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The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1114 (Cabaldon) SOGISC Data – Support

Dear Chair Cervantes,

The Health Officers Association of California (HOAC), which represents the physician health officers in California’s sixty-one city and county jurisdictions, respectfully requests your support for SB 1114 (Cabaldon). The bill prohibits information collected pertaining to SOGISC (sexual orientation, gender identity, and sex characteristics) from being disclosed in a personally identifiable form to any entity outside of California state government. Importantly, SB 1114 does not expand data collection requirements; it strengthens privacy protection standards to ensure that sensitive information already being collected voluntarily is protected from improper disclosure or re-identification.

From a public health perspective, SB 1114 addresses a critical and timely need to maintain trust in voluntary data systems that are essential for identifying and addressing disparities. In the current environment, where concerns about misuse or unintended disclosure of sensitive identity information may deter participation, strong and clear protections are necessary to ensure individuals feel safe when providing information that informs equity-driven policy and health interventions.

The committee estimates significant implementation cost for SB 1114, potentially costing tens of millions of dollars. This estimate assumes the creation of extensive new compliance infrastructure across specified state entities, rather than integration into existing privacy, data governance, and legal frameworks already in place under the Information Practices Act. State departments are already subject to routine privacy compliance updates and manage sensitive demographic data while regularly updating internal protocols to comply with evolving state and federal standards. SB 1114 seeks to protect sensitive individually identifiable data within an existing framework, rather than establishing a new administrative program requiring substantial new personnel.

For these reasons, HOAC supports SB 1114 and respectfully urges its advancement. We appreciate your consideration and continued leadership around protecting Californians’ privacy and ensuring the integrity of data used to advance public health and equity.

Sincerely,

Director of Legislation
Health Officers Association of California