

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:	May 27, 2025
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CATEGORY: Consent Calendar 7

SUBJECT: Approve a letter of support for Assembly Bill 303: Battery Energy Safety & Accountability Act and a letter of opposition for Senate Bill 681: Housing.

DEPARTMENT: Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #: All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Stefany Blankenship, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board, (530) 225-5550

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY: Stewart Buettell, Deputy County Executive Officer

<u>Vote Required?</u>	<u>General Fund Impact?</u>
Simple Majority Vote	No Additional General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Approve a letter of support for Assembly Bill 303: Battery Energy Safety & Accountability Act and a letter of opposition to Senate Bill 681: Housing.

DISCUSSION

On February 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to bring back a letter of support for Assembly Bill (AB) 303. On May 13, 2025, the Board directed staff to bring back a letter of opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 681.

AB 303: Battery Energy Safety & Accountability Act would make several changes to Government Code and Public Utilities Code concerning battery energy storage systems (BESS), improving safety standards and restoring local oversight for BESS projects.

SB 681: Housing would make changes to several sections of the Civil Code, Government Code, Public Resources Code, and Revenue and Taxation Code, to prohibit landlords from charging tenants certain fees, limit application screening fees, and deem subordinate mortgages abandoned under certain conditions, among other provisions.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board could decline to approve the letters, request revisions, provide alternative direction to staff, or defer consideration to a later date.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

FISCAL IMPACT

Costs associated with preparing and sending letters of support/opposition are included in the Clerk of the Board Budget (BU 103) for Fiscal Year 2024-25. There is no additional General Fund impact associated with the recommended action.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1: AB 303 Letter of Support
- 2: SB 681 Letter of Opposition