

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, SB 343 (Pan), introduced on February 19, 2019, would update current transparency and disclosure requirements for the health care industry to include Kaiser Permanente so that all hospitals and health insurance companies have the same reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires health plan providers to submit justificatory information when implementing rate changes, but makes exceptions for providers that both act as a health plan and a delivery system; and

WHEREAS, according to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Kaiser Permanente is the only health care provider that meets the conditions to be excepted from reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, this means that Kaiser Permanente is the only provider that is not being held to the same transparency standards as other health care providers; and

WHEREAS, SB 343 is sponsored by the California State Council of the Service Employees International Union, and supported by a number of labor groups on the basis that it will increase transparency and ensure that union members and employers bargaining for benefits will have adequate information to understand the underlying cost drivers behind Kaiser Permanente's rates;

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 into its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 343 (Pan), which would increase the transparency of rate increases by removing medical cost trend reporting exceptions.

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