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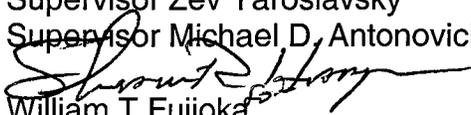
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September 11, 2009

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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William T Fujioka
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**MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DRAFT
A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER IN SUPPORT OF AB 1324 (BASS) AND TO
URGE THE GOVERNOR TO SIGN THIS LEGISLATION (ITEM NO. 9 - AGENDA OF
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009)**

Item No. 9 on the September 15, 2009 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich instructing the Chief Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter in support of AB 1324 (Bass) and to urge the Governor to sign this measure.

Under current law, the county welfare department is required to request a credit report on behalf of foster youth upon reaching 16 years of age. If the report indicates that some form of identity theft may have occurred, the county welfare department is required to refer the foster youth to an agency that provides services to victims of identity theft.

AB 1324, as amended on August 17, 2009, would change procedures for requesting credit reports and handling suspected identity theft of foster youth as follows:

- Authorize the county welfare department and the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to request a credit report from three national credit reporting agencies in the year that the foster youth reaches 16 years of age;

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- Authorize the State or the county, acting on behalf of the foster youth, to refer matters of suspected identity theft to an authorized governmental agency, such as consumer affairs, or nonprofit organization for remedial action; and
- Require the State Office of Privacy Protection, in consultation with CDSS, the County Welfare Directors Association, consumer credit reporting agencies, and other relevant stakeholders to develop a list of agencies and organizations to which matters of suspended identity theft may be referred.

AB 1324 passed the Senate by a vote of 38 to 0 on August 28, 2009, and the Assembly by a vote of 77 to 0 on August 31, 2009. The measure is currently on the Governor's desk.

According to the Department of Children and Family Services, AB 1324 would allow the Department to assist youth, age 16 and over, who are in care to obtain credit report clearances. Currently, counties face many challenges when they attempt to obtain credit report clearances for minor dependents.

Because there is no existing Board policy to support legislation to secure credit reports for foster youth and refer cases of suspected identity theft to authorized governmental agencies or nonprofit organizations for remedial action, **support for AB 1324 is a matter for Board policy determination.**

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