

1 [Ballast Water Discharges]

2 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 703  
3 REQUIRING THE TREATMENT OF BALLAST WATER DISCHARGES.

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5 WHEREAS, Native species in the San Francisco Bay are under attack from foreign  
6 marine organisms carried in the ballast water of cargo ships; and,

7 WHEREAS, According to a study by the San Francisco Estuary Institute, every 14  
8 weeks a new species makes its home in the San Francisco Bay; and,

9 WHEREAS, There are more than 230 foreign species living in the San Francisco Bay,  
10 37% of which can be traced to ballast water; and,

11 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is currently considering Assembly Bill  
12 703, which was introduced by Assembly Member Lempert; and,

13 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 703 would require ships entering the San Francisco Bay to  
14 treat ballast water before discharging it into the Bay; and,

15 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 703 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in  
16 File No. 990512 ; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
18 endorses Assembly Bill 703 and urges the California State Legislature to approve this  
19 legislation; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the  
21 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from San Francisco in the  
22 State Legislature, as well as Governor Davis, with a request they take all action necessary to  
23 achieve the objectives of this resolution.

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Resolution

File Number: 990512

Date Passed:

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to approve Assembly Bill 703 requiring the treatment of ballast water discharges.

March 22, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

File No. 990512

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 22, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.