

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Administrative Code - Establishing a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Seniors Task Force]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 5, Article XII, by adding Sections 5.110 through 5.115, to establish a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Seniors Task Force and establish its powers and duties.

Existing Law

The City currently does not have a body charged with studying the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) aging adults and seniors.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposal would amend the Administrative Code to create a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (“LGBT”) Seniors Task Force (“the Task Force”) to advise the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to the needs and concerns of senior members of the LGBT community.

The Task Force would have 11 members, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, from among LGBT seniors and aging adults and people with expertise or experience working on issues affecting LGBT seniors. Members of the Task Force would serve at the pleasure of the Board.

The Task Force would hold hearings on LGBT senior issues and related matters. It would include working groups on: housing; health and social services; legal status and equity; research and demographics; and community-within-community. The Task Force would hold a regular meeting not less than once every month.

The Task Force would specifically be charged with reviewing, updating and creating implementation plans for recommendations in existing reports, including the 2003 HRC Report on LGBT Seniors, the 2010 Ryan White HIV Care Council Report on HIV and Aging, and the 2011 Report of the SRO Task Force. Fifteen months after its first meeting, the Task Force would prepare a written report and submit it to the Board of Supervisors. The report would include action plans and timelines for implementation of recommendations, as well as cost estimates for implementation and potential funding sources to meet those costs.

The Department of Aging and Adult Services would provide administrative support to the Task Force. The ordinance would expire by operation of law, and the LGBT Senior Task Force would terminate, eighteen months after the first meeting of the Task Force.