



# Napa County

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## Legislation Text

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**TO:** Napa County Legislative Subcommittee  
**FROM:** David Morrison, Interim County Executive Officer  
**REPORT BY:** Jesus Tijero, BOS Staff Assistant II  
**SUBJECT:** AB 595 (Essayli)

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### RECOMMENDATION

Interim County Executive Officer requests discussion and possible action to recommend that the Napa County Board of Supervisors oppose AB 595 by Assembly Member Essayli.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AB 595 (Essayli) Animal shelter: 72-hours public notice: euthanasia: study.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

## **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

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