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## Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Napa County Legislative Subcommittee

**FROM:** Helene Franchi for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office

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**SUBJECT:** AB 1100 (Aguiar-Curry) Communications service: emergencies and disasters: reports

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer seeks discussion and possible action on AB 1100 (Aguiar-Curry) that would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to collect specified information from telecommunications services providers relating to damaged infrastructure as a result of an emergency or disaster among other provisions.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

AB 1100 (Aguiar Curry) would, following a fire- or disaster-related state of emergency or a local emergency declared by the Governor, require the commission to collect specified information from telecommunication service providers relating to the providers efforts to repair or replace communications infrastructure that was damaged as a result of the emergency or disaster. The bill would require the information collected be broken down, as specified, presented to the appropriate state legislative policy committees, as specified, and post the information on the CPUC website. The bill also authorizes the commission to require a telecom. service provider to collect and forward relevant information required to be collected and forwarded, as specified, with some exceptions.

Cellular and Internet service disruptions during a wildfire makes it exponentially harder to communicate with the public during a state of emergency when critical information is being produced often. Local agencies should be made aware when service disruptions occur, what plans are being made to repair or replace, and what the damage was and why it happened in order to better respond to future disasters.

Staff recommends the Subcommittee give a support recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to consider at a future meeting.

**FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION****Synopsis and Background**

AB 1100 (Aguilar Curry) would, following a fire- or disaster-related state of emergency or a local emergency declared by the Governor, require the commission to collect specified information from telecommunication service providers relating to the providers efforts to repair or replace communications infrastructure that was damaged as a result of the emergency or disaster. The bill would require the information collected be broken down, as specified, presented to the appropriate state legislative policy committees, as specified, and post the information on the CPUC website. The bill also authorizes the commission to require a telecommunications service provider to collect and forward relevant information required to be collected and forwarded, as specified, with some exceptions.

Specifically, the bill would require collection of the following data:

- | The extent of any damage to communications infrastructure caused by the emergency or disaster, including the type of infrastructure damaged.
- | The types of infrastructure used to restore telecommunications service and advanced telecommunications capability following an outage caused by, or to repair or replace related communications infrastructure damaged by, the emergency or disaster.
- | The backup electrical supply, if any, that was used to support communication network services as part of the communications infrastructure repair or replacement.
- | The obstacles encountered by the telecommunications service providers in repairing or replacing communications infrastructure.

**Status**

Introduced, pending referral to committee. Can be acted on after March 21.

**Support and Opposition**

CSAC: Pending

RCRC: Pending

NACo: N/A

**STAFF COMMENTS**

**Platform: Yes**

**Federal:** N/A

**State:** Priority 1 - Disaster Recovery, Preparedness and Resiliency, Page 6

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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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Recommendation: Approve  
Reviewed By: Helene Franchi