

HSAB Legislative Process



Health Services Advisory Board Meeting June 10, 2025

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Agenda



Welcome



County Legislative Program



Overview of Policy A-74



Q&A

Legislative Program



Sponsorship

- Bills Sponsored by the County.

Priority Issues

- High level areas of interest.

Policy Guidelines

- Provides direction to advocate on issues that may impact County programs.

Example of Formal Position



BOS M-2- LEGISLATIVE POLICY: LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

June 15, 2023

TO: Supervisor Nora Vargas, Chairwoman
Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice Chair
Supervisor Joel Anderson
Supervisor Jim Desmond

FROM: Caroline Smith, Director
Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs

SUPPORT: ASSEMBLY BILL 663 (HANEY) PHARMACY: MOBILE UNITS.

Opioid overdoses are connected to rising deaths among vulnerable populations in San Diego County. According to data from the San Diego County Medical Examiner and San Diego's Regional Taskforce on Homelessness, 588 people experiencing homelessness died in San Diego County in 2022. Of these deaths, 361 died due to an overdose, including 269 individuals who died from a fentanyl overdose.

Providing Input on the Legislative Program



Public Health Services

- Part of Departmental Review

HSAB

- Bundled with Departmental Review

Public Comment

- Community Forum, Email, Social Media

Legislative Program Timeline



EDGA Seeks Input from Departments and Committees: Late Summer

Public Comment Period: Late Summer

Community Forum: October

Legislative Program Presented to Board of Supervisors: December

Policy A-74



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY		
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Citizen Participation in County Boards Commissions, and Committees	A-74	5 of 18
<p>committee meeting place of which they are a member and which is within the County. Members will be reimbursed at the mileage rate established in Section 472.2 of the Administrative Code.</p> <p>12. Legislation - County committees are created to advise the Board of Supervisors - not the Legislature or Congress, with the exception of those committees which have been specifically mandated to advise other legislators under the government codes or laws establishing them. When a County committee wishes to make a recommendation on pending legislation to a legislative body other than the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the committee shall submit recommendations or positions on legislation to the Department Head. The Department Head shall submit the committee recommendations to the Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs, noting the departmental position, relative to the Committee recommendations. The Office of Strategy and Intergovernmental Affairs shall inform the Board of Supervisors of the committee's recommendation or the CAO may place the committee and its recommendation on a future Board of Supervisors agenda.</p> <p>If the Board does not agree with the committee and will not forward the recommendations to the appropriate legislative body, the committee members may, as individuals, contact the legislative body recommending certain actions. Transmittal of recommendations on County letterhead without prior Board approval violates the intent of Board Policy M-2 (Legislative Advocacy). The exception being those committees which have been specifically mandated to advise other legislators under the government codes or laws establishing them. These committees may forward their recommendations per the requirements of their mandate.</p>		

The committee wants to take a position on legislation.

Committee recommendation is routed to HHSA Director via committee support staff.

Committee recommendation and HHSA position are submitted to EDGA.

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Questions



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