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Legislative Report

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission adopt the proposed legislative positions.

DISCUSSION

The following bills pending in Sacramento are of direct interest to LAFCOs.

- **AB 3074 (Assembly Committee on Local Government).** This is the CALAFCO-sponsored omnibus bill to make clarifications/corrections to statutes. The Assembly Local Government Committee is scheduled to hear this bill on May 10.

Several changes requested by LAFCO staffs were deleted from the measure when it was in pre-draft form, based on comments from other organizations. One of the deleted changes would extend from 2007 to 2014 provisions for “streamlined” city island annexations. CALAFCO is working with the Chair of the Assembly Local Government Committee to incorporate the island annexation provision and other items into a separate “placeholder” bill.

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 3074

- **AB 2259 (Salinas)** is co-sponsored by CALAFCO and the League of California Cities. The bill extends from 2007 to 2013 the date that LAFCOs can review and approve proposals to extend services into previously unserved unincorporated areas and the creation of new service providers to support “urban type” development in such territory.

While this provision has not be widely used, and there is a question as to its utility, some LAFCOs see it as providing authority to review the extension of services into unincorporated areas and there is a interest in having it extended.

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 2259

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- **AB 2158 (Evans)** adds spheres of influence and LAFCO policies to factors that Councils of Governments (COGs) must consider when distributing housing needs numbers to cities and counties (as part of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment process).

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 2158

- **AB 1602 (Laird)** restores Vehicle License Fee (VLF) revenue to incorporating cities and cities that annexed inhabited areas after the VLF/property tax swap of a few years ago.

The ability to incorporate new cities in California was severely limited by changes in the VLF allocation formula and this bill is an attempt to rectify that situation, as well as make it more fiscally positive for cities to annex inhabited areas.

Recommendation: **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 1602

If you have any questions please contact the LAFCO office.

Sincerely,

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