



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/4/2023

File #: 23-476

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Rex Bohn

Agenda Section: Initiated by Board Member

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Letter of Opposition for Assembly Bill 742 (Supervisor Rex Bohn)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair to sign the Letter of Opposition.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

DISCUSSION:

Assembly Bill 742 would ban police from using unleashed canine officers to arrest or apprehend subjects. These specialized canines are well trained assets that help protect the community and law enforcement officers. They are fast and agile so can navigate difficult terrain that would be difficult for a human officer. Limiting their important functionality would increase risk to the community and to fellow human officers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to sending the letter of opposition.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by enforcing laws and regulations to protect residents

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to send the letter of opposition or delay a position on the bill to a future

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date, however that would not guarantee the Board's comments be included in the progress of the legislative bill.

ATTACHMENTS:

Letter of Opposition

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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