

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to including in its 2023-24 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which would prohibit the sale and use of glue traps.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Blumenfield – Hernandez) and SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2023-24 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which would prohibit the sale and use of glue traps.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On April 19, 2024, your Committee considered an April 15, 2024 CLA report and Resolution (Blumenfield - Hernandez) relative to including in its 2023-24 Federal Legislative Program support for HR 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which would prohibit the sale and use of glue traps. The CLA report was received subsequent to the release of the Committee agenda. According to the CLA, glue traps are known to be among the cruelest ways to eliminate rodents as they inflict slow and painful deaths of mice, rats, birds, chipmunks, bats, lizards, squirrels, or any other animal small enough to get caught in the glue. Unable to free themselves, especially as more parts of their bodies become stuck to the trap, animals may tear off their skin, die of starvation, dehydration, blood loss, or be crushed in the garbage, which is where instructions on glue traps often advise consumers dispose of them.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has previously advised against using glue traps and live traps as they increase the risk of exposure to dangerous diseases as animals stuck in the glue continue to produce urine and feces, through which pathogens, including hantavirus, salmonella, and the bacteria that cause leptospirosis, are transmitted. Due to the risks posed by glue traps, a number of countries and well-known agencies and businesses around the world have taken steps to ban either the sale or use of glue traps over both animal welfare and health concerns including England, Iceland, Ireland, and New Zealand, as well as over 100 airports across the country.

In the United States, three cities have reportedly banned glue traps within their internal operations including Cartersville, Georgia; Eugene, Oregon; and Washington DC. Additionally, Kaiser Permanente and Compass Group North America have banned their use nationwide. In April 2023, the West Hollywood City Council unanimously voted to ban

the sale and use of rodent glue traps beginning April 2024, becoming the first city in the Country to ban glue traps. Currently pending in Congress is H.R. 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which seeks to place a national ban on the sale and use of glue traps for the trapping of rodents and other purposes. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
KREKORIAN:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES

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