

[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1181 (Haney) - Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances]

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1181, introduced by Assembly Member Matt Haney, which seeks to remove perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance chemicals from any firefighter personal protective equipment, and reaffirming San Francisco's commitment to the safety of our first responders.

WHEREAS, The California State Legislature introduced Assembly Bill No. 1181 (AB 1181), the Firefighter personal protective equipment: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which would prohibit the manufacture, sale, distribution, or purchase of any firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE) containing intentionally added per - and poly-fluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) chemicals; and

WHEREAS, AB 1181 would require that the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) update its standards to include PFAS-free turnout gear in alignment with pending updated standards from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) within one year of NFPA's update; and

WHEREAS, Decades of scientific research have demonstrated the toxic and carcinogenic nature of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, known as PFAS, which are a family of synthetic chemicals known as forever chemicals due to their persistent nature in both the environment and the human body; and

WHEREAS, Research has linked exposure to and accumulation of PFAS to development of tumors in the liver, reproductive organs, and pancreas; and

1 WHEREAS, In November 2023, the International Agency for Research on Cancer
2 declared perfluorooctanoic acid, which was been found in firefighter turnout gear, to be a
3 Group 1 known human carcinogen; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to other industrial and commercial uses, PFAS is utilized in the
5 personal protective equipment (PPE) of firefighters, specifically within the inner moisture
6 barrier layer of the three-layer fabric, in order to pass a stringent light-resistance test to meet
7 Section 8.62 of the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1971; and

8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance No. 106-24
9 (Board File No. 240299), which mandated that “the Fire Department shall no longer provide or
10 use Firefighter Personal Protective equipment containing intentionally-added PFAS,”
11 promoting the general welfare of our city’s first responders; and

12 WHEREAS, If AB 1181 is passed, the State of California will join San Francisco in
13 ensuring that harmful chemicals are not added to PPE for the sole purpose of passing a light,
14 flame, or liquid test and assuring our heroic first responders that their protective equipment is
15 not adversely impacting their long-term health; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 hereby supports Assembly Bill No. 1181 as a critical measure to enhance the safety and
18 health of Firefighters; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State
20 Legislature and the Governor to enact AB 1181 to ensure California’s Occupational Safety
21 and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) updates its standards to include PFAS-free turnout
22 gear to uphold the highest safety and compliance standards for Firefighters; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit a
24 copy of this Resolution to the Governor of California, the President pro Tempore of the
25 California State Senate, the Speaker of the California State Assembly, and Assembly Member

1 Matt Haney, to express the City and County of San Francisco's strong support for this
2 legislation.
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April 29, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/29/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

05/09/2025

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/09/2025

Date