



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 5/3/2022

File #: 22-551

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Steve Madrone

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Letter of Support for AB1502: Skilled Nursing Facility Ownership and Management Reform Act of 2022 (Supervisor Steve Madrone)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter and direct the Clerk of the Board to mail the original to Senator Richard Pan and email copy to Maggie Kraft at mkraft@alaa.org <<mailto:mkraft@alaa.org>>

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

California has a growing problem of nursing homes being operated by unsuitable, unapproved, and unaccountable persons and entities. AB 1502 would reform ownership and management of skilled nursing facilities by establishing suitability standards for persons and entities seeking to own, operate, or manage skilled nursing facilities in California and directing the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to thoroughly screen all applicants and related parties. The bill would also require owners and operators to obtain prior approval from CDPH before acquiring, operating, or managing a nursing home and provides sanctions if they don't. In addition, AB1502 prohibits the use of management agreements to circumvent state licensure requirements and requires CDPH to post nursing home licensing applications on its website and to give the public an opportunity to comment on pending applications.

The pandemic has brought tragedy and death to nursing home residents throughout California and exposed severe problems in the state's oversight of these facilities. AB1502 sponsored by (Muyratsuchi/Wood) is vitally needed to provide protections for the elderly and some of our most vulnerable populations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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N/A

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Letter of Support for AB1502

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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