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RE: AB 2866 - Pool safety: State Department of Social Services regulated facilities (Support)

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 AB 2866**. On April 3, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support recommendation.

This bill would repeal current exemptions under the Swimming Pool Safety Act for certain facilities regulated by the Department of Social Services. The bill would require a child day care facility licensed by the department with a swimming pool to have either the mesh fence or enclosure and either a pool cover or safety alarm. The bill would require the child day care facility to perform a daily inspection of the safety features and maintain a log to be provided to the department during scheduled inspections. Furthermore, AB 2866 aims to eliminate a loophole that potentially puts children at risk of drowning while attending childcare and enhances requirements for pool safety at child day care facilities.

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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