

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 389 (Hertzberg) Mental Health Services Act - Support

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports SB 389 (Hertzberg) which would amend the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to authorize counties to utilize money from the MHSA to provide services to individuals on parole.

Currently, the MHSA specifically prohibits using funds for certain treatment services for parolees. Individuals on parole should be encouraged to seek mental health treatment within their community. SB 389 provides counties the flexibility to provide high-quality services to individuals regardless of their justice-involved status, resulting in reduced recidivism and improved public safety.

Humboldt County supports state funding to increase treatment options for justice-involved individuals within our community. We are pleased to join with the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), the Judicial Council of California and the California District Attorneys Association in our support for SB 389.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn
Chair, Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc: Shaw/Yoder/Antwith, Inc.
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA)
Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)
Tim Ash, Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board