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Re: SCR 47 (DeSaulnier) Health in All Policies

Dear Dr. Chapman:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) Board voted on May 2, 2012, at the CCLHO Semiannual Business meeting to continue to support passage of SCR 47 with minimal amendments, as long as they retain the spirit of the resolution. CCLHO recommends that the California Department of Public Health take the CCLHO position into consideration in your analysis of the legislation.

SRC 47 would, among other things, request that the Strategic Growth Council and the member agencies, departments, and offices of the Health in All Policies Task Force, as established by Executive Order S-04-10, provide leadership on implementing the recommendations put forth in the Health in All Policies Task Force Report and would encourage interdepartmental collaboration with an emphasis on the complex environmental factors that contribute to poor health and inequities when developing policies.

The language of SCR 47 was carefully crafted through collaboration with a number of highly qualified professionals. Therefore, CCLHO supports the language as is and would support only minimal amendments. Additionally, the resolution is not mandatory, but is a request to consider health and inequities in policy development for a healthier California.

As you are aware, CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now the California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, and commissions, as well as officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at wilma.wooten@sdcounty.ca.gov or 619-542-4181.

Sincerely,

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