

RULES, ELECTIONS AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT and RESOLUTION relative to establishing the City's position on proposed federal rules impacting access to gender-affirming care for young people.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Resolution (Jurado – Soto-Martinez),
SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MAYOR:

RESOLVE to include in the City's 2025-26 Federal Legislative Program OPPOSITION of Secretary Robert F Kennedy, Jr.'s declaration and proposed federal rules impacting access to gender-affirming care for young people.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the Chief Legislative Analyst. The City Administrative Officer has not completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For: Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

Against: Echo Park Neighborhood Council

Summary:

On August 4, 2026, your Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered an April 15, 2026 Resolution (Jurado – Soto-Martinez), relative to establishing the City's position on SB 1266 (Stern), which would redefining the value of stolen copper wire and authorize the aggregation of multiple thefts committed against critical infrastructure. According to the Resolution, on December 18, 2025, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, under Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced proposed federal rules and guidance that would eliminate or restrict access to gender-affirming healthcare for patients under the age of 18 by prohibiting Medicaid reimbursement. These proposed federal actions would coerce hospitals and healthcare providers to discontinue gender-affirming care for youth, regardless of medical necessity, parental consent, or clinical judgment, thereby placing vulnerable young people at risk of significant health-related harm. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Resolution. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

COUNCILMEMBER VOTE

HARRIS-DAWSON: YES

RAMAN: ABSENT

YAROSLAVSKY: YES

SOTO-MARTINEZ: ABSENT

LEE: YES

RM

08/04/26

-NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL COUNCIL ACTS-