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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM DAN KALB, COUNCILMEMBER
SHENG THAO AND COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON-McELHANEY

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 836 (WICKS) THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB), TO CREATE A NETWORK OF CLEAN AIR CENTERS TO MITIGATE ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS DUE TO WILDFIRES AND OTHER SMOKE EVENTS, PRIORITIZING AREAS WITH A HIGH CUMULATIVE SMOKE EXPOSURE BURDEN

WHEREAS, in the past few years, wildfires in California have burned over 1.5 million acres of public and private forest land and destroyed over 24,000 homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 and 2018 wildfires demonstrated how catastrophic wildfire events impact the quality of air for residents, even those who live hundreds of miles away from the burned area, including here in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, this toxic air often contains elevated levels of wood smoke and contaminants from burned structures, vehicles, and consumer products, causing negative health impacts especially among children, the elderly, and individuals with existing respiratory problems; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people who have heart or lung diseases, chest pain, or asthma are at higher risk from wildfire smoke, and older adults are more likely to be affected by smoke due to their increased risk of heart and lung diseases; and

WHEREAS, children are more likely to be affected by smoke because their airways are still developing, and they breathe more air per pound of body weight than adults; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 836 (Wicks) was introduced to create a network of clean air centers to mitigate adverse health impacts due to wildfires and other smoke events; and

WHEREAS, AB 836 would direct the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to develop guidelines, in consultation with air districts, cities, counties, public health agencies, school districts, and other stakeholders, to identify clean air centers for the public to access during emergency air quality events; and

WHEREAS, AB 836 would and establish a grant program to retrofit ventilation systems to create the network of clean air centers, prioritizing applicants located in communities with high cumulative exposure burden; and

WHEREAS, AB 836 would provide better coordination in local communities and healthier indoor environments during emergency smoke events, filling a gap in the current wildfire smoke response efforts in affected communities and help mitigate adverse health effects from air pollution; and

WHEREAS, AB 836 is sponsored by Bay Area Air Quality Management District and supported by the American Lung Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses AB 836 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California



AB-836 Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Program. (2019-2020)

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 20, 2019

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 11, 2019

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

NO. 836

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wicks
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Kalra)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Chiu)**

February 20, 2019

An act to add Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 39960) to Part 2 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to nonvehicular air pollution.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 836, as amended, Wicks. Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Program.

Existing law generally designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency with the primary responsibility for the control of vehicular air pollution and air pollution control and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources.

This bill would establish the Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Program, to be administered by the state board, to provide funding through a grant program to retrofit ventilation systems to create a network of clean air centers in order to mitigate the adverse public health impacts due to wildfires and other smoke events, as specified. The bill would specify that moneys for the program would be available upon appropriation.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 39960) is added to Part 2 of Division 26 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

CHAPTER 9.5 Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Program

39960. (a) (1) The Wildfire Smoke Clean Air Centers for Vulnerable Populations Incentive Program is hereby established to be administered by the state board to provide funding through a grant program to retrofit ventilation systems to create a network of clean air centers in order to mitigate the adverse public health impacts due to wildfires and other smoke events.

(2) Moneys for the program shall be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(b) Qualified applicants shall include, but need not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Schools.

(2) Community centers.

(3) Senior centers.

(4) Sports centers.

(5) Libraries.

(c) The state board shall develop guidelines for the program in consultation with districts, cities, counties, public health agencies, school districts, and other stakeholders. The guidelines shall address all of the following:

(1) Location of the applicant.

(2) Size of the applicant's facility.

(3) Facility ventilation characteristics that could provide healthier indoor air quality in the event of a localized smoke impact.

(d) (1) The state board shall prioritize applications to the program where the project is located in an area with a high cumulative smoke exposure burden.

(2) *Within areas described in paragraph (1), the state board shall give priority to a school maintained by a local educational agency that has at least 40 percent of its pupils being from low-income families, as specified pursuant to Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.).*