overall, AB 337 offers the City an opportunity to meet SB 1383 requirements in a cost-effective manner while supporting its climate action and food security goals.



## **Support / Opposition**

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### **Support:**

350 Humboldt 350 Sacramento California  
Association of Food Banks California Association  
of Local Conservation Corps California Food  
Recovery Coalition California Grocers Association  
California State Association of Counties  
Californians Against Waste Climate Action  
California Climate Reality Project, Silicon Valley  
Chapter Climate Reality Project, San Diego  
Climate Reality Project, Orange County Climate  
Reality Project, San Fernando Valley Elders  
Climate Action NorCal Chapter Elders Climate  
Action SoCal Chapter League of California Cities  
Rural County Representatives of California

Opposition: None on file



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### SB 350

#### **Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Senate District #26, D-Los Angeles** **Water Rate Assistance Program.**

**Recommended Position**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SPONSOR</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SUPPORT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SUPPORT if</b>
<b>amended</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OPPOSE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER &amp;</b>
<b>Describe</b>		

#### **Summary**

SB 350 establishes the Water Rate Assistance Program and under that program, enacts the Water Rate Assistance Fund in the State Treasury. If appropriated by the State Legislature, the Fund will assist California low-income ratepayers in paying for drinking water and wastewater services. The State Water Resources Control Board would help administer the discount to ratepayers.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for SB 350.

#### **Background/Analysis**

In 2012, California formally recognized water as a human right through the passage of AB 685 (Eng). The law upholds that all Californians – regardless of income or background – deserve access to clean and affordable water for consumption, cooking, and sanitization. It also advises water agencies to consider this right in their daily operations and relationships with ratepayers.

This law has prompted other legislation to help California water agencies achieve water as a human right. For example, in 2015, AB 401 (Dodd)

required the State Water Board to develop recommendations for a statewide low-income assistance program by 2018. In 2019, SB 200 (Monning) became law and created the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program (SAFER). Allocated \$130 million annually, SAFER provides funding for technical repairs and infrastructure upgrades for smaller water systems to comply with water standards.

#### **Challenge**

Despite the legislative strides made towards making water clean and accessible, it remains unaffordable to ratepayers in low-income communities. Almost half of water agencies do not have a program to help their low-income ratepayers. Agencies that do provide a program are typically larger in size and have the capacity to budget for such a program. Therefore, smaller underserved agencies fall through the cracks, unable to provide equitable rates because they do not have the funding to support it.

While the SFPUC is proud to offer a Customer Assistance Program with a 25% to 40% discount depending on income, we understand that a statewide program is necessary to provide utility rate relief for all Californians. SB 350 allows for more affordability by instituting a low-income assistance program and delegating administration

to the Board, so that smaller water agencies are not overburdened.

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**Solution/Recommended Proposal**

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The SFPUC recommends a support position for SB 350.

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**Departments Impacted & Why**

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Besides the SFPUC, there is no other San Francisco department detected for impact.

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**Fiscal Impact**

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There are no predicted fiscal impacts for the SFPUC.

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**Support / Opposition**

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Support

Clean Water Action (Co-Sponsor)  
Community Water Center (Co-Sponsor)  
Leadership Counsel for Justice & Accountability (Co-Sponsor)  
Alianza Coachella Valley  
Allensworth Progressive Association  
Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment Action  
California Coastkeeper Alliance  
California Environmental Justice Alliance Action  
California Environmental Voters  
Carbon Cycle Institute  
Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment  
Central California Environmental Justice Network  
Cleaneearth4kids.org  
Coalition for Economic Survival  
Community Water Center  
Courage California  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Disability Rights California  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Fairmead Community & Friends  
Friends Committee on Legislation of California  
Friends of The River  
Greenfield Walking Group  
Initiate Justice  
Los Angeles Alliance for A New Economy  
Los Angeles Waterkeeper  
Mothers Helping Mothers  
Nourish California  
People's Collective for Environmental Justice  
Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles

Planning and Conservation League  
Sierra Club California  
TODEC Legal Center  
Union of Concerned Scientists  
Western Center on Law & Poverty

