

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position regarding SB 128: End of Life Option Act.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Koretz - O'Farrell), SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

ADOPT the accompanying revised RESOLUTION to include in the City's 2015-16 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 128: End of Life Option Act which sets the criteria by which individuals can obtain a prescription for lethal medication while protecting doctors from civil and criminal liability.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA). The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

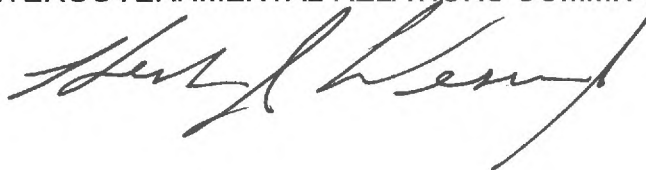
Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its special meeting of March 25, 2015, the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered Resolution (Koretz - O'Farrell) and a CLA report relative to establishing the City's position SB 128: End of Life Option Act which sets the criteria by which individuals can obtain a prescription for lethal medication while protecting doctors from civil and criminal liability. The CLA report, attached to the Council file, provides additional background information and a summary of the Resolution. A revised Resolution is attached to the CLA report to correct the SB number which was inadvertently referred to as SB 126 in the original Resolution. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council adopt the accompanying Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE



<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
LABONGE:	YES

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## 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, existing law allows an adult to make health care decisions or appoint an attorney to make health care decisions for that individual in the event of incapacity; and

WHEREAS, Right-to-Die legislation, which authorizes an individual with a terminal illness to end their own life with lethal medication while protecting prescribing doctors from civil and criminal liability, has been enacted in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Vermont and New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, SB 128: End of Life Option Act (Wolk – Monning), which is modeled after Oregon's Death with Dignity Act, would authorize a mentally competent adult who meets certain qualifications, including suffering from a terminal illness, to voluntarily request medication for the purpose of ending his or her life and provide civil and criminal immunity doctors who would evaluate and prescribe aid-to-dying medication under the terms of the law; and

WHEREAS, if approved, SB 128 would establish a criteria and series of required steps that a patient would have to take in order to request aid-to-dying medication, including seeking the approval of two doctors, who must confirm the individual's mental competency and terminal diagnosis of having six or less months to live; and

WHEREAS, SB 128 specifies that the doctor's role is to evaluate and prescribe while only the terminally-ill individual can administer their own aid-to-dying medication; and

WHEREAS, SB 128 would give the people of California the same rights as residents in other states that are legally permitted to request and administer their own aid-to-dying medication should they feel the need to end their own life rather than suffer through a terminal illness.

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 2015-2016 State Legislative Program SUPPORT of SB 128: End of Life Option Act which sets the criteria by which individuals can obtain a prescription for lethal medication while protecting doctors from civil and criminal liability.