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RE: SB 1333 – Communicable diseases: HIV reporting (Support)

To Dr Aragon,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), representing the appointed physician health officers of California's 61 city and county jurisdictions, we would like to express our recommendation to **Support SB 1333.** On June 6, 2024, CCLHO voted to approve the support recommendation.

Existing law requires all health care providers and laboratories to report cases of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection to the local health officer and requires the local health officer to report unduplicated HIV cases to the State Department of Public Health. Existing law requires state and local health department employees and contractors to sign confidentiality agreements prior to accessing confidential HIV-related public health records. Existing law requires the department or appropriate local health department to annually review the agreements. SB 1333 would require employees and contractors to annually sign the agreement and would repeal the annual review of the agreements. This bill would additionally authorize disclosure when the confidential information is necessary for the coordination of, linkage to, or reengagement in care for a person. This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the benefits of HIV-related data sharing and would state the intent of the Legislature to enhance these data sharing practices.

CCLHO supports this bill for the following reasons -

- Streamline HIV data sharing;
- Care coordination across all communicable disease conditions;
- Evidence-based data sharing practices will allow state and local health departments to leverage public health and health care systems data to more effectively serve people living with HIV.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

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