



County of Santa Cruz

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HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
ADMINISTRATION

August 29, 2000

AGENDA: September 18, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Adopt Resolution Supporting AB 1147 Maternal and Child Health Services

Dear Members of the Board:

The 2001-02 State Budget eliminated \$2.644 million in appropriations for County Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services due to a line item veto of MCH funds by Governor Gray Davis. The statewide reduction in MCH funds further reduces funding to local programs by almost \$7 million due to the loss of federal matching dollars. As a result of these cuts, Santa Cruz County will experience a loss of \$45,520 in state funds and a corresponding loss of \$82,836 in federal funds. Assembly Bill 1147, introduced by Assembly Member Helen Thomson, will restore \$2.644 million in state MCH funds and thereby recapture \$7 million in federal funds.

In Santa Cruz County, MCH funds provide program and administrative direction and support for critical MCH functions such as the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program, public health nurse home visitation, follow-up on sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) cases and high risk infant clients, pregnant and parenting teen families, the Child Passenger Safety Seat distribution program, among many others. Although funding for many of these specific programs remains, funding to support the administrative staff function would be eliminated. The state MCH allocation funds MCH Director staff and Perinatal Services Coordinator staff who conduct program planning and policy development, coordination and collaboration in the broader community with such groups as Healthy Start, Family Resource Centers/Answers Benefiting Children, Success By Six, Investing in Children and Families – What Works!, Children's Commission, Children's Network, Cal-School Age Families Education Council, Breastfeeding Coalition, and the statewide Adolescent Health Collaborative.

Throughout California, the ability of individual counties to compensate for this loss of state MCH funds will vary. Restoration of these vital MCH funds will allow programs to be maintained at their present level. The Health Services Agency, through various

contracts and memoranda of understanding, is committed to the continued provision of MCH services in Santa Cruz County.

Assembly Bill 1147 (Thomson) will provide for the immediate restoration of \$2.644 million in state funds for County Maternal and Child Health services. The Health Services Agency recommends joining other California counties in urging Governor Gray Davis to sign Assembly Bill 1147 into law.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:


1. Adopt the attached resolution supporting AB 1147 and direct the Chairman of the Board to convey that support to the Honorable Gray Davis, Governor of California.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.
Health Services Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

Attachment: Resolution
Assembly Bill 1147

cc: County Administrative Office
County Counsel
HSA Administration
Public Health Administration

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

On the motion of Supervisor
duly seconded by Supervisor
the following resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AB 1147 (THOMSON) RELATING TO COUNTY MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, County Maternal and Child Health programs provide vital community services to improve the health of women, children, and adolescents; and

WHEREAS, the State Budget Act of 2001 includes a statewide reduction of \$2.644 million for County Maternal and Child Health Services: and

WHEREAS, the reduction in State funds for County Maternal and Child Health Services reduces funding to local programs by almost \$7 million due to the loss of federal matching dollars; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in funding for County Maternal and Child Health services leaves many overburdened working families and their children without crucial health services; and

WHEREAS, AB 1147 (Thomson) would restore \$2.644 million in appropriations for County Maternal and Child Health Services by augmenting Item 4260-001-0001 of the Budget Act of 2001 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 2001).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, hereby supports Assembly Bill 1147 and urges the Honorable Gray Davis, Governor of California, to sign into law Assembly Bill 1147.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this eleventh day of September, 2001 by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS
NOES:	SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Assistant County Counsel

Distribution:

County Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Health Services Agency Administration
Public Health Administration

BILL NUMBER: AB 1147 AMENDED
BILL TEXT

0104

AMENDED IN SENATE SEPTEMBER 6, 2001
AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 10, 2001
AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 2, 2001
AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 21, 2001
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 4, 2001
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 1, 2001
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 17, 2001

INTRODUCED BY Assembly ~~Members Thomson and Migden~~
Member Thomson

~~(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Aanestad and Richman)~~

~~(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aroner, Frommer, Goldberg, Koretz, Negrete-McLeod, Salinas, Steinberg, Wayne, and Wesson)~~

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aanestad, Alquist, Aroner, Cardenas, Cedillo, Chan, Chu, Cohn, Correa, Dickerson, Goldberg, Hertzberg, Jackson, Keeley, Kehoe, Liu, Oropeza, Pavley, Richman, Salinas, Shelley, and Strom-Martin)

(Coauthors: Senators Alpert, Chesbro, Costa, Escutia, Johannessen, Karnette, Kuehl, Oller, Ortiz, Perata, Speier, and Torlakson)

FEBRUARY 23, 2001

~~An act to amend Section 2807 of the Labor Code relating to health care coverage.~~ An act to augment Item 4260-111-0001 of Section 2.00 of the Budget Act of 2001 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 2001), relating to county maternal and child health services, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1147, as amended, Thomson. ~~Health care coverage~~
County maternal and child health services: funding

Existing law ~~requires all employers to notify their former employees of the availability of continuation health care coverage~~, the Budget Act of 2001, makes various appropriations for the support of state government for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

This bill would ~~revise this notification requirement to include various other related matters~~ appropriate \$2,644,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Services in augmentation of a specified item in the Budget Act of 2001 for allocation by the department in support of county maternal and child health services.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ~~majority~~ 2/3.

Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal

committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

0105

~~SECTION 1. Section 2807 of the Labor Code is amended to~~

SECTION 1. Two million six hundred forty-four thousand dollars (\$2,644,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Services in augmentation of Item 4260-111-0001 of the Budget Act of 2001 (Chapter 106 of the Statutes of 2001) for allocation by the department in support of county maternal and child health services.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

To provide funds for the support of county maternal and child health services as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

~~2807. (a) All employers, whether private or public, shall provide notification to former employees, along with the notification required by federal law pursuant to the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (P.L. 99-272), or required by state law pursuant to Article 4.5 (commencing with Section 1366.20) of Chapter 3.3 of Division 3 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 1373.621 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 10116.5 of the Insurance Code, and Article 1.7 (commencing with Section 10128.50) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Insurance Code, of standardized written descriptions of all the following:~~

~~(1) The Health Insurance Premium Program established by the State Department of Health Services pursuant to Section 120835 of the Health and Safety Code and Section 14124.91 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.~~

~~(2) The procedures for obtaining an expedited determination of disability from the Social Security Administration, regardless of whether the former employee, spouse, or dependent is applying or otherwise could qualify for benefits under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 401 et seq.), in order that the former employee, spouse, or dependent with a disability may qualify for 29 instead of 18 months of continued health benefit coverage.~~

~~(3) Rights under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (P.L. 104-191) relating to limitations on preexisting condition exclusions under subsequent individual or groups plans, the right to purchase individual health coverage, and certificates of creditability. The employer shall utilize the standardized written descriptions prepared by the State Department of Health Services and the Department of Managed Health Care pursuant to subdivision (b).~~

~~(b) The State Department of Health Services, in conjunction with the Department of Managed Health Care, shall prepare and make available, on request, the standardized written descriptions of the programs described in subdivision (a), at cost. The standardized written descriptions shall be posted on the websites of both departments by February 1, 2002.~~