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SENATE FLOOR ALERT

SB 649 (Hueso) – Wireless telecommunications facilities

As Amended May 2, 2017 – **OPPOSE**

Senate Third Reading File

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) OPPOSES Senate Bill 649 by Senator Ben Hueso. This bill places unprecedented restrictions on counties' ability to negotiate fair leases for the use of public property and significantly reduces discretion and public input on applications for installing these facilities. Specifically, SB 649:

- **Eliminates discretionary review** for “small cells” installed next to public roadways in any neighborhood and **shuts the public out of the review process** for these “small cell” applications everywhere except for coastal areas or historic districts;
- **Turns neighborhood traffic signals and streetlights into de facto utility poles** and prevents counties from reserving space on a streetlight or stoplight to ensure that it can be used for its intended purpose without going through a time-consuming resolution process;
- **Requires counties to lease streetlights and stoplights to private companies at artificially low rates** and imposes an arbitrary cap of \$100 to \$850 per installation per year; and
- **Precludes negotiation of leases that provide in-kind public benefits**, like access to fiber or use of conduit to connect public facilities like a library, in exchange for the use of public property.

For these reasons, **CSAC OPPOSES SB 649 and requests your NO vote.** Please contact Chris Lee, Legislative Analyst at clee@counties.org or 916.327.7500 ext. 521 with any questions regarding our position