

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

BY: Janet Bibby
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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter opposing Senate Bill (SB) 776 – Workforce Investment Board (WIB) funding. SB 776 will require certain percentages of WIB funding to be spent on specific training activities and will severely limit the decision making abilities and funding leverage capabilities of the our local Mother Lode WIB. Amending SB 776 to ensure that available funding is used in an efficient manner without placing undue restrictions on local WIBs is a better approach. Both Tuolumne and Amador Counties have written letters opposing SB 776.

Please see the attached draft letter.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board has opposed legislation that it believes is not in the best interest of the County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Do not authorize the Chairman of Board of Supervisors to sign the letter. Individual Board members may draft their own letters, which may not carry the same weight as a letter endorsed by the entire Board.

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No	Current FY Cost: \$	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget: \$ _____		List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____		Draft Letters
Source:		SB 776
Internal Transfer _____		
Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote		
Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote		
Contingency _____ 4/5's vote		
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 11-377 Ord. No. _____
 Vote – Ayes: 4 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved _____
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments: _____

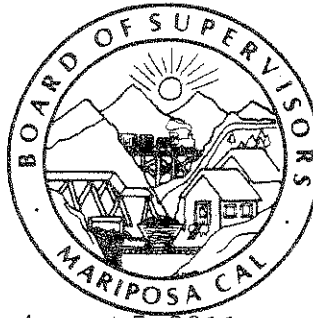
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 By: _____
 Deputy

CAO: [Signature]

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August 5, 2011

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The Honorable Tom Berryhill
California State Senator
State Capitol, Room 3076
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Senate Bill 776

OPPOSE

Dear Senator Berryhill:

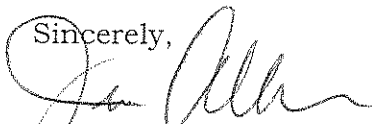
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In this economy of job seekers, SB 776 would restrict MLWIB's funding in such a way that there will only be sufficient Workforce Investment Act (WIA) formula funds to keep open the office buildings, but no staff to operate the vital program. Essentially this will have a devastating effect on our rural region's employment and training abilities.

We encourage the proponents of SB 776 to meet with WIB representatives to discuss the true intentions of this bill and identify how it may be amended to ensure that funding is utilized in an efficient manner. A collaborative approach will satisfy all parties and still allow for sustainable employment and training services in these critical economic times.

Thank you for your time and assistance with this important issue.

Sincerely,



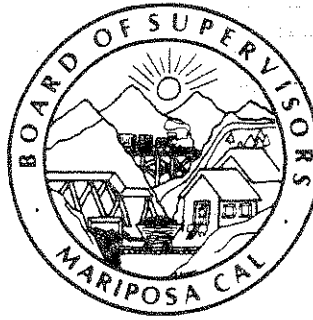
JIM ALLEN
Chairman

JA/mbh

cc: California State Association of Counties
Regional Council of Rural Counties
Mother Lode Workforce Investment Board

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