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The Honorable Ed Chau
Chair, Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection
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**Re: AB 347 (Chau) – Weights and measures: inspection: fees.
As Introduced February 8, 2017 – SUPPORT
To Be Heard in Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee on April
18, 2017**

Dear Assembly Member Chau,

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) writes in support of Assembly Bill 347. This bill would extend by three years the existing county authority to charge fees to recover the costs of the county sealer.

County sealers are required to inspect and test devices for weights and measures and to weigh or measure certain items to determine whether or not the amount represented is accurate. Under current law, boards of supervisors are authorized to enact ordinances to charge fees to recover the cost of this work. Additionally, the Secretary of Food and Agriculture is required to establish an annual administrative fee to recover reasonable administrative and enforcement costs incurred by the Department of Food and Agriculture for oversight work; the administrative fee is collected for every device registered with each county's office of weights and measures. However, these provisions are set to expire on January 1, 2019.

AB 347 would extend the fee authority until January 1, 2022. Extending the existing authority to recover the costs associated with this important work will ensure that county sealers can continue to perform to the highest standard.

It is for these reasons that CSAC supports AB 347. If you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at cmartinson@counties.org or 916-327-7500, ext. 504.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cara Martinson'.

Cara Martinson
Legislative Representative

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