



Requesting support for AB 1242

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Dear Supervisor Wilson,

Please use your influence on Humboldt's state legislators to get AB 1242 (the Make Polluters Pay law) passed to the Senate in January. The bill requires polluters contribute financially to remediate the impacts on the climate that they are responsible for. We need to ensure the impacts of global warming are being addressed in every aspect of California's business activities.

Sincerely,

Virginia Rogers

Arcata, CA

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Outlook

comment regarding proposed bill endorsement

From Martha Walden <mawalden53@yahoo.com>

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Please see two attachments--a comment regarding Polluters Pay bill and a sample resolution.

Thank you.
Martha Walden

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 684, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act, introduced by Senator Caroline Menjivar, and Assembly Bill No. 1243, introduced by Assembly Member Dawn Addis, to address the climate crisis in California by shifting the burden of increased taxpayer costs away from California residents and small businesses to fossil fuel companies responsible for the climate crisis.

WHEREAS, Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of climate disasters across California, including devastating wildfires, extreme heat events, floods, hurricane-force winds, droughts, mud slides, and sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 Palisades and Eaton fires in Los Angeles alone caused over \$250 billion in damages, burning 58.5 square miles of land and destroying 16,200 structures, resulting in the displacement of tens of thousands of families; and

WHEREAS, A series of atmospheric rivers that impacted Northern California in 2024 caused \$4.5 billion in damages; and

WHEREAS, Major fossil fuel companies have emitted billions of tons of climate warming gasses while generating billions of dollars in profits from products they knew were driving the climate crisis and climate-related catastrophes; and

WHEREAS, California has a long and successful history of holding industries accountable for the harm of their operations and the impacts of their products through Extended Producer Responsibility laws, litigation, and other means; and

WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act addresses the financial injustices imposed on taxpayers and working families from climate-related disasters by requiring fossil fuel polluters to offset the costs imposed on the taxpayer for the damage caused and enhanced by their products; and

WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act will ensure polluters pay to remedy at least some portion of the burdens they have imposed on Californians, all while amassing exorbitant profits; and

WHEREAS, The Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act is modeled on the federal Superfund law (CERCLA) and California's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act; and

WHEREAS, The bill is distinct from, complementary to, and does not affect ongoing lawsuits to hold Big Oil accountable for their decades of deception and denial regarding the

known, dire risks their products pose; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 are sponsored by a broad array of state legislators, consumer advocates, environmental organizations, and unions, including the Center for Biological Diversity, California Environmental Voters, Physicians for Social Responsibility, California Federation of Teachers, and the California Nurses Association; and

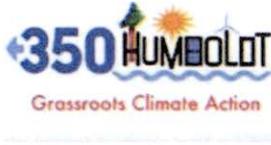
WHEREAS, locally Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 are supported by 350 Humboldt, the Environmental Protection Information Center, the Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities, the Climate Action Campaign of the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and _____

WHEREAS, With the passage of Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243, California would join Vermont and New York, the first states to pass climate superfund laws last year; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Arcata City Council supports Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Arcata City Council urges our local delegation representing Arcata in the State Legislature to support SB 684/AB 1243 and further urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to sign Senate Bill No. 684 and Assembly Bill No. 1243 into law; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk shall send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Mike McGuire, Speaker of the State Assembly Robert Rivas, and the California Assembly District 2 member, Chris Rogers.



12/10/25

Dear Humboldt County Supervisors,

Californians are facing the burgeoning costs of climate change—flooding, sea level rise, heat waves, drought, and above all, wildfires that spread from the forest into cities and towns. To choose just one example, the costs of rebuilding the Palisades area of Los Angeles are estimated at a staggering \$250 billion. We here in Humboldt are luckier so far but hardly immune to disastrous wildfires, and sea level rise will increasingly incur huge expenses such as raising 101 between Eureka and Arcata. Despite currently being the fifth largest economy in the world, California struggles to find the funds to repair climate-related damage, to mitigate emissions and to adapt to a future shaped by the climate crisis.

Where will the money come from?

The Polluters Pay bill [SB 684 / AB 1243] offers a partial yet significant answer. If passed, California could become the third state to require top CO2 emitters to take financial responsibility for a portion of their products' climate-altering emissions. The fossil fuel industries have become very wealthy by ignoring the warnings of climate scientists, including their own staff, for several decades. Only corporations responsible for more than a billion tons of greenhouse gas emitted between 1990 and

2024, would pay fees, which will be assessed in proportion to those emissions. This small portion of their profits would achieve a measure of justice and help solve a major financial challenge facing us all.

As Humboldt County's financial health is bound up with that of California, we urge the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to inform Senator McGuire and Assemblymember Rogers of its support for the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act [SB 684 / AB 1243] and to ask the California State Association of Counties to heavily lobby all legislative representatives. We are also sending a resolution very similar to those passed by eleven other California cities¹ in support of Polluters Pay in hopes that it will be useful.

Thank you for considering adding Humboldt County to the list of backers for Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act.

350 Humboldt steering committee

Martha Walden

Nancy Ihara

Dan Chandler

¹Albany, Berkeley, Laguna Beach, Los Angeles, La Mesa, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Santa Cruz County, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Jose