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INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, each year over 4,000 youths turn 18 and emancipate from the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, statistics show that after aging out of foster care, 50% of foster youth are unemployed, close to 40% receive public assistance, 25% will experience homelessness, and one in five will be incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, introduced on February 21, 2007, AB 671 (Beall) would establish the Emancipated Foster Youth Program to provide state employment opportunities for qualified foster youth and former foster youth, 25 years of age or younger; and

WHEREAS, this bill would provide qualified foster youth or former foster youth with preference points for state civil service employment and require a participant in the program to pass a written examination for the classification in which the participant is employed after three months of employment; and

WHEREAS, introduced on January 10, 2007, AB 121 (Maze) would create a financial incentive that would encourage employers located in a State Enterprise Zone to hire former foster youth; and

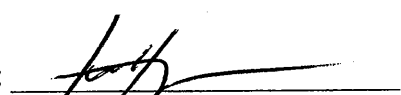
WHEREAS, this bill would add emancipated foster youth between the ages of 18 and 25 to the list of potential or "qualified" hires within an enterprise zone, in which, employers would receive a business tax credit; and

WHEREAS, AB 671 and AB121 create an opportunity to reverse the disadvantages emancipated foster youth face as they seek to enter the workforce and establish their own self-sufficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2007-2008 State Legislative Program, SUPPORT for AB 671 (Beall) which would create the Emancipated Foster Youth Program to provide state employment opportunities for qualified foster youth and former foster youth, 25 years of age or younger; and SUPPORT for AB 121 (Maze) which would create a financial incentive to encourage employers located in a State Enterprise Zone to hire former foster youth.

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