



MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ONLINE AGENDA SUMMARY

BOARD AGENDA # 6(b)

- Arrangements for public hearings and timed presentations must be made with the Clerk of the Board in advance of public/media noticing
- Agenda Summaries must be submitted no later than *noon* Monday, 15 days prior to the meeting date (along with electronic submittals)
- Send 14 complete sets (original, single-sided+13 copies) – Items must be signed-off by appropriate departments and/or County Counsel
- Transmittal of electronic Agenda Summaries and associated records must be emailed to: bosagenda@co.mendocino.ca.us
- Electronic Agenda Transmission Checklist: ☐ Agenda Summary ☐ Records ☐ If applicable, list other online information below
- Executed records will be returned to the department within one week. Arrangements for expedited processing must be made in advance

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: March 7, 2012

FROM: Supervisors McCowen and Hamburg MEETING DATE: March 12, 2012

DEPARTMENT RESOURCE/CONTACT: Pauline Rantala PHONE: 463-4441 Present ☒ On Call ☐
PHONE: _____

Consent Agenda ☐ Regular Agenda ☒ Noticed Public Hearing ☐ Time Allocated for Item: 5 Min.

■ **AGENDA TITLE:** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Letter of Support to Assemblymember Chesbro for Senate Bill 9 (Yee) the Fair Sentencing for Youth Act

■ **PREVIOUS BOARD/BOARD COMMITTEE ACTIONS:** The Board routinely takes action on legislative matters of importance to Mendocino County.

■ **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:** The Board is requested to send a letter to Assemblymember Chesbro urging support for Senate Bill 9 (SB 9 Yee), with a copy to Senator Yee. SB 9 will allow prisoners who were under age 18 at the time of committing an offense and who were sentenced to life without parole, to submit a petition for recall and resentencing based on specified criteria. Subject to additional specified criteria the court could recall and resentence the eligible individual who would be required to serve a minimum of 25 years prior to release. Not every youth sentenced to life without parole would qualify for a hearing and those who do would have no guarantee of a reduced sentence. Even with resentencing, offenders must still convince a parole board that they merit parole; otherwise they will remain in prison. This bill offers the hope of rehabilitation and eventual release to those offenders who are willing to focus on understanding and reforming their behavior. See attached synopsis of The Fair Sentencing for Youth Act and an excerpt from the Legislative Counsel's Digest on SB 9.

■ **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:**

■ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD (CHECKED BY COB IF APPLICABLE):** ☐

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A			
Source of Funding	Current F/Y Cost	Annual Recurring Cost	Budgeted in Current F/Y
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

■ **SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ All ☒ ■ **VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Majority ☒ 4/5ths ☐

■ **RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:** Approve sending letter of support for Senate Bill 9 to Assemblymember Chesbro with a copy to Senator Yee.

■ **ALTERNATIVES:** Send the letter as modified or do not send the letter.

■ **CEO REVIEW (NAME):** _____ PHONE: 463-4441

RECOMMENDATION: Agree ☐ Disagree ☐ No Opinion ☐ Alternate ☐ Staff Report Attached ☐

BOARD ACTION (DATE: _____): ☐ Approved ☐ Referred to _____ ☐ Other _____

RECORDS EXECUTED: ☐ Agreement: _____ ☐ Resolution: _____ ☐ Ordinance: _____ ☐ Other _____