



ALTURAS RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Chief, Erick Kinney
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2nd Assistant Fire Chief, Jacob Hughes

April 5, 2024

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf of Alturas Rural Fire Protection District, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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For these reasons we urge an "AYE" vote when the bill is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

Chief, Erick Kinney
Alturas Rural Fire Department
310 N. Rine St.
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cc:
Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus



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Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024

Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf the Berkeley Fire Department, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,

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DAVID SPRAGUE / FIRE CHIEF
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April 3, 2024

The Honorable Gregg Hart
California State Assembly, District 37
1021 O Street, Room 6230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Assembly Member Hart:

On behalf of our clients, the **California Fire Chiefs Association (CalChiefs)** and the **Fire Districts Association of California (FDAC)**, I write to express their support for your Assembly Bill 2973. This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,
Public Policy Advocates, LLC

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Julee Malinowski-Ball, Managing Partner

JMB/OF/kmg

cc:

Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus



CARPINTERIA~SUMMERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

April 4, 2024

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf of the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,

Robert Kovach, Fire Chief

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus

"Pride in Service"



City of Merced Fire Department

Casey Wilson, Acting Fire Chief

April 5, 2024

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Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf the City of Merced Fire Department, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,

Casey Wilson
Acting Fire Chief
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cc:

Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus

April 07, 2024

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

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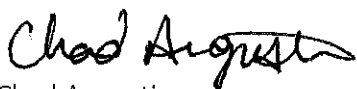
On behalf of Pasadena Fire Department, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,



Chad Augustin
Pasadena Fire Chief

cc:

Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus

City of El Paso de Robles

Fire and Emergency Services Department



April 6, 2024

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf of Paso Robles Fire and Emergency Services, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,

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Jonathan Stornetta
Fire Chief, City of Paso Robles

cc: Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus



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April 4, 2024

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair
 Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
 1021 O Street, Room 5140
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

As President of the Western Placer Fire Chiefs Association, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,

Rick Bartee

Rick Bartee, CFO

Fire Chief

Roseville Fire Department

cc:

Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus

Chief Rick Bartee, President
 Roseville Fire Department
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Chief Brian Estes, Vice President
 CAL FIRE – Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit
 Placer County Fire Department
 13760 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603

Chief Reginald Williams, Secretary
 Rocklin Fire Department
 4060 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA 95677



April 5, 2024

The Honorable Gregg Hart
 State Assembly
 1021 O Street, Suite 6230
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart)—Emergency Services

Dear Assemblymember Hart:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express our support for your bill, Assembly Bill 2973). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California.

NATALIE ROGERS
 Mayor

MARK STAPP
 Vice Mayor

EDDIE ALVAREZ
 VICTORIA FLEMING
 DIANNA MACDONALD
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 CHRIS ROGERS

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For these reasons, the City of Santa Rosa supports AB 2973. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate Alyssa Silhi with Renne Public Policy Group at (916) 974-9270.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers, Mayor

DAS WILLIAMS

First District, Chair

LAURA CAPPS

Second District

JOAN HARTMANN

Third District, Chair

BOB NELSON

Fourth District

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Fifth District, Vice Chair



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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

April 8, 2024

The Honorable Gregg Hart
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 6230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 2973 (Hart): Emergency services
As Proposed to be Amended – SUPPORT
Set for hearing 4/8/24 – Assembly Emergency Management Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Hart:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of your Assembly Bill 2973, a measure that will help ensure that the County of Santa Barbara can choose to utilize its county fire department personnel to provide prehospital emergency medical services (EMS) and ambulance services in the County.

The County of Santa Barbara is seeking the authority to call upon its own staff to provide critical community services that it is demonstrably capable of providing, and in fact, already provides in certain areas of the county. We appreciate the amendments to AB 2973 – including those that are proposed today– to ensure that the Board of Supervisors’ goals are met.

AB 2973 maintains the appropriate level of oversight and authority for Boards of Supervisors in designing prehospital EMS and ambulance services. As the elected body, it’s important that county supervisors have the authority to decide what local services look like in their communities.

The Board of Supervisors recently approved the 2024 Legislative Platform, which includes a local control principle that expresses support for ensuring “local authority and control over governance issues, land use policies and the delivery of services, including flexibility and customization in designing and implementing policies and services that are responsive to the community’s preferences.” To that

end, we are grateful for the efforts of you and your staff to help facilitate a resolution on this important measure and are pleased to offer our support for AB 2973. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions at (916) 272-0010, or jkh@hbeadvocacy.com.

