



# County of El Dorado

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## Legislation Text

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Health Services Department recommending the Board approve and authorize said Department to sign a letter of support for El Dorado Union High School District grant application for a Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) grant.

**Fiscal Impact/Change to Net County Cost:** This letter of support has no financial implication to the County.

**Background:** Reducing the uptake of tobacco by young people is vital; 90% of all adult smokers begin while in their teens, and more than half become regular, daily smokers before they reach the age of 19. El Dorado County Health Services Department - Public Health Division's Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP) has been in place since 1990. TUPP has a long-standing partnership with and continues to work closely with the El Dorado Union High School District in their instruction on tobacco use prevention. The District has a proven and successful track record of reducing youth prevalence rates through the utilization of research-based models. The District is applying for a Tobacco Use Prevention Education grant from the California Department of Education and would like a letter of support from the Health Services Department. The District's receipt of this grant funding will allow the District to continue their tobacco use prevention efforts with high school students.

**Reason for Recommendation:** Board of Supervisors Policy A-5 - *Grant Endorsements for Non-County Agencies*, requires Departments to obtain approval from the Board prior to providing endorsement for non-county grant applications. The El Dorado Union High School District grant application is consistent with the Public Health Division, TUPP goals of reducing tobacco availability to minors; therefore, the Division would like to provide a letter of support. The recommended letter of support commits no County resources, staff, or funding.

**Action to be taken following Board approval:**

Upon approval by the Board, Health Services Department, Public Health Division, will sign and forward the letter of support to the El Dorado Union High School District.

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