



Alameda County Board of Supervisors
Personnel, Administration, and Legislation (PAL) Committee
LEGISLATIVE POSITION REQUEST FORM

- Initiating department completes this form in order to propose a legislative advocacy position to the PAL Committee. When multiple departments/agencies are impacted by a PAL item, each one must add its analysis and agree to the position. Instructions for completing the form are on the back and in the flow chart.
- Prior to submitting this form: the County's legislative advocates (State and federal) are available to assist you with questions you may have. Please include the CAO Legislative Analyst in these communications.
- Please complete each item below.
- **Submission deadline is noon on the Monday two weeks prior to the PAL meeting.**

CONNECTION TO ADOPTED LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM OR PRINCIPLE: Legislative Principles –

- Oppose legislative and budgetary actions that result in reduced levels of service to impacted populations in Alameda County, or the shift of program responsibility to the County without adequate funding and preemption of local control.
- Oppose legislative and budgetary actions that reduce local control and adversely impact the County's ability to execute its mission and vision.

REQUESTER'S INFORMATION:

Name: Colleen Chawla

Initiating Agency/Department: Health Care Services Agency

Title: Agency Director

List other impacted Agency/Departments as applicable:

CAO Legislative Analyst: Theresa Rude

CAO Budget, Performance and Policy Analyst: Peter Coletto

RECOMMENDATION:

Requester's Recommendation: Oppose unless amended

Other Impacted Agency(ies)/Department(s) N/A

Each impacted agency check one: Co-sponsor:

Endorse:

No Position:

BILL INFORMATION:

Bill Number, Author: AB 1964 (Maienschein)

Bill Title: Organized camps

Current Bill Status (include last Committee action and date): Referred to Assembly Committee on Health (04/04/18).

Current Law/Context: Existing law requires the State Public Health Officer to establish rules and regulations establishing minimum standards for organized camps, and regulations governing the operation of organized camps that he or she determines are necessary to protect the health and safety of the campers. Existing law establishes minimum standards for the operation, regulation, and enforcement of organized camps, as defined.

Existing oversight of organized residential camps is already overly broad and requires local health departments to operate beyond their scope of expertise related to health and sanitation. This bill would further exacerbate these issues by adding roughly 700 additional day camps statewide under the oversight of local health departments. Whereas a daycare currently has to comply with a myriad of standards set in place to ensure the child's well-being, with the Department of Social Services utilizing their expertise as the oversight entity, day camps would not have the same safeguards in place, even with this bill.

Description of Bill: AB 1964 would expand the definition of "organized camps" to include day camps and would establish definitions and requirements for these camps, thereby creating a new mandate on local health departments.

Under this bill the local health department would be the sole oversight body of a day camp and would oversee areas such as building standards and childcare-like safety standards.

Potential financial and program impact to Alameda County (include impact to other County agencies/departments. When there is impact to multiple County agencies/departments, they must indicate co-sponsor, endorse, or no position on the request.): This bill would mandate oversight responsibilities of day camps to local health departments, which falls outside of their expertise and organizational capacity. As a result, this would place additional burdens on local health departments and would not adequately address the safety of children attending these day camps.

Anticipated Opposition/Support: **Support:** California Collaboration for Youth (sponsor), California State Alliance of YMCAs, Outpost Recreation and Education, Inc., and Valley Trails Summer Camp **Oppose:** County of San Bernardino **Oppose Unless Amended:** California State Association of Counties, County Health Executive Association of California, Rural County Representatives of California, and Urban Counties of California

Proposed Amendments (include amendments you are proposing): Amend the bill to limit the oversight of local health departments to their core responsibilities and expertise which include the health and sanitation aspects of day camps. Additionally amend the bill to provide oversight of day camps by additional enforcement agencies that can provide the appropriate expertise to assure the safety of children attending a day camp.

MEETING DATE REQUESTS:

Please specify the PAL Committee meeting date for your request: May 7, 2018 **Submitted 4/23/2018**

Please specify the Board of Supervisors meeting date for your request: Next available

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM via email to: (1) Tisa Potter, PAL Clerk, tisa.potter@acgov.org
(2) CAO Legislative Analyst; (3) Your Department's CAO Budget, Performance and Policy Analyst; (4) PAL Chair contact (5) State/Federal Legislative Advocate. For PAL meeting dates, contact the Board Committee Clerk at 208-3916.