



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
D-11

For the meeting of: July 19, 2016

Date: July 8, 2016  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Ryan Sundberg  
Subject: Letter of Support for SB 867 (Roth) Authorizing Counties to Continue to Collect Funds to Support Local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Existing law establishes the Maddy Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund, and authorizes each county to establish an emergency medical services fund for reimbursement of costs related to emergency medical services. Existing law, until January 1, 2017, authorizes county boards of supervisors to elect to levy an additional penalty, for deposit into the EMS Fund, in the amount of \$2 for every \$10 upon fines, penalties, and forfeitures collected for criminal offenses. Existing law, until January 1, 2017, requires 15% of the funds collected pursuant to that provision to be used to provide funding for pediatric trauma centers. SB 867 would extend the operative date of these provisions until January 1, 2027.

The Board is being asked to support SB 867 as the bill is critically important in continuing to provide millions of dollars locally and throughout the State to support the Emergency Medical and Health Care Safety Network.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass  
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass  
Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent \_\_\_\_\_

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

1 Dated: July 19, 2016  
By: [Handwritten Signature]  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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July 19, 2016

Governor Edmund G. Brown  
State Capitol, Suite #1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 867 (Roth) – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown:

On Behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisor, I am writing in full support of SB 867. This bill will continue critically important supplemental “Maddy” Emergency Medical Services funding, as well as Pediatric Trauma Center (“Richie”) funding for counties, hospitals, physicians and Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies across California.

The rural North Coast of California does not have a Pediatric Trauma Center within 300 miles. SB 867 will continue direct “Richie” funding to North Coast EMS designated Emergency Departments approved for Pediatrics in Humboldt County. In addition, SB 867 authorizes counties to collect funds to support local Emergency Medical Services systems and pediatric care, as well as hospitals and physicians who provide uncompensated patient care.

Without SB 867 funding, hospitals, physicians, children’s specialty care centers and Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies throughout California could face substantial funding cuts and the emergency medical care of adults and children alike will suffer.

Our Board strongly supports SB 867 and respectfully requests your support of this very important legislation.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Larry Karsteadt, Executive Director, North Coast EMS