

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: April 28, 2021

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

FROM: Sharon M. Tso 
Chief Legislative Analyst

Council File No: 21-0002-S97
Assignment No: 21-04-0312

SUBJECT: AB 585 (Rivas)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution (Blumenfield – O’Farrell) to include in the City’s 2021 - 2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 585 (Rivas), which would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program in order to mitigate the impacts of climate change, extreme heat and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SUMMARY

On April 7, 2021, a Resolution (Blumenfield – O’Farrell) was introduced in Council to support AB 585 (Rivas). The Resolution states that AB 585 would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program and require the Office of Planning and Research to administer the program. The bill would require the Office of Planning and Research to coordinate the State’s efforts to address extreme heat and facilitate the implementation of local, regional, and State climate change planning into effective projects through awarded grants. The Program will be funded through the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Fund in the State Treasury. Therefore, the Resolution requests that the City of Los Angeles support AB 585 to mitigate the impacts of climate change, extreme heat and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

BACKGROUND

On February 11, 2021, AB 585 was introduced by Assembly Member Rivas to add Part 4.6 (commencing with Section 71361) to Division 34 of the Public Resources Code, relating to climate change. Existing State law requires the Natural Resources Agency to update the Safeguarding California Plan, the State’s climate adaptation strategy, every three years. Climate change has been causing warmer temperatures and extreme heat waves throughout the State. Under existing State law, the agency is required to coordinate with other State agencies to identify a lead agency or group of agencies to lead adaptation efforts in each sector. It also requires State agencies to work to maximize specified objectives related to climate change.

AB 585 would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program to coordinate the State’s efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change and extreme heat. This Program would facilitate the implementation of regional and State climate change plans into effective projects funded by competitive grants awarded to eligible entities. These projects would update local plans to improve community resilience to the impacts of climate change, including adapting infrastructure to prepare for extreme heat events. The plans for the Program include mitigating the impacts of extreme heat through the use of reflective surface materials in the built environment.

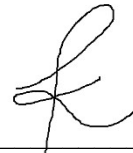
The bill would require the Program to be administered through the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

AB 585 would also establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Fund to support the Program's objectives. The Program would participate in a regional climate collaborative program and serve those populations most vulnerable to the impacts of extreme heat, as determined by the relevant local health department and or the State's Department of Public Health. Over the past several decades, the City has supported a variety of efforts and initiatives to control the effects of climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; therefore, the City should support AB 585.

BILL STATUS

AB 585

04/14/21	In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.
03/25/21	From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Committee (Com.) on Appropriations (APPR.) (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (March 24). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.
03/18/21	Re-referred to Com. On Natural Resources (NAT. RES.)
03/17/21	From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.
02/18/21	Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.



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Attachments: Resolution (Blumenfield – O'Farrell)

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 with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California is experiencing climate change through warmer temperatures and extreme heat waves; and

WHEREAS, this climate change when combined with the state's interval of wet winters and dry summers has contributed to more destructive wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the state's decreasing water supply is endangering ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, under existing law the Natural Resource Agency is required to coordinate with other state agencies to identify a lead agency or agencies to lead adaptation efforts in each sector related to climate change; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 585 (Rivas) would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program and require the Office of Planning and Research to administer the program; and

WHEREAS, AB 585 (Rivas) would require the Office of Planning and Research to coordinate the state's efforts to address extreme heat and facilitate the implementation of local, regional, and state climate change planning into effective projects through awarded grants; and

WHEREAS, AB 585 (Rivas) would establish the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Fund in the State Treasury and moneys in the fund would implement the Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 585 (Rivas) which would establish the Climate change: Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program in order to mitigate the impacts of climate change, extreme heat and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



PRESENTED BY: _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD
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SECONDED BY: _____



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