



FLOOR ALERT

AB 1637 (Irwin): Local government: internet websites and email addresses *(As amended 6/29/23)*

OPPOSE

File # 232

AB 1637 would require cities and counties to secure and migrate to a new .gov or .ca.gov domain along with all corresponding email addresses. AB 1637 seeks to prevent private parties from creating duplicative local government site to push misinformation. We are unaware that this has ever occurred, let alone is a problem. Requiring all local departments, including county hospitals, fire (including volunteer), police, sheriff, as well as municipal utilities and power and airports, would be required to comply. AB 1637 is costly mandate, in search of a problem that does not exist, without creating any added layer of protection against cyber security.

- AB 1637 will impose **significant costs** to local agencies, particularly during a period of economic decline—creating pressures against existing programs and activities.
- AB 1637 **does not add any layer of new protection** against cyber security threats.
- AB 1637 will result in **confusion and frustration** as residents are redirected from their trusted local agency website to an unfamiliar website.
- AB 1637 **hurts smaller entities the hardest**. Those without dedicated IT staff or resources will have to contract out to meet an arbitrary deadline.

Vote NO on AB 1637

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