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Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
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Report on Pending Legislation

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive this report and provide direction to the staff as appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Dan Schwartz, Chair of the CALAFCO Legislative Committee has provided the following current information regarding legislation of interest the LAFCOs. The Commission may receive and file the report or provide specific direction to the staff regarding these bills.

- AB 2306 (Richman)

Recommendation: **Oppose**

This bill restricts LAFCO's ability to impose conditions under Government Code §56375.3.

Specifically, the bill, which arises from a situation involving the City of Simi Valley and Ventura LAFCO, prohibits LAFCOs from imposing conditions on one boundary change that require a city to initiate proceedings for another boundary change where the territory is not contiguous to and physically related to the initial annexation.

CALAFCO has opposed the bill. This Assembly bill has been approved by the Senate Local Government Committee and will next move to the Senate floor. If approved it will return to the Assembly for concurrence with Senate amendments

- AB 2634 (Canciamilla)

Recommendation: **Oppose**

Currently the law requires LAFCO in reviewing a proposal to consider "Consistency with city and county general and specific plans." This bill would require Contra Costa LAFCO determinations to be consistent with the Urban Limit Line (ULL) in the County general plan, thereby establishing the County plan as having greater validity in LAFCO proceedings than potentially conflicting city general plans.

CALAFCO opposes the bill. It is being held in the Senate Local Government Committee and is not expected to move forward.

- AB 3077 (Assembly Local Government Committee)

Recommendation: **Support**

This is the annual CALAFCO-sponsored omnibus bill to make beneficial, non-controversial changes in the Cortese -Knox-Hertzberg Act.

The bill passed the Senate Local Government Committee on consent and will likely move quickly through the remaining process and to the Governor's desk for signature.

- **AB 1936 (Berg)**

Recommendation: **Watch**

This bill, being watched by CALAFCO, passed the Senate Local Government Committee. It will establish a special procedure to consider reorganizing Del Norte County and the City of Crescent City into a consolidated city-county government somewhat similar to San Francisco.

- **SB 1529 (McPherson)**

Recommendation: **Oppose**

The bill would circumvent Monterey LAFCO and dissolve the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. CALAFCO will oppose the bill based on its Legislative Policy that "CALAFCO opposes the granting of special status to any individual agency or proposal to circumvent the LAFCO process."

It appears on the Assembly Local Government Committee agenda and will be heard in the near future.

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It is recommended that the Commission receive this report and provide direction to the staff as appropriate. Commission positions about legislation will be communicated to CALAFCO and the County's legislative delegation:

Sincerely,

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