

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

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DATE: April 16, 2024

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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Council File No: 23-0002-S111  
Assignment No: 24-03-0190

SUBJECT: H.R. 7018 (Lieu) Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Blumenfield – Hernandez) to include in the City’s 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which would prohibit the sale and use of glue traps.

## SUMMARY

On March 20, 2024, the Resolution (Blumenfield – Hernandez) was introduced in support for H.R. 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which would prohibit the sale and use of glue traps. The Resolution states that 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. The Resolution further states that 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.

Therefore, the Resolution recommends support for H.R. 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which would place a national ban on the sale and use of glue traps for the trapping of rodents and other purposes.

## BACKGROUND

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 D.C. 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.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

The Department of Animal Services is in complete support of the ban. The General Services Department reports that the Building Maintenance Division does not use glue traps for rodents.

BILL STATUS – H.R. 7018

01/17/24 Introduced

01/17/24 Referred to Committee on Agriculture



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Attachment: 1. Resolution

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, 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; and

WHEREAS, in their attempts to escape, 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 typically advise consumers to put them; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has previously advised against the use of glue traps and live traps as they increase people's exposure to 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; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, in April 2023, the West Hollywood City Council unanimously voted to ban the sale and use of rodent glue traps beginning April 2024; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in Congress is H.R. 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which seeks to prohibit the sale and use of glue traps for the trapping of rodents and other purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 7018 (Lieu), the Glue Trap Prohibition Act of 2024, which would prohibit the sale and use of glue traps.

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