

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to an Ordinance to allow the City to disconnect utility service to unlicensed businesses engaged in cannabis sales.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rodriguez - Martinez - Ryu - Bonin - Huizar):

1. NOTE and FILE the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) report dated October 18, 2018, in response to the Motion, detailing the additional steps necessary to enable the LADWP to disconnect the utilities of unlicensed cannabis businesses.
2. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst, in coordination with the Department of Cannabis Regulation (DCR), LADWP, City Attorney, and Los Angeles Police Department, to report with recommendations that address the issues outlined by the LADWP in its report.

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

At a special meeting held on October 19, 2018, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered Motion (Rodriguez - Martinez - Ryu - Bonin - Huizar) relative to a request to the LADWP and the DCR to report to Council in 30 days on the viability of implementing an ordinance that allows the City to disconnect utility service to unlicensed businesses engaged in cannabis sales. The Motion states that the illegal sale of cannabis by unlicensed businesses is of growing concern and it proposes the option of disconnecting water and power to such businesses to hamper them from engaging in further illegal activity, and requests the LADWP and DCR to report on the viability of implementing an Ordinance to effectuate this option.

Councilmember Rodriguez, mover of the subject Motion, addressed the Committee and provided a detailed overview of the Motion. Additionally, Councilmember Rodriguez provided an update on coordination between her Office, LADWP, and LAPD regarding this matter.

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendation in the Motion. 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>
WESSON:	YES
HUIZAR:	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON:	YES

REW 10/19/18 FILE NO. 14-0366-S24

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