



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/27/2021

File #: 21-523

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn and Supervisor Michelle Bushnell

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member (Supervisor Bohn and Supervisor Bushnell)

SUBJECT:

Letter of Opposition to Senate Bill 271 (Wiener) (Supervisor Rex Bohn and Supervisor Michelle Bushnell)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the letter of opposition.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

DISCUSSION:

Currently, to qualify for the elected office of Sheriff a candidate must have an advanced certificate issued by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training or meet a combination of certain educational degree and full-time, salaried law enforcement experience. Senate Bill 271 is an act to amend Section 13.5 of the Elections Code, and to repeal Section 24004.3 of the Government Code relating to local government. This amendment would allow for any person eighteen years of age to be allowed to run for the Humboldt County Office of Sheriff regardless of experience and qualifications.

Supervisor Bohn and Supervisor Bushnell would like to send a letter of opposition to Senator Wiener and those in support because expertise and specific training cannot be under valued when electing a Sheriff. It is through education and experience that a Sheriff not only fulfills their responsibilities to the citizens of the county, but to the many aspects of law enforcement that he oversees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

AB 271

Letter of Opposition

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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