

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE
Advocacy Position on SB 580 (Jackson):
Training and Enforcement of Existing Laws

County of Santa Barbara
Board of Supervisors Hearing
August 19, 2014



Overview of Senate Bill 580

- This item is on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to consider taking action on SB 580 (Jackson).
- On August 4, 2014, the Legislative Program Committee (LPC) directed staff to bring SB 580 (Jackson) to the Board of Supervisors for consideration.
- The LPC is not recommending a position on this legislation and has requested that the Board of Supervisors consider taking an advocacy position or taking no position and communicating that position to the bill's author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the County legislative delegation, appropriate committee chairs and the Governor.



Key Points

- Companion bill to SB505.
- Provide additional resources to address the ongoing backlog of about 40,000 guns possessed by about 19,500 prohibited persons.
- Appropriates \$5 million dollars from the Firearms Safety and Enforcement Special Fund (FSESF) to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the 2014-15 fiscal year to contract with local law enforcement agencies to reduce the Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS) backlog.
- Appropriates \$10 million from the FSESF over three years, beginning in 2014-15, to DOJ to redesign and update firearms computer systems, specifically the Firearms Information Gateway, APPS, the Basic Firearms Eligibility Check System, the Applicant Firearms Eligibility Check System, and the Integrated Document Retrieval System.
- Appropriates \$50,000 from the FSESF to DOJ for 2014-15 to provide APPS training to APPS local law enforcement agencies by June 1, 2015.



Recommended Actions

That the Board of Supervisors:

Option 1

- Take no position on Senate Bill 580 (Jackson) Training and Enforcement of Existing Laws;
- Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Option 2

- Take an advocacy position (support, watch or oppose) on Senate Bill 580 (Jackson) Training and Enforcement of Existing Laws;
- Direct staff to forward, and authorize the Chair to sign, a letter stating the Board’s decision to the legislative author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the county legislative delegation, appropriate committee chairs and the Governor; and,
- Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a “Project” within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.



Thank you.

