

## ATTACHMENT D

**BILL:** AB 1217

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**SUBJECT:** MEMBERSHIP ON THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY  
(OCFA)

**STATUS:** SENATE THIRD READING FILE

**ACTION:** OPPOSE

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt an OPPOSE position on AB 1217 (Daly).

### **ISSUE**

Assembly Bill 1217 would:

- Prohibit the Orange County Fire Authority from appointing alternates to its Board of Directors.

The bill represents an intrusion into local control by the State Legislature by prohibiting a local agency from determining its appropriate governing structure.

### **DISCUSSION**

Existing law, the Joint Powers Act, allows government entities to form joint powers agencies to exercise their individual powers in common. Cities in Orange County have formed the OCFA for the provision of emergency services. The bill arises out of a discussion amongst the JPA members regarding the governing of this JPA. The JPA has been in existence since 1995 and has been amended before.

Staff are concerned that the introduction of legislation on a specific governing structure of a specific agency is an unwarranted intrusion by the state into the governing structure of a local agency.

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### **DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT**

There is no determined safety impact due to the enactment of the proposed legislation.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This bill has no direct impact to Metro.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

Staff has considered adopting a neutral position on the bill. A neutral position would be inconsistent with previous Board actions that support local control.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Should the Board decide to adopt an OPPOSE position on this bill, staff will communicate the Board's position to the author and others in the legislative process. Staff will continue to keep the Board informed as this issue is addressed throughout the legislative session.