



Memorandum

**TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

FROM: Leslye Krutko

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 16, 2010

Approved

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6/16/10

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

SNI AREA: N/A

SUBJECT: SB 1084 (LIU) – TASK FORCE ON ECONOMIC SECURITY

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, approve support for SB 1084 (Liu).

ANALYSIS

In December 2009, the City Council approved staff working on changing the federal poverty line to a standard that recognizes high-cost areas. As part of this work, staff was directed to actively participate in Step up Silicon Valley, a county-wide effort, led by Catholic Charities to reduce poverty in Santa Clara County.

The State has various programs that aim to reduce poverty and increase economic security among residents; however, there is neither a comprehensive inventory of these programs nor a comprehensive statewide plan on how to increase economic security. SB 1084 would create a two-year, bipartisan Task Force that would be responsible for creating a unified plan for reducing poverty and increasing economic security among Californians. The Task Force, to be comprised of members of the Legislature, Secretaries and Directors of State agencies, members of the public, and representatives of key stakeholder groups, will provide actionable, specific, and long-term recommendations on how the State can cut poverty in half statewide by 2020.

SB 1084 includes language that would require the Task Force to develop rates of economic security for Californians. These rates would be based on the California Family Economic Self-Sufficiency Standard Index, which takes into account the income necessary to cover the costs of basic needs among Californians at the family and county level. This standard is based on considerations including the income needed to cover expenses such as housing, child-care, and medical costs – costs which are not taken into account in the federal poverty standard. Basing the rates of economic insecurity on this standard will provide a more accurate depiction than the

federal poverty standard of the number of families that are struggling to make ends meet in high-cost areas such as Santa Clara County.

The creation of the California Task Force on Economic Security will move the State towards adopting a more coordinated effort to helping those who are most in need.

STATUS OF BILL

The bill has passed the Senate and has been referred to the Assembly.

SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS

The bill is being co-sponsored by the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, Western Center on Law and Poverty, and the Women's Foundation of California. It is also being supported by numerous organizations including the California State Association of Counties, Catholic Charities of California United, Children's Defense Fund, and United Way of California. There is no registered opposition.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This document will be posted on the City's website for the June 23, 2010 Rules and Open Government Committee.

COORDINATION

Per the City's expedited bill recommendation process, this memorandum was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office and the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

POLICY ALIGNMENT

This position is consistent with the Council-adopted 2010 Legislative Guiding Principles and Priorities: Changing the Federal Poverty Line to a Standard that Recognizes High-Cost Areas.

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Not a project.

/s/

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