Oppose (unless amended)

Association of California Water Agencies  
Bella Vista Water District  
Bellflower Somerset Mutual Water Company  
Camrosa Water District  
City of Fairfield  
Contra Costa Water District  
Crestline-Lake Arrowhead Water Agency  
Cucamonga Valley Water District  
Desert Water Agency  
East Valley Water District  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
El Dorado Irrigation District  
Fallbrook Public Utilities District  
Helix Water District  
Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District  
LA Habra Heights County Water District  
Lake Arrowhead Community Services District  
Mckinleyville Community Services District  
Mesa Water District  
Monte Vista Water District  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
Olivenhain Municipal Water District  
Palmdale Water District  
Puente Basin Water Agency  
Rowland Water District  
San Gabriel County Water District  
San Gabriel Valley Water Association  
San Juan Water District  
Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
Santa Margarita Water District  
Scotts Valley Water District  
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Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District  
Utica Water and Power Authority  
Walnut Valley Water District  
Western Municipal Water District



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### AB 532

#### **Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom, Assembly District #13, D-Stockton** **Water rate assistance program.**

**Recommended Position**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SPONSOR</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SUPPORT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>SUPPORT if</b>
<b>amended</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OPPOSE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER &amp;</b>
<b>Describe</b>		

#### **Summary**

AB 532 would establish the California Low Income Household Water Rate Assistance Program, which would give assistance to ratepayers in water systems that have under 3,000 connections or are in disadvantaged communities. It also grants the statutory authority for local water agencies to implement a low-income water assistance program.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 532.

#### **Background/Analysis**

In 2012, California recognized water as a human right, meaning that water for the use of consumption, cooking, and sanitization should be clean and affordable for all Californians. In 2015, AB 401 (Dodd) was signed into law and directed the State Water Resources Control Board to develop suggestions for a statewide low-income water assistance program. In February 2020, the Board released their report and revealed that around 21 percent of California's water systems have water usage rates that are unaffordable for low-income ratepayers.

One month after the report's release, the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged communities and exacerbated utility unaffordability. As a result, the federal government introduced the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) which provided financial assistance to low-income ratepayers for their water and sewer bills. The program reached 85,000 households in California.

#### **Challenge**

While the issue of utility affordability has risen to the forefront, a permanent solution to keeping rates low has not. Funding for LIHWAP was discontinued in May 2024. President Trump's current budget proposal does not include federal funding for LIHWAP. Given the current priorities of the Administration and Congress, it is unlikely this program will be funded any time soon.

Approximately half of Californian water systems provide a low-income assistance program to help meet the financial needs of ratepayers. However, such programs are not explicitly written into or protected by legislation which leaves water agencies with uncertainty as to the operation of these programs.

Moreover, the agencies that have already created these financial assistance programs typically have the means to do so. It is often the smaller water

systems, those who have under 3,000 connections or are serving less than 10,000 people, who fall under the radar. These smaller water systems normally cater to underserved communities and without funding or direction, they simply do not have the capacity to establish a low-income assistance program.

AB 532 addresses these concerns by first, codifying a water agencies' ability to create and operate such programs. Secondly, the bill provides opportunities and funding for smaller and underserved water agencies to create low-income assistance programs. This will help keep costs affordable for all California utility ratepayers.

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Mission Springs Water District  
Palmdale Water District  
Placer County Water Agency  
Rancho California Water District  
Regional Water Authority  
Santa Rosa; City of  
West Valley Water District  
Western Municipal Water District

Oppose

N/A

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**Solution/Recommended Proposal**

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 532.

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**Departments Impacted & Why**

Besides the SFPUC, there is no other San Francisco department detected for impact.

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**Fiscal Impact**

There are no predicted fiscal impacts to the SFPUC.

