



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 20-0577, **Version:** 1

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Supervisor McCowen

**Meeting Date:** July 14, 2020

**Department Contact:** Sarah Dukett

**Phone:** 463-4441

**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Letter of Support for Senate Bill 3288 - the Public Lands Act  
(Sponsor: Supervisor McCowen)

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve letter of support for Senate bill 3288 - the Public Lands Act; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

No previous action.

**Summary of Request:**

Senate Bill (S.) 3288, the PUBLIC Lands Act, is a combination of three bills recently passed by the House of Representatives proposing protection for federal public lands in California. These bills include H.R. 2250 (Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act) by Representative Jared Huffman, H.R. 2199 (Central Coast Heritage Protection Act) by Representative Salud Carbajal, and H.R. 2215 (San Gabriel Mountains, Foothills, and Rivers Protection Act) by Representative Judy Chu. These three bills were developed over several years and introduced after extensive outreach to and input was received from public land users, local business owners, community leaders, and local elected officials. All three bills were combined into a larger omnibus bill (H.R. 2546), which passed the House of Representatives on February 12, 2020 on a bipartisan vote. The California provisions of the combined House bill were subsequently incorporated into S. 3288, which was introduced on February 12, 2020 by Senator Kamala Harris and cosponsored by Senator Dianne Feinstein. S. 3288 protects 312,569 acres of federal public lands as wilderness, wilderness additions, and potential wilderness in Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte, and Trinity Counties. This bill is consistent with the 2020 Legislative Platform. Due to the benefits to Mendocino County's public lands the request before the Board is to approve a letter of support for S. 3288.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Do not approve letter of support.

**Supervisory District:** All

**vote requirement:** Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

**Fiscal Details:**

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

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CEO Liaison: Janelle Rau, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Atlas Pearson, Deputy Clerk I

Date: JULY 17, 2020

Final Status: Approved

