



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/17/2023

File #: 23-1365

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Michelle Bushnell

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Letter of Request to the Attorney General for Relief from the Inflated Fuel Costs in Rural California (Supervisor Michelle Bushnell)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the Letter to the Attorney General.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

Fuel cost in Humboldt County continue to be far above the state average. According to one website, the United States average is around \$3.75 per gallon with California averaging \$5.60. In Humboldt County (at the time of this report) the average fuel cost was \$6.49 per gallon.

Supervisor Bushnell would like to have County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors send a letter to the Attorney General's office explaining the financial impact these fuel costs have on the individuals and businesses in Humboldt County. She is further requesting the Attorney General to address steps in helping the rural counties in alleviating this burden.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impacts to the individual residents of Humboldt County are significant. The increased fuel costs impact the economy on multiple levels.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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

Core Roles: Protect vulnerable populations

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New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service
Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board of Supervisors could modify the letter or vote not to send a letter to the Attorney General. This is not recommended as sharing the perspective of Humboldt County officials is important to addressing and potentially reducing the economic impacts to the County.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter to the Attorney General

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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