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FILE NO. 160972

RESOLUTION NO.

[Supporting California State Senate Bill 1289 (Lara) - Dignity, Not Detention Act]

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill 1289, authored by Senator Lara, to prohibit private for-profit companies from operating immigration detention facilities in California, and to require that all detention facilities protect detainees' essential health and human rights.

WHEREAS, In California there are currently four privately run immigration detention facilities that hold well over 50% of detainees statewide, including people who are undocumented, asylum seekers, long time green card holders and others who are waiting for their immigration hearing; the remainder are held in county jail facilities contracted with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and

WHEREAS, Private immigration detention contracts are often designed to incentivize filing the most beds at all times, regardless of the safety and impact on vulnerable communities, all while not being subject to public transparency tools such as the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); and

WHEREAS, The Department of Justice on August 18, 2016, announced that they would be phasing out all use of private prisons because they do not meet the standards of public correctional facilities, including the safety levels, according to a report by the Department's Office of the Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, Immigration law is civil and does not afford the same protections as our criminal justice system, and there is no government-appointed counsel resulting in the vast majority of detained immigrants fighting their cases without an attorney; and

WHEREAS, Conditions at many immigration detention facilities nationwide including in California have been found to have substandard care ranging from physical, sexual abuse,

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poor access to healthcare, poor access to legal counsel, overuse of solitary confinement and even death; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ immigrants in detention are a particularly vulnerable population who have experienced additional abuse including being placed in solitary confinement and being placed in housing pods not in accordance to their own gender identity, resulting in cases of sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, California State Senate Bill 1289 (SB 1289, the Dignity not Detention Act) was introduced in the 2016 California legislative cycle by State Senator Ricardo Lara, cosponsored by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center and CIVIC, and has passed both the state Senate and Assembly and is now on the Governor's Desk, and if signed into law would (1) Stop the creation and renewal of certain contracts with for-profit immigration detention facilities, (2) create a law in California that all facilities follow ICE's 2011 Performance Based National Detention Standards, (3) provide additional protections for detained LGBTQ immigrants including prohibiting the use of solitary confinement simply because of being LGBTQ and ensuring that housing pods are assigned in accordance to an immigrant's own gender identity; and (4) provide enforcement mechanisms if the aforementioned protections are violated; and

WHEREAS, SB 1289 sends a strong message that California stands against mass incarceration of immigrants and inhumane detention conditions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors states their support for SB 1289 and urges California Governor Jerry Brown to sign SB 1289 into law; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to the Offices of California Governor Jerry Brown and Senator Lara.

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California LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

SB-1289 Law enforcement: immigration. (2015-2016)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE 2015-2016 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

No. 1289

Introduced by Senator Lara

February 19, 2016

An act to add Section 1670.9 to the Civil Code, relating to immigration.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1289, Lara. Law enforcement: immigration.

Existing law generally regulates formation and enforcement of contracts, including what constitutes an unlawful contract. Under existing law, a contract is unlawful if it is contrary to an express provision of law, contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, or otherwise contrary to good morals.

Existing law authorizes a county board of supervisors on behalf of its sheriff, and a legislative body of a city on behalf of its chief of police, to contract to provide supplemental law enforcement services to private individuals, private entities, and private corporations in specified circumstances and subject to certain conditions.

This bill would, commencing on January 1, 2018, prohibit a city, county, or a city and county, or a local law enforcement agency from entering into or renewing a contract, or modifying a contract to extend the length of the contract, with a private corporation, contractor, or vendor to detain immigrants in civil immigration proceedings for profit.

Existing law requires the Board of State and Community Corrections to establish minimum standards for local correctional facilities, as specified.

This bill would require a city, county, or city and county, or a local law enforcement agency that chooses to enter into a contract to detain immigrants in civil immigration proceedings to detain immigrants only pursuant to a contract that requires the immigration detention facility operator to adhere to specified standards. (e) An immigrant detainee shall not be involuntarily placed in segregated housing in an immigration detention facility because of his or her actual or perceived gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation, as defined in Section 422.56 of the Penal Code. Transgender and gender nonconforming immigrant detainees shall be given the option to choose a housing placement consistent with their gender identity.

