



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/6/2026

File #: 25-1408

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Natalie Arroyo

Agenda Section: Time Certain Matter

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

9:30 AM - Letter of Support for Senate Bill (SB) 684: Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the chair to sign the letter of support; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to send the letter of support.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Sustainable Natural Resources & Infrastructure Stewardship

Strategic Plan Category: 5001 - Enhance climate adaptation landscapes and communities

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Arroyo is requesting a letter of support for SB 684, the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act of 2025, which she recommends due to alignment with the county's commitment to proactive climate action and community resilience. Humboldt County faces severe climate impacts including intensified wildfires, winter storms and the fastest sea level rise on the West Coast and has conducted numerous climate studies and developed a Regional Climate Action Plan to reduce emissions and protect local infrastructure. SB 684, which is co-authored by Assemblymember Chris Rogers, is intended to support the county's climate-related efforts by generating funding for statewide climate mitigation and adaptation. Supervisor Arroyo believes this legislation is critical to ensuring that those responsible for climate damage, not local governments, or residents, bear the costs of addressing it.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to sending a letter of support.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this agenda item.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

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ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter of Support
Senate Bill 684

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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