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RE: AB 271 - Homeless death review committees

To Dr. Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **SUPPORT IF AMENDED AB 271.**

This bill would authorize counties to establish a homeless death review committee for the purposes of gathering information to identify the root causes of death of homeless individuals and to determine strategies to improve coordination of services for the homeless population. The bill would establish procedures for the sharing or disclosure of information by a homeless death review committee.

For these reasons, CCLHO recommends a SUPPORT IF AMENDED position for AB 271 with the following amendment:

- Change "counties" to "jurisdiction" for allowance of a homeless death review committee to be established in California's three (3) city health departments.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and 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.

Sincerely,

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