



July 5, 2022

The Honorable Susan Eggman
California State Senate, 5th District
1021 O Street, Suite 8530
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT: SB 1154– Facilities for mental health or substance use disorder crisis: database

Dear Senator Bates,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of many Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC is pleased to offer its support for Senate Bill 1154. SB 1154 provides a much-needed internet-based database to collect, aggregate, and display comprehensive information about available beds to treat those in mental or substance use crisis. This valuable resource for local officials and policymakers will serve as a tool to direct funding and resources based on need and utilization. SB 1154 will be vital in helping transition people off the streets and into temporary facilities, a critical first step in addressing homelessness.

Should you have any questions about our position or about ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or at wendy@wjsconsult.com.

Sincerely,

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CC: ACC-OC Board of Directors