

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position in its 2021-2022 State Legislative Program regarding support for AB 2344 (Friedman - Karla), the Safe Roads and Wildlife Protection Act, which would improve safety for people and wildlife by protecting and enhancing wildlife connectivity across California's highway system; and require state agencies to implement wildlife crossings in identified connectivity areas for new projects and to address existing barriers identified as priorities.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Blumenfied – Koretz),  
SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2021 - 2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT AB 2344 (Friedman - Karla), the Safe Roads and Wildlife Protection Act, which would improve safety for people and wildlife by protecting and enhancing wildlife connectivity across California's highway system; and require state agencies to implement wildlife crossings in identified connectivity areas for new projects and to address existing barriers identified as priorities.

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

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On August 9, 2022, your Committee considered a Resolution (Blumenfied – Koretz) relative to establishing the City's position in the 2021-22 State Legislative Program regarding support for AB 2344 (Friedman - Karla), the Safe Roads and Wildlife Protection Act, which would improve safety for people and wildlife by protecting and enhancing wildlife connectivity across California's highway system; and require state agencies to implement wildlife crossings in identified connectivity areas for new projects and to address existing barriers identified as priorities. After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation reflected above. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MARTINEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES

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