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TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #10 – PENDING LEGISLATION REPORT

BACKGROUND:

The new legislative session is in full tilt with all bills needing to move out of their house of origin by the end of April to the next house for discussion. Attachment #1 to this report is the CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report as of May 7, 2012 which outline bills of interest to LAFCOs throughout the State and the position, if any, taken by the CALAFCO Board of Directors. Several bills are of importance to the operations of the Commission as well as some which, if approved, will impose new unfunded mandates. The information which follows outlines the current status on these specific bills.

1. AB 2238 – On April 23, a letter in opposition to AB 2238 was forwarded to Assembly Member Perea, the San Bernardino County Legislative delegation, CALAFCO and others. This bill has been amended again on May 1. However, the amendments in the May 1st change do not affect any of the provisions affecting LAFCOs; therefore, staff is recommending that the Commission continue to oppose this legislation. The basis for this position is that the bill proposes an unfunded mandate which will result in new and costly studies of service provision without any direct improvement to the services delivered, or not delivered, to the disadvantaged communities it wishes to assist. In addition, a copy of the CALAFCO letter of opposition to the amended bill is included as Attachment #2 to this report.
2. AB 2698 – This is the CALAFCO sponsored Omnibus Bill to provide for clean-up, non-substantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act. The bill is moving through the legislative process and a letter outlining the Commission's support of the bill has been provided.
3. SB 1498 – Staff understands that this bill is undergoing a "gut and amend" process by Senator Wolk and will not move forward with the amendments identified in the Emmerson bill. Staff will monitor whatever changes occur to this legislation and keep the Commission apprised of the progress.

4. SB 1566 -- This legislation is proposed to change the actions of SB 89, adopted last June to remove the motor vehicle license fees (VLF) that was provided to newly incorporated cities and for those cities which annexed inhabited territory after 2004. A letter outlining the Commissions' support for this legislation was forwarded on April 24, 2012. The bill is scheduled for hearing before the Senate Local Government Committee on May 7.

Staff is recommending that the Commission review and file the report on pending legislation. Staff will be happy to answer any questions prior to or at the hearing.

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Attachments:

1. [CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report dated May 7, 2012](#)
2. [Copy of CALAFCO Opposition Letter on AB 2238 Dated April 19, 2012](#)