Sincerely,



Jean Kinney Hurst
Legislative Representative

cc: The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair, Assembly Emergency Management Committee
Members and Consultants, Assembly Emergency Management Committee
The Honorable Mia Bonta, Chair, Assembly Health Committee
Members and Consultants, Assembly Health Committee
County of Santa Barbara Legislative Delegation

April 7, 2024

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf Fremont Fire Department, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,



Fire Chief

cc:

Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus

LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

“Serving the Community Since 1947”

Chad Stephen, Fire Chief

Board of Directors

John Rice
Leona Allen
Brian Hogan
Irene Kaelin
Tim Cain



April 8, 2024

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Chad Stephen
Fire Chief

cc:

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Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus

Respect, Integrity, Dedication, Positive Attitude and Teamwork

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April 8, 2024

The Honorable Gregg Hart
Member, California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 6230
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 2973 (Hart) Emergency Medical Services Coordination
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Amended April 2 2024)*

Dear Assembly Member Hart,

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) is pleased to **support** your measure AB 2973 (Hart). This measure would clarify the statutory responsibility of counties, board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies regarding EMS and ambulance services.

Specifically, AB 2973 would provide that counties may provide ambulance services to persons located within their jurisdiction by any of the following means:

- Creating a separate county department to provide ambulance services
- Assigning the duty of providing ambulance services to residents of the county to an existing county department
- Contracting with cities or local public agencies located within the county to provide ambulance services within areas under the jurisdiction of the county, the cities, or the local public agencies
- Contracting with private ambulance companies as provided under statute.

This bill also states that the board of supervisors will have the authority to approve the award of agreements or operating rights for prehospital EMS or ambulance services by the county or the local EMS agency under a competitive process.

Most importantly, this bill states that nothing in this bill shall supersede section 1797.201.

This bill would provide important clarifications regarding the process of awarding contracts and at the same time would not change any of the existing law regarding 201 rights. Therefore, Cal Cities is in support of AB 2973.

For these reasons, Cal Cities supports your measure AB 2973 (Hart). If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at jvoorhis@calcities.org.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jolena Voorhis", is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp.

Jolena Voorhis
Legislative Affairs, Lobbyist

cc: Members, Assembly Emergency Management Committee



Marina Fire Department
211 Hillcrest Ave.
Marina, CA 93933
Office - 831-275-1700
FAX - 831-884-1222



April 5, 2024

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Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
Hearing: 04/08/2024; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management

Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf of the Marina Fire Department, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely,

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Doug McCoun
Fire Chief, Marina Fire

dmccoun@cityofmarina.org

cc:

Honorable Members, Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus



NAPA COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

April 6, 2024

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1021 O Street, Room 5140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart), As Amended 04/02/2024
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Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf of the Napa County Fire Chiefs Association, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

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Sincerely, Zach Curren, President

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Napa County Fire Chiefs Association
zcurren@napacountyfirechiefs.com

cc:
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Mike Dayton, Chief Consultant; Assembly Committee on Emergency Management
Nick Dokoozlian, Consultant; Assembly Republican Caucus

President, Zach Curren | zcurren@napacountyfirechiefs.com
Vice President, Mike Marcucci | mmarcucci@napacountyfirechiefs.com

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North County Fire Authority

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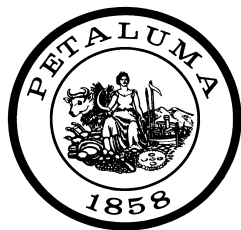
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Ron D. Myers
Fire Chief

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CITY OF PETALUMA

POST OFFICE BOX 61
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Kevin McDonnell
Mayor

April 4, 2024

Brian Barnacle
Janice Cader-Thompson, *Dist. 1*
Mike Healy
Karen Nau, *Dist. 3*
Dennis Pocekay
John Shribbs, *Dist. 2*
Councilmembers

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Dear Chair Rodriguez:

On behalf of Petaluma Fire Department, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California. AB 2973 seeks to eliminate ambiguities and streamline the coordination and delivery of emergency medical services (EMS) across the state.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Act has left room for confusion regarding the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders. AB 2973 addresses this by providing much-needed clarity that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of providing emergency medical services. Specifically, the bill provides for the establishment of Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs) through a competitive process, the requirement for board of supervisors' approval of LEMSA-developed plans, and the outlined procedural requirements for EOAs underscore a commitment to transparency, accountability, and best practices in the provision of EMS.

AB 2973 enhances the accessibility, accountability, and coordination of EMS, and promises to strengthen our emergency response infrastructure and ensure that Californians receive timely and effective medical care.

For these reasons we urge an "AYE" vote when the bill is heard in committee.

Sincerely,

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