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Resolution urging the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 755 to require all proposed new construction or refurbishment of bridges take into account plans for a suicide barrier to become eligible for any State or Federal funds apportioned by

[Urging the California State Legislature to Pass Assembly Bill 755]

the State.

WHEREAS, The top three deadliest suicide bridges in the world are in the United States, two of those bridges are here in California; and

WHEREAS, Mental illness has been found as a factor to the ongoing tragedy of deaths by suicide on bridges; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is most often an impulsive action, restricting easy access to lethal bridge jumps can significantly reduce the number of bridge suicides; and

WHEREAS, the deadly potential of a bridge jump varies with the height and design of each individual bridge, it is necessary to consider this lethal potential prior to construction; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 755 (AB 755), sponsored by Assembly Member Tom Ammiano, would require all proposed new construction or refurbishment of bridges take into account plans for a suicide barrier to become eligible for any state or federal funds apportioned by the state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby urges the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 755.

Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano

February 21, 2013

An act to add Section 2415 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to bridges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 755, as introduced, Ammiano. Suicide barriers.

Existing law does not require bridges to be constructed with suicide barriers.

This bill would provide that the construction or reconstruction of a bridge designed for use by motor vehicles shall not be eligible for federal funds apportioned to the state, funds made available from the Highway Users Tax Account, or toll bridge funds unless the planning process for the bridge project takes into account the need for a suicide barrier. To the extent the bill would apply to bridges of local agencies, it would thereby impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

AB 755

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 2415 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:
- 2415. The construction or reconstruction of a bridge designed for use by motor vehicles shall not be eligible for federal funds apportioned to the state, funds made available from the Highway
- 6 Users Tax Account, or toll bridge funds unless the planning process
- 7 for the bridge project takes into account the need for a suicide 8 barrier.
- 9 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that 10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
- local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
- 13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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