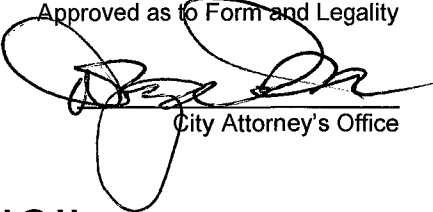


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85778 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE SENATE BILL (SB) 168 (GAINES AND JACKSON) THAT WOULD MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO INTERFERE WITH FIREFIGHTING WITH AN UNMANNED AIRCRAFT AND WOULD LIMIT EXPOSURE TO LIABILITY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS (AND THEIR AGENCIES) THAT DAMAGE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT THAT INTERFERE WITH AMBULANCES, FIREFIGHTING, OR SEARCH & RESCUE

WHEREAS, early in the course of this drought-heightened fire season, private-authorized unmanned aircraft ("drones") have repeatedly halted firefighting efforts because their presence has forced firefighters to ground mission-critical tanker aircraft, unnecessarily putting pilots, firefighters, civilians and property at risk; and

WHEREAS, in June of this year, recreational drones flown over wildfires prevented firefighters from performing water drops over the Lake Fire in the San Bernardino Mountains, while another drone delayed efforts to battle a 35 acre blaze in Mill Creek Canyon for over 20 minutes in July; and

WHEREAS, disruptions by drones of efforts to control or stop wildfires can have grave consequences; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has experienced devastating fires in our hills; and

WHEREAS, while interfering with firefighting efforts is currently a misdemeanor under California law, increased penalties and the ability for firefighters to disable drones are needed to curb the growing presence of drones in wild fire areas; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 168 (Gaines, Jackson) would further limit exposure to civil liability for emergency responders and their agencies, for disabling drones that are interfering with ambulances, firefighting, or search & rescue operations as well provide increased penalties for persons who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly operate drones in a manner that interferes with firefighters' efforts to control, contain, or extinguish a fire; and

WHEREAS, SB 168 is endorsed by the League of California Cities, California Fire Chiefs Association, California Professional Firefighters, California State Firefighters' Association, Emergency Nurses Association, Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association, and other groups; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses SB 168 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

SEP 08 2015

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, ~~GAZZO~~, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, ~~REID~~, AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 6

NOES - 0

ABSENT - Gallo - 1

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Reid - 1

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS

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