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RE: SB 1459 (Cannella) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) writes to respectfully request your signature on SB 1459, a bill related to cannabis licenses. SB 1459 would allow state licensing agencies to issue provisional commercial cannabis licenses to businesses that hold a temporary state license for the same premises and the same activity, and that have an application pending with a local jurisdiction.

State temporary cannabis licenses expire at the end of the year. In order for cannabis businesses to receive a state annual license they must through the local approval process. For a number of reasons, including limited staff time, resources and the sheer number of applications, local governments need additional time to process the significant number of permit applications. This bill will allow local jurisdictions additional time to review pending commercial cannabis applications at the local level, and to complete the environmental review process. SB 1459 will enable cannabis businesses that qualify to continue to operate in good standing, and help to prevent a market disruption.

Local governments are partners with the state in implementing Proposition 64 and the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA). This bill provides a reasonable solution to help address this critical issue. It is for these reasons that we respectfully request your signature on SB 1459. Should you have any questions regarding our positions, please do not hesitate to contact Cara Martinson at 916-327-7500, ext. 504, or cmartinson@counties.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'GKnaus', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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