

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Health Code- Reauthorizing the Food Security Task Force]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Health Code by adding Sections 470.1 and 470.2 to 1) to reauthorize the Food Security Task Force which had expired on January 30, 2012; 2) create sunset provisions of the Food Security Task Force expiring on July 1, 2015 subject to extension; 3) identify the agencies and organizations from which members are appointed; and 4) set the number of members, and making findings, including environmental findings.

Existing Law

Former Health Code sections 470.1 and 470.2 established a Food Security Task Force of the City and County of San Francisco. Food security means the state in which all persons obtain a nutritionally adequate, culturally acceptable diet at all times through local non-emergency sources. The Task Force provides general advice and assistance to the Board of Supervisors with regard to funding priorities, legislative action, and city policies on addressing hunger and enhancing the food security of San Francisco residents in addition to any other issues within the Task Force's expertise. The Task Force is staffed by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and consists of representatives of City agencies and community-based organizations.

The Board did not extend by the measure creating the Task Force prior to January 31, 2012. Therefore, Sections 470.1 and 470.2 expired by operation of law and the those sections were removed from the Health Code.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed ordinance would reenact Health Code Sections 470.1 and 470.2 to 1) to reauthorize the Food Security Task Force which had expired on January 30, 2012; 2) create sunset provisions of the Food Security Task Force expiring on July 1, 2015 subject to extension; 3) identify the agencies and organizations from which members are appointed; and 4) set the number of members, and making findings, including environmental findings.