

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, in general, Wi-Fi Jammers and Communication Signal Scramblers (CSSs) are illegal under federal law and are regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); and

WHEREAS, despite federal regulation, these devices remain easily obtainable; and

WHEREAS, there have been increased incidents of these devices being used by burglars to disable wireless security systems in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, these devices can also block cell phone signals and law enforcement radio signals, making it impossible for victims to call 9-1-1 or for police to communicate with each other when one of these devices is being used; and

WHEREAS, there is no current penalty under state law for the possession, use or attempted use, manufacture, purchase or distribution of Wi-Fi Jammers in the state of California, making it difficult to prosecute individuals using these devices in burglaries; and

WHEREAS, SB 701 would make it an infraction to manufacture, import, market, purchase, sell, or operate a signal jammer unless authorized to do so by the FCC, punishable by forfeiture of the device and a fine of up to \$5,000. The bill would make it a crime to operate a signal jammer in conjunction with the commission of a crime, punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000 and/or by imprisonment. The bill would make it a felony to willfully or maliciously use a signal jammer to block public safety communications, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for 2, 4, or 6 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025 - 2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 701 (Wahab) to add a new section to the California Penal Code to prohibit the possession, use or attempted use, manufacture, purchase, sale, distribution or importation of any Wi-Fi Jamming and/or Communication Signal Scrambler device.

PRESENTED BY


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