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**Support / Opposition**

Support

California Municipal Utilities Association  
(Sponsor)  
Association of California Water Agencies  
Burbank Water and Power  
Ca-nv American Water Works Association  
California Council for Environmental & Economic  
Balance (CCEEB)  
California Special Districts Association  
California Water Association  
City of Roseville  
City of Sacramento  
City of Thousand Oaks  
Contra Costa Water District  
Desert Water Agency  
East Valley Water District  
Eastern Municipal Water District  
El Dorado Irrigation District  
Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District  
Inland Empire Utilities Agency  
Irvine Ranch Water District



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### AB 823

**Assemblymember Tasha Boerner, Assembly District #77, D-San Diego**

**Solid waste: plastic microbeads: plastic glitter.**

**Recommended Position**

<input type="checkbox"/> SPONSOR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT if
amended	<input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE	OTHER &
Describe		

#### Summary

AB 823 prohibits the selling, distributing, or offering for promotional purposes of cleaning or personal care products that are used as an abrasive to exfoliate or polish, and contain more than one part per million (ppm) by weight of plastic microbeads. It also bans personal care products that contain plastic glitter.

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 823.

#### Background/Analysis

Plastic microbeads are tiny fragments of plastic that can be less than 5 millimeters long and are considered a microplastic. They are virtually indestructible because of their small and ubiquitous nature. They have been used in everyday exfoliants like toothpaste or facial scrubs. These products inevitably find their way down the drain which further pollutes the waterways and environment.

In 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed the California Plastic Microbeads Nuisance Prevention Law (PMNPL; AB 888) into law. The law prohibits the

sale of rinse-off personal care products that contain more than one ppm of plastic microbeads. Violators of this law are subject to a \$2,500 daily penalty that is enforced by the Attorney General and local officials. AB 823 builds off of the PMNPL by extending the ban to leave-on personal care and cleaning products, as well as plastic glitter.

#### Challenge

SFPUC's wastewater systems are vulnerable to plastic microbeads that enter the drains from personal care and cleaning products. The City's wastewater treatment plants do not have the technology available to terminate microplastics. Therefore, the most cost effective and efficient way to reduce microplastics is by eliminating them at the source.

Microplastics have infiltrated our natural resources and waterways, which in turn has negatively impacted humans' consumption of food and everyday products. The SFPUC seeks to protect the environment and public health. This bill advances these goals.

#### Solution/Recommended Proposal

The SFPUC recommends a support position for AB 823.

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**Departments Impacted & Why**

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Besides the SFPUC, there is no other San Francisco department detected for impact.

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**Fiscal Impact**

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There are no predicted fiscal impacts to the SFPUC.

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**Support / Opposition**

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**Support**

350 Bay Area Action  
350 Sacramento  
5 Gyres Science to Solutions  
7th Generation Advisors  
Active San Gabriel Valley  
Algalita Marine Research and Education  
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments  
American College of Ob -gyn's District IX  
Azul  
Ban Single Use Plastic  
Black Women for Wellness Action Project  
Breast Cancer Over Time  
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners  
California Black Health Network  
California Domestic Workers Coalition  
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Catholic Charities of Stockton  
Center for Environmental Health  
Chicobag Company  
Clean Water Action  
Cleaneearth4kids.org  
Climate Action California  
Coastal Corridor Alliance  
Community Water Center  
Courage California  
Credo Beauty  
Defend Our Health  
Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority  
Dr. Bronner's  
East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Ecology Center  
Environmental Working Group  
Erin Brockovich Foundation

Facts Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics Safety  
Friends Committee on Legislation of California  
Friends of The Earth  
Green Science Policy Institute  
Innersense Organic Beauty  
Integrated Resource Management  
Intelligent Nutrients  
Just the Goods  
Just Transition Alliance  
Last Plastic Straw  
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Los Angeles Waterkeeper  
Mamavation  
Monterey Bay Aquarium  
National Resources Defense Council  
National Stewardship Action Council  
Naturepedic  
Northern California Recycling Association  
Oakland Recycles  
Pacoima Beautiful  
Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles  
Physicians for Social Responsibility - San Francisco Bay  
Plastic Free Future  
Plastic Pollution Coalition  
Regen Monterey  
ReThink Waste  
Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority  
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Physicians for Social Responsibility  
San Francisco Baykeeper  
Save Our Shores  
Save the Albatross Coalition  
Save the Bay  
Social Eco Education  
Sierra Club California  
SkinOwl  
So Cal 350 Climate Action  
South Bayside Waste Management Authority  
Surfrider Foundation  
Sustainable Rossmoor  
US Green Building Council, California  
Zero Waste Marin  
Zero Waste San Diego  
Zero Waste Sonoma