(f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an immigration detention facility operator from exceeding the 2011 Operations Manual ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards as corrected and clarified in February 2013 or ICE Directive 11065.1 (Review of the Use of Segregation for ICE Detainees).

(g) If an immigration detention facility operator, or agent of an immigration detention facility, or person acting on behalf of an immigration detention facility, violates subdivision (d) or (e), or the 2011 Operations Manual ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards as corrected and clarified in February 2013, or ICE Directive 11065.1 (Review of Use of Segregation for ICE Detainees), the Attorney General, or any district attorney or city attorney, may bring a civil action for injunctive and other appropriate equitable relief in the name of the people of the State of California. An action brought by the Attorney General, any district attorney, or any city attorney may also seek a civil penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). If this civil penalty is requested, it shall be assessed individually against each person who is determined to have violated this section, and the penalty shall be awarded to each individual who has been injured under this section.

(h) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Immigration detention facility" means a facility where immigrants are detained for civil immigration proceedings pursuant to an agreement between a city, county, or city and county, or a law enforcement agency and either of the following:

(A) The United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency.

(B) A private corporation, contractor, or private vendor.

(2) "Immigration detention facility operator" means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, joint venture, commercial entity, municipality, commission, or political division of the State of California that operates or owns an immigration detention facility.

(3) "Segregated housing" means administrative segregation or disciplinary segregation, as defined in the 2011 Operations Manual ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards as corrected and clarified in February 2013, or any other act resulting in an individual being segregated from the general population through prolonged physical or social isolation for hours, days, weeks, or years.

SEC. 3. The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

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Telephone 916.327.7500 RE: SB 1289 (Lara) – Law Enforcement: Immigration As Amended on May 31, 2016 – OPPOSE Set to be hearing on June 28, 2016 – Assembly Judiciary Committee

Facsimile 916.441.5507

Dear Senator Lara:

The Honorable Ricardo Lara

State Capitol, Room 5050

Sacramento, CA 95814

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully writes in opposition to your bill Senate Bill 1289, which would prohibit local law enforcement agencies and local governments from contracting with for-profit entities to detain immigrants.

CSAC opposes any legislation that would limit a county's authority to contract with a facility that detains offenders whether they are immigrants, felons, or misdemeanants. Almost half of California's county jails have some sort of capacity order limiting the number of offenders they can hold before they must be released because of overcrowding. SB 1289 ties local law enforcement's hands and increases the possibility of litigation. Currently, the City and County of San Francisco and San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi are being sued by Kate Steinle's family in a wrongful death lawsuit, for releasing Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez from jail without notifying federal immigration officials. While Mr. Lopez-Sanchez was a seven-time convicted felon, there was no active warrant for him. The San Francisco Sheriff's Department released him stating that they had no "legal basis" to hold him.

While the objective of SB 1289 is to reduce the probability of individuals whose immigration status is in question from being held in custody, the bill does not accomplish this goal. Instead, SB 1289 could result in individuals being held in other states like Arizona and Texas because California would be prohibited from contracting with these types of facilities that are located in the state.

Each of these private facilities are audited and accredited by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) and the American Corrections Association (ACA). In addition, these facilities and their operations are governed by multiple standards, policies and procedures including ICE Performance Based National Detention Standards, the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and California state law.

It is for these reasons CSAC must respectfully oppose SB 1289. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact my staff Darby Kernan, Legislative Representative at 916.650.8131 or <u>dkernan@counties.org</u>.

Sincerely,

Baker

DeAnn Baker Deputy Executive Director for Legislative Affairs

cc: Honorable Ricardo Lara, California State Senate Members and Consultant, Assembly Judiciary Committee Gary Olson, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus

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