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Napa County Legislative Subcommittee Board Agenda Letter

TO: Napa County Legislative Subcommittee
FROM: REBECCA CRAIG for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office
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SUBJECT: SB 619 (Laird) - Organic waste: reduction regulations

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and Director of Public Works request discussion and possible action on SB 619 (Laird) relating to organic waste and SB 1383 regulations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff will provide an overview of the bill and the Director of Public Works will be available to answer questions.

Staff is recommending the Subcommittee direct staff to draft a support letter consistent with the County's State Legislative Platform.

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

Existing law requires the California Air Resources Board to complete, approve, and implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants in the state to achieve, among other things, a reduction in the statewide emissions of methane by 40%. Existing law requires the methane emissions reduction goals to include specified targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organics. Existing law requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, in consultation with the state board, to adopt regulations to achieve those targets for reducing organic waste in landfills, and authorizes those regulations to require local jurisdictions to impose requirements on generators or other relevant entities within their jurisdiction, to authorize local jurisdictions to impose penalties on generators for noncompliance, and to include penalties to be imposed by the department for noncompliance. Existing law provides that those regulations shall take effect on or after January 1, 2022, except that the imposition of penalties by local jurisdictions pursuant to the regulations shall not take effect until 2 years after the effective date of the regulations.

This bill, until January 1, 2023, would require the department to only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction, and would require a penalty to only accrue, for a violation of the regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort, as determined by the department, to comply with the regulations.

Attached is a fact sheet from the author's office. Director of Public Works will be available to answer questions. Staff is recommending the Subcommittee direct staff to draft a letter of support consistent with the County's State Legislative Platform.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Bill Text

B . Factsheet

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi