

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 562 (LARA & ATKINS), HEALTHY CALIFORNIA ACT, THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSAL SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PROGRAM AND A HEALTH CARE COST CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE

WHEREAS, every Californian should have a right to health care; and

WHEREAS, while the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) brought many improvements in health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many Californians without coverage or with inadequate coverage; and

WHEREAS, on his first day in office, President Trump signed an executive order giving federal agencies broad powers to dismantle regulations created under the PPACA; and the executive order stated that the Trump Administration’s official policy is “to seek the prompt repeal” of the PPACA; and WHEREAS, Californians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers have experienced a rise in the cost of health care and health care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums, deductibles, and copays, as well as restricted provider networks and high out-of-network charges; and

WHEREAS, businesses have also experienced increases in the costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to their employees or dropping coverage entirely; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 562 (SB 562) would create a “comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system” for the benefit of all 38 million Californians – including undocumented residents; WHEREAS, SB 562 would consistently cover all Californians, because coverage is based on residency, not a person’s changing income or employment status; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 would eliminate out of control co-pays and high deductibles, and reduce Approved as to Form and Legality City Attorney costs by cutting out insurance company waste and duplication; and WHEREAS, SB 562 would give patients the freedom to choose their doctor, and would manage prescription drug costs; and

WHEREAS, SB 562 is sponsored by the California Nurses Association and supported by the Healthy California a broad grassroots campaign comprised of four million Californians and over 150 organizations representing community, labor, immigrant rights, business, senior, healthcare providers and advocates; and

WHEREAS, _____ endorsement of SB 562 is consistent with _____ now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That _____ endorses SB 562; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the _____ to the legislative representative for transmission to the State Legislature.

Please send final resolutions and a copy of your support letter to: megan.baier@sen.ca.gov, cboren@calnurses.org and info@HealthyCaliforniaAct.org