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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KALB

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 65 (ALEJO)  
THAT WOULD CREATE A STATE FUND TO HELP LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES PURCHASE, IMPLEMENT, AND MAINTAIN A  
BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, A recent report released by Community Oriented Policing Services and the Police Executive Research Forum shows that body worn cameras help strengthen accountability and transparency, and that officers and civilians both act in a more positive manner when they are aware that a camera is present; and

**WHEREAS**, President Obama's proposed three year, multi-million dollar investment package in local law enforcement includes a new Body Worn Camera Partnership Program, which would provide a 50 percent match to states and local jurisdictions that purchase body worn cameras; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Police Department has been using body cameras since 2010, which has coincided with a significant drop in officer use of force incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 65, introduced by Assemblymember Luis Alejo on December 17, 2014, would create a California Body Worn Camera Fund to help agencies qualify for federal matching funds for law enforcement body worn cameras by providing a state match; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses Assembly Bill (AB) 65.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

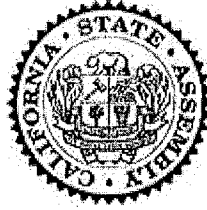
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of  
Oakland, California

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**LUIS A. ALEJO**  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, THIRTIETH DISTRICT

## Assembly Bill 65: Body Worn Camera Fund

### Summary:

AB 65 will create the Body Worn Camera Fund to help local law enforcement agencies purchase, implement, and maintain a body worn camera program through the appropriation of state funds.

### Background:

A recent report released by Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF), shows that body worn cameras help strengthen accountability and transparency, and that officers and civilians both act in a more positive manner when they're aware that a camera is present.

President Obama's has proposed a three-year, \$263 million investment package that will work to increase police officers' use of body worn cameras, expand training for law enforcement agencies, add more resources for police department reform, and multiply the number of cities where the United States Department of Justice facilitates community and local law enforcement engagement.

A large part of this broader proposal is a new Body Worn Camera Partnership Program, which will provide a 50 percent match to states and local jurisdictions that purchase body worn cameras. According to White House news sources, the proposed \$75 million, three-year investment could help purchase 50,000 body worn cameras nationwide.

### Purpose

The purpose of the bill is to help local law enforcement agencies draw down these critical federal funds by providing them with state funds to reach the 50 percent match.

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BILL NUMBER: AB 65      INTRODUCED  
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INTRODUCED BY    Assembly Member Alejo

DECEMBER 17, 2014

An act to add Title 14 (commencing with Section 14400) to Part 4 of the Penal Code, relating to peace officers, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 65, as introduced, Alejo. Local law enforcement: body-worn cameras: matching grant program.

Existing law generally requires local agencies to provide each newly hired police officer and deputy sheriff with a pistol and other specified equipment.

This bill would appropriate an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the Department of Justice for purposes of matching federal funds available to purchase body-worn cameras and related equipment for use by local peace officers. The bill would require the department to develop a matching grant program for local jurisdictions that would either allow the state to apply for federal matching funds on behalf of a local law enforcement entity, or to reimburse a local law enforcement entity that has expended its funds for purposes of obtaining federal matching funds for body-worn cameras, as described.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Title 14 (commencing with Section 14400) is added to Part 4 of the Penal Code, to read:

TITLE 14. Body-Worn Camera Matching Grant Program for Local Law Enforcement

14400. The Department of Justice shall develop a matching grant program for the purpose of matching federal funds available to local law enforcement entities to purchase body-worn cameras and related data storage and equipment. The matching grant program shall allow the state either to apply for federal matching funds on behalf of a local law enforcement entity, or to reimburse a local law enforcement entity that has expended its funds for federal matching fund purposes.

14402. The state matching grant program shall comport with requirements of the federal matching fund program for purposes of purchasing body-worn cameras for use by local peace officers.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the

Department of Justice, the amount of \_\_\_\_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_) for the purpose of matching federal funds available to local law enforcement entities to purchase body-worn cameras and related data storage and equipment.