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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee

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SUBJECT: SB 109 (Dodd) Office of Emergency Services: Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer seeks discussion and possible action on SB 109 (Dodd) that would establish the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development within the Office of Emergency Services and provides responsibilities to the office, as specified.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

County Executive Officer seeks discussion and possible action on SB 109 (Dodd) that would establish the Office of Wildfire Technology Research and Development within the Office of Emergency Services. The bill would make the office responsible for studying, testing, and advising regarding procurement of emerging technologies and tools in order to more effectively prevent and suppress wildfires, and serving as the central organizing hub for the state government's identification of emerging wildfire technologies, as provided.

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Staff is requesting the Legislative Subcommittee direct staff to write a letter of support, consistent with the State Legislative and Regulatory Platform, bypassing the Board of Supervisors, and submitting it directly to interested parties.

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

See executive summary, above.

Status

Referred to Senate Committee on Governmental Organization

Support and Opposition

CSAC: Pending

RCRC: Pending

NACo: N/A

STAFF COMMENTS

Platform: Yes

Federal: N/A

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Bill Text

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi