County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisory District Five

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DATE: April 24, 2007
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Liz Kniss
       Supervisor, District 5

SUBJECT: Legislative Committee – April 12, 2007

RECOMMENDED ACTION
Accept report from the Legislative Committee relating to meeting of April 12, 2007. (Kniss)

Possible action:

a. Support Senate Bill (SB) 297 (Romero) relating to the County Alcoholic Beverage Tax Authority.

b. Adopt Resolution stating support for Taiwan to participate in the World Health Organization (WHO). (Roll Call Vote)

c. Accept State and Federal Update.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION
The Legislative Committee discussed Senate Bill 297 relating to the County Alcoholic Beverage Tax Authority, which would allow Counties to pass voter approved taxes on consumption of alcoholic beverages. The Committee discussed the feasibility of voter approval of such a tax, but recommend supporting the bill because of the County's policy of supporting measures that increase counties' ability to raise revenues.

The Committee is also recommending that the Board adopt a policy resolution supporting Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. Because of the global implications of health issues and the involvement of Santa Clara County's residents in the global economy, the Committee feels that neither Taiwan, nor any other country should be excluded from the WHO. The committee recommends supporting the resolution.

Under the State and Federal Update, staff discussed the amendments to AB 1149, Assemblymember Beall's bill relating to hospital seismic financing. The new amendments make the bill more palatable to the Department of Finance.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- April 12, 2007 Legislative Committee Agenda
- Item 4 Staff Analysis of SB 297
- Item 4 – Senate Bill 297
- Item 5 Staff Analysis of Resolution
- Item 6 State and Federal Update
- Item 6 State Matrix
- Item 5 – Transmittal from Supervisor McHugh
- Item 5 – Board Resolution