**Oppose**

*American Chemistry Council*

*American Planning Association, California*

*Chapter*

*Cal Chamber*

*California Grocers Association*

*California Retailers Association*

*Personal Care Products Council*

*Western Plant Health Association*





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### AB 309

**Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur, Assembly District #51, D-Hollywood**

#### Hypodermic needles and syringes.

Recommended Position			
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amended	<input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER &	
Describe			

shown that increased access to sterile syringes significantly lowers rates of transmission and saves lives without increasing rates of drug use.

#### Challenge

In 2023, the National Association of Counties published an issue brief reporting that syringe service programs (SSPs) prevent overdose, link people to SUD treatment, reduce substance use, prevent disease, reduce the amount of syringe litter in the neighborhoods in which they operate, and do not increase or promote criminal activity. Also published in 2023, the US Department of Veteran's Affairs studied the effectiveness of SSPs and reported that SSP utilization likely lowers HIV transmission and reduces injection risk behaviors, and may lower HCV transmission, promote carrying naloxone, increase exposure to overdose education, and facilitate referral to, and enrollment in, treatment services. The report also found that SSP use and presence in communities does not appear to increase injection frequency, unsafe syringe disposal practices, or neighborhood crime rates.

A 2021 modeling study published in Clinical Infectious Diseases assessed the cost

#### Summary

Current law, until January 1, 2026, authorizes a physician or pharmacist to, without a prescription or permit, furnish hypodermic needles and syringes for human use to a person 18 years of age or older. This bill would delete the January 1, 2026, repeal date of this law, thereby extending it indefinitely.

#### Background/Analysis

California first began allowing local governments to authorize pharmacies to sell syringes to adults in 2004. Research has shown that increased access to sterile syringes reduces communicable disease transmission rates. The sharing of used syringes remains the most common mode of transmission of hepatitis B and HCV, and the second most common mode of HIV transmission. Providing sterile injection supplies to people who inject drugs prevents transmission of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, and can also help build connections to care, including substance use disorder treatment. Further, research has

effectiveness of SSPs and found they provide the greatest cost savings in preventing HCV among PWID. The study determined that SSPs alone saved \$363,821 per HCV case avoided per 100 opioid injections. The researchers concluded that SSPs substantially decrease public health costs, in addition to reducing disease transmission.

Current law only allows pharmacists to furnish sterile syringes only extends through January 1, 2026.

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**Solution/Recommended Proposal**

The bill will support California's comprehensive strategy to prevent the spread of HIV and viral hepatitis by preserving existing laws that allow pharmacists to distribute sterile syringes and

allow adults to possess syringes for personal use without a prescription. This bill would delete the January 1, 2026 repeal date, extending the authorization indefinitely.

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**Departments Impacted & Why**

No other departments impacted.

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**Fiscal Impact**

No fiscal impact

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**Support / Opposition**

Sponsored by: California Pharmacists Association; Drug Policy Alliance; San Francisco AIDS Foundation; Health Officers Association of California

No Opposition on file.



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### AB 1460

**Assemblymember Chris Rogers, Assembly District #2, D-Santa Rosa**  
**Prescription drug pricing.**

<b>Recommended Position</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> SPONSOR amended Describe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE	<input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORT if OTHER &

#### Summary

AB 1460 seeks to promote health equity and access to care by ensuring community health centers and other safety-net providers that qualify for the 340B drug pricing program can utilize contract pharmacies to dispense medications to their patients in underserved communities.

#### Background/Analysis

Congress created the 340B Drug Discount Program ("340B") with the intention of allowing eligible health care providers to purchase drugs at a substantial discount "to stretch scarce Federal resources as far as possible, reaching more eligible patients and providing more comprehensive services". In California and San Francisco, 340B has been highly successful and has allowed FQHCs, hospitals, and other safety-net providers to serve more patients with more comprehensive services and provide drugs at a lower cost.

The federal 340B discount medications program is a critical component of San Francisco's public health system. The program makes medications more affordable for uninsured and underinsured populations and the department also generates revenue from reimbursements from 340B that is used to serve vulnerable populations.

#### Challenge

Under the program, entities such as health clinics can dispense 340B drugs through in-house pharmacies they own and/or use contract pharmacy arrangements, in which they contract with outside pharmacies. Under federal guidance, entities can have an unlimited number of contract pharmacies.

During the pandemic, pharmaceutical companies began imposing restrictions, such as restricting the number of contract pharmacies clinic systems could use to supply patients with 340B medications. This has limited health systems and clinics to using only one pharmacy location, which can make it effectively inaccessible to patients seen at clinics located far away from the one pharmacy allowed to participate in the

program.. Drug companies have also been restricting the 340B programs in other ways, including placing arbitrary distance restrictions on pharmacies, requesting excessive claims data information, and limiting the types of medications that are eligible for discount.

In San Francisco, manufactures have imposed these unilateral restrictions on DPH clinics and hospitals, reducing tens-of-thousands of dollars in savings that the DPH system can allocate to improve medication access for uninsured patients.

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**Solution/Recommended Proposal**

This bill seeks to promote health equity and access to care by ensuring community health centers and other community-based safety-net providers that qualify for the 340B drug pricing program can utilize contract pharmacies to dispense medications to their patients in underserved communities. Specifically, this bill will prohibit prescription drug manufacturers from engaging in discriminatory practices that would impose additional conditions, prohibit, restrict, deny, or interfere with a qualifying non-hospital 340B community clinic's purchase or delivery of a

drug eligible for discounts under the federal pricing requirements set forth in the federal 340B program.

Cost savings from the 340B program have helped support DPH clinics serving large numbers of Medi-Cal and uninsured individuals. This bill would ensure that DPH and its clinics can continue to provide quality care and medication access to vulnerable San Franciscans under the 340B program.

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**Departments Impacted & Why**

No other departments are impacted by this bill.

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**Fiscal Impact**

This bill would result in additional cost savings that can be allocated to support uninsured patients.

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**Support / Opposition**

**Support:** California Primary Care Association  
California Partnership for Health

**Oppose:** Drug manufactures



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**AB468**

**Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, District 46, Democrat – San Fernando Valley**  
**Crimes – Looting**

### Recommended Position

☐ SPONSOR ☒ SUPPORT ☐ SUPPORT if amended ☐ OPPOSE ☐ OTHER & Describe

### Summary

AB 468 is a bill that would add sentencing enhancements for the crime of looting, when committed within an area under evacuation or a state of emergency. Additionally, committing the crime of looting in areas under evacuation or under a state of emergency while impersonating an emergency services worker would result in felony charges.

### Background/Analysis

During the fires that affected southern California in January of this year, tens of thousands of acres of land was destroyed and thousands of people were asked to evacuate their homes to seek shelter. Unfortunately, during these evacuation orders, criminals took advantage of the situation and began to loot homes in the affected areas. Additionally, during the commission of these crimes, some looters disguised themselves as emergency service workers. By taking on this disguise, these looters endangered the lives of both on the ground emergency service workers and residents fleeing danger alike.

### Challenge

As natural disasters become more common in our state, it is imperative that residents feel secure that if they need to abide an evacuation order, criminals will think twice before taking advantage of these tragic situations. Secondly, San Francisco must ensure that the public does not second guess the credentials of on the ground emergency service workers during a state of emergency. By looting while impersonating an emergency service worker, these criminals create a great risk to public safety.

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### **Solution/Recommended Proposal**

*This bill proposes to encompass the crimes of burglary and grand theft from a vehicle into the definition of the crime of looting. When these crimes are committed within the bill's defined "area of evacuation" or "area in a state of emergency", the perpetrators would be subject to various sentencing enhancements. In addition to this, looting while impersonating an emergency services worker, as defined in the bill, would result in an additional crime punishable by misdemeanor or a felony, resulting in imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year upon conviction.*

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### **Departments Impacted & Why**

*This legislation impacts the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sherriff's Office, San Francisco District Attorneys Office and San Francisco Public Defender's Office. As the bill seeks to add a sentencing enhancement and establish a new penal procedure, the bill would impact all agencies that pertain to the criminal justice system to abide by the new criminal procedures.*

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### **Fiscal Impact**

*By mandating imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year, this bill has the potential to fiscally impact San Francisco in terms of both charging and trying individuals who commit this crime, but also incarceration costs of housing newly convicted inmates in our county jails.*

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### **Support / Opposition**

*AB 468 is currently supported by various following groups including: American Medical Response West, California District Attorneys Association, California Police Chiefs Association, California Fire Chiefs Association, California Professional Firefighters, League of California Cities, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins.*

*AB468 is also opposed by the following groups, including: ACLU California Action, California Public Defenders Association, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, Initiate Justice, LA Defensa, San Francisco Public Defenders Office and the Vera Institute of Justice.*



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Reviewed and approved by Commission?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO    X N/A

### SB 657

#### Senator Roger W. Niello, Senate District #6, R-Fair Oaks

#### Personal Income Tax Law: deferred compensation: exclusions: long-term qualified tuition program.

##### Recommended Position

☐ SPONSOR    ☒ SUPPORT    ☐ SUPPORT if amended    ☐ OPPOSE    ☐ OTHER & Describe

##### Summary

SB 657 would conform California tax law to recent federal changes under federal law, allowing rollovers from 529 college savings accounts to Roth IRAs to be excluded from state taxable income. The bill removes a major barrier to participation in 529 plans—fear of tax penalties on unused funds if a child does not attend college—by ensuring that these rollovers are treated consistently at both the state and federal levels.

##### Background/Analysis

A 529 plan, such as California's ScholarShare 529, allows families to save for higher education expenses through tax-advantaged accounts. Contributions are made with after-tax dollars, grow tax-free, and can be withdrawn tax-free if used for qualified education expenses.

Recent federal changes now permit a limited rollover of unused 529 funds to Roth IRAs of up to \$35,000 over a lifetime. This provides a valuable fallback use for funds if a child chooses not to attend college. However, California law currently treats the earnings portion of these rollovers as taxable income and imposes a 2.5% penalty, creating a significant disincentive to participate in or contribute to 529 plans.

Families often hesitate to open 529 accounts because they fear penalties if their child's path doesn't involve higher education. SB 657 would remove that fear by ensuring unused funds can instead build retirement savings, giving families confidence that their hard work will not be wasted.

In 2024 alone, nearly 925 California families rolled unused 529 funds into Roth IRAs, averaging \$6,737 per rollover. These aren't high-income families: more than 57% of ScholarShare account holders earn under \$150,000 annually; and nearly 29% earn under \$100,000. Among new account holders, 67% earn less than \$150,000. A 2023 Brand Health Survey found that 73% of the program's target audience said the Roth rollover option would make them more likely to open a 529 account.

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**Challenge**

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Families saving for college want peace of mind that they can utilize 529 funds tax-free regardless of whether their child pursues higher education. The current tax treatment in California penalizes prudent financial planning by imposing taxes and penalties on federally permitted rollovers. This creates confusion and discourages families—particularly those with fewer resources—from investing in higher education savings.

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**Solution/Recommended Proposal**

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SB 657 aligns state tax policy with federal law by exempting special 529-to-Roth IRA rollovers from state income tax and penalties. This improves fairness, simplifies tax compliance, and makes 529 accounts more accessible and attractive, especially for families of modest means.

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**Departments Impacted & Why**

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*None*

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**Fiscal Impact**

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*None*

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**Support / Opposition**

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**Support:**

California State Treasurer (Sponsor)  
Fidelity Investments  
Financial Planning Association  
Securities Industry and Financial Markets  
Association  
10 individuals

**Oppose:**

California Tax Reform Association