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Legislation Text

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Receive an update from staff and the County's State Legislative Advocate on the status of legislation that is of interest to the County and items discussed at the Board's Legislative Committee on August 20, 2018

Published Notice Required? Yes _____ No X
Public Hearing Required? Yes _____ No X

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive an update from staff and the County's State Legislative Advocate on State and Federal legislation of interest to the County and items discussed at the Board's Legislative Committee on August 20, 2018.

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide an overview of items discussed at the Board's Legislative Committee on August 20, 2018. The County's Legislative Advocate, Karen Lange of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc., will provide a verbal update on developments at the Capitol and key legislation of interest to the County. The informational items before the Board were reviewed by the County's Legislative Committee and are discussed individually in the discussion section below.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The legislative program is designed to result in additional funding and cost avoidance relative to Solano County. The cost of preparing this report and compiling the information is a General Fund cost covered in the County Administrator's administration budget.

DISCUSSION:

The County's Legislative Committee Members, Supervisor Erin Hannigan and Supervisor John Vasquez met on August 20, 2018 to discuss both Federal and State issues. Joe Krahn of Paragon Government Relations, the County's Federal Legislative Advocate and Karen Lange of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc., the County's State legislative advocate participated in the meeting as well.

The County's August 20, 2018 Legislative Committee agenda included a Federal update (Attachment A) and State update which will be provided verbally at the Board meeting. Attachment B includes a list of all the 2018 Statewide Propositions that have qualified for the November 6, 2018 ballot and will be included in the verbal State update. Below is a link to the August 20, 2018 Legislative agenda.

<https://admin.solanocounty.com:4433/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=28996>

Also on the agenda was a discussion item from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) encouraging the County to consider signing on to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) "Diesel Free by '33" campaign which stemmed from an event that will be hosted during Governor Jerry Brown's Climate Summit September 10-14, 2018.

The “Diesel Free by ‘33” campaign is aimed at eliminating diesel emissions and black carbon in local communities throughout California. The BAAQMD put a call out to the 101 cities throughout the Bay Area and beyond to commit to going diesel free in their cities by 2033. The ABAG staff report and the BAAQMD’s “Summary of Available Zero-Emission Technologies and Funding Opportunities” document is contained in the Legislative Committee agenda for August 20, 2018.

Supervisor Hannigan introduced the item noting the request came from the ABAG. Following a discussion on the Diesel Free by ‘33 initiative, the Legislative Committee requested staff return in mid-October with additional information including impacts to Solano County. The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2018.

Staff also provided an update on the County’s process and timeline for developing the 2019 Federal and State Legislative Platform which is also included in the Legislative Committee agenda for August 20, 2018. Staff anticipates bringing the 2019 Proposed Platform to the Board in Mid November but no later than early December.