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To:

LAFCo Commissioners

From:

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Subject: Legislative Report – Addendum Report (Possible Action)

CALAFCO is sponsoring two bills including AB 3254 (Assembly Local Government Committee), the annual omnibus bill and AB 2258 (Caballero), which would provide one-time grant funding to LAFCOs to prepare reorganization studies in conjunction with the 2017 Little Hoover Commission report relating to special districts. In late March, CALAFCO issued an urgent call for legislative action requesting that each LAFCO send letters of support for these two bills which will impact LAFCOs. The Commission's Legislative Committee was not able provide direction to staff on position letters and CALAFCo has not sent an urgent request for support letters.

<u>AB 3254 (Assembly Local Government Committee)</u>: This bill makes technical, non-substantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (the Act). This annual bill includes changes that govern the work of LAFCos. The changes are necessary as Commissions implement the Act and small inconsistencies are found or clarifications are needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible.

AB 2258 (Caballero) This bill establishes a funding program, administered by the Strategic Growth Council, for a five-year pilot program to sunset December 31, 2023. AB 2258 would provide grants to LAFCos to address known service and governance concerns that could potentially save tax payers additional money through the study, analysis and potential change of organization or reorganization of local government for improved efficiencies. The bill also provides for reimbursement of funds for LAFCo initiated dissolution of inactive districts and makes changes to protest threshold from 10% to 25% for actions taken under the pilot program. The bill does not change the standard threshold for any other LAFCo initiated action.

Staff requests that the Commission consider directing staff to send the attached letters of support for AB 2258 and AB 3254.

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