

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

(Policy Item: Yes ___ No x)

Support SB 558 (Leslie), regarding the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and authorize the Chairman to sign letters to Senator Monteith, Senator Leslie and Assemblyman House in support of the bill.

Under existing law, the State Department of Community Services and Development is required to receive and administer the federal LIHEAP Block Grant. The allocations under existing law include between 15% and 25% for weatherization services. This bill would require the Department to apply to the federal government for all necessary waivers in order to ensure that weatherization allocation will be 25%.

This bill would require the department to afford local administrative agencies maximum flexibility in the administration and delivery of the LIHEAP program. It would also provide that direct assistance payments could be made available to households receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Local administrative agencies would be empowered to provide emergency energy funds during times of extreme weather conditions. It would allow maximum local control over distribution of crisis intervention monies.

The State wants to use the weatherization allocation only for education and weatherization of homes for low income families. This bill would enable local jurisdictions to use some of the money for maintaining power for families in crisis situations during times of extreme weather. The bill is co-sponsored by CSAC.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

- A) The Board may choose to direct staff to send letters to legislators in support of SB558; or
- B) Take no action.

<p>COSTS: () Not Applicable</p> <p>A. Budgeted Current FY \$</p> <p>B. Total Anticipated Costs \$</p> <p>C. Required Additional Funding \$</p> <p>D. Internal Transfers \$</p> <p>SOURCE: () 4/5ths Vote Required</p> <p>A. Unanticipated Revenues \$</p> <p>B. Reserve for Contingencies \$</p> <p>C. Source Description: _____</p> <p>Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: _____</p>	<p>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
<p>CLERKS USE ONLY:</p> <p>Res. No. <u>97-100</u> Ord. No. _____</p> <p>Vote - Ayes: <u>5</u> Noes: _____</p> <p>Absent: _____ Abstained: _____</p> <p>Approved () Denied ()</p> <p>() Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary</p> <p>The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST: _____</p> <p>MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board County of Mariposa, State of California</p> <p>BY: _____</p> <p>Deputy</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: This item on agenda as:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For Policy Determination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Submitted with Comment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Returned for Further Action</p> <p>Comment: _____</p> <p>CAO's Initials: <i>JH</i></p>

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April 8, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE

The Honorable Tim Leslie
California State Senate
Capitol Building Room 4081
Sacramento, CA 95814


Dear Senator Leslie:

At the April 1, 1997 meeting of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Resolution 97-100 was passed in support of SB 558. This bill modifies how the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant is administered in California.

Mariposa County experiences some of the more severe weather conditions in California. It is of critical importance to us to have timely and full access to LIHEAP resources to meet the energy crisis, heating and cooling, and home weatherization needs of our residents. It is important that local communities throughout California receive an adequate share of available LIHEAP administrative resources to be able to deliver services at the local level. Senate Bill 558 provides for the needed levels of accessibility and support.

We sincerely appreciate your introduction of SB 558 which allows for more accessibility to services for families with immediate energy needs, more efficiency in the delivery of services and better use of limited resources in serving our communities. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Robert C. Stewart
Chairman

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cc: Senator Dick Monteith
Assemblyman George House

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The Honorable George House
California State Assembly
Capitol Building Room 2141
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman House:

At the April 1, 1997 meeting of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, Resolution 97-100 was passed in support of SB 558 (Leslie) which modifies how the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant is administered in California. This bill requires the maximum allowable level of local control in the planning, administration and provision of LIHEAP services. It would provide local communities with access to needed resources in the delivery of services.

Mariposa County experiences some of the more severe weather conditions in California. It is of critical importance to us to have timely and full access to LIHEAP resources to meet the energy crisis, heating and cooling, and home weatherization needs of our residents. It is important that local communities throughout California receive an adequate share of available LIHEAP administrative resources to be able to deliver services at the local level. Senate Bill 558 provides for the needed levels of accessibility and support.

We encourage you to support SB 558 which allows for more accessibility to services for families with immediate energy needs, more efficiency in the delivery of services, and better use of limited resources in serving our communities. Thank you.

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