



COUNCIL AGENDA: 06-19-12
ITEM: 2.58

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Dennis Hawkins, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 06-14-12

SUBJECT: SB 1329 (SIMITIAN) PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

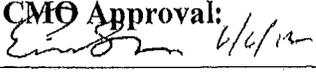
RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on June 13, 2012 and outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to the Rules and Open Government Committee, adopt a support position for SB 1329 (Simitian) Prescription Drugs: Collection and Distribution Program.



Subject: SB 1329 (Simitian)
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS: COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.

Recommend Position: Support

City Council Action Request			
Department: ESD	DATE: 06/06/12	Coordination: CMO/PBCE/ CAO/OED/ Housing	CMO Approval:  6/6/12 Dept. Approval: /s/ Kerrie Romanow
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
1. Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, approve support for SB 1329 (Simitian). 2. Recommend a one-week turnaround to the City Council so that the City's legislative staff can advocate for the City's support for SB 1329.			
BILL SYNOPSIS:			
The 2005 bill SB 1329 allowed counties to recover unused prescription medication from skilled nursing facilities, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and wholesalers, and to distribute them without charge to people of modest means who need to medications. This bill expands the types of entities that can donate and dispense medication in the prescription drug depository and distribution program that provides donated medication to medically indigent patients, includes these additional entities within the immunity from criminal and civil liability contained in existing law, and allows counties to establish a program through an action by the county board or through an action of the public health officer of the county, instead of only through county ordinance under existing law.			
IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSÉ:			
This legislation may directly impact the City of San José by expanding a program to dispense unused drugs (which would otherwise become part of the waste stream) to underserved community members that cannot afford medications. It promotes reuse over discard; it saves money for residents, medical facilities, and taxpayers. It could help create a more medically stabilized population of patients and citizens.			
POLICY ALIGNMENT:			
Included in the Council approved 2012 Guiding Principles and Priorities under "Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection" is the guiding principle to "Support source reduction and increase recycling and composting in order to achieve zero waste." The guiding principle "Promotes access to affordable health care for seniors and youth" is also included in this section.			
SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:			

RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

June 6, 2012

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SUPPORT

American Cancer Society
California Association of Health Facilities
California Medical Association
National Federation of Independent Business
Sierra Club California
California State Association of Counties
County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors
Californians Against Waste
California Assisted Living Association
San Francisco Towers
Golden Empire Convalescent Hospital
Marin Community Clinics
Bethesda Home
Children's Recovery Center of Northern California
Community Care on Palm
Golden Age Convalescent Hospital
Stonebrook Healthcare Center
Aegis of Corte Madera

OPPOSE

None

STATUS OF BILL

May 25: The bill was referred to the Assembly Health Committee

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT: Jeff Anderson 975-2518