



**SAN BENITO COUNTY  
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**Item Number: 1.23**

**MEETING DATE:** 06/24/2025

**DEPARTMENT:** COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Gracie Rodriguez

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Esperanza Colio Warren

**SUBJECT:**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - E.COLIO WARREN**

Approve letter opposing Assembly Bill 1337 (Ward), which proposes to amend the Information Practices Act of 1977 to expand data disclosure requirements and apply the act in its entirety to all 58 counties, 483 cities, over 1,000 school districts and county offices of education, approximately 2,200 independent special districts, and hundreds of joint powers authorities, regional bodies, and other public agencies; authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the Board of Supervisors; and direct staff to forward the letter to the appropriate agencies for further consideration.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The Information Practices Act (IPA) was passed nearly 50 years ago, five years after California voters enshrined the right to privacy in the state's constitution. Generally, the IPA places several relatively modest conditions and restrictions on the collection, maintenance, and disclosure of the personal information of Californians held by state agencies, including a prohibition on the disclosure of an individual's personal information without the individual's consent except in specified circumstances.

The IPA has two key shortcomings. First, the law has remained virtually unchanged for nearly five decades. Meanwhile, the scale, sensitivity, and scope of personally identifiable information collected and stored by government agencies has expanded dramatically. The law needs updating to address the realities of today's complex, data-driven digital environment. Second, the statute applies only to state entities and does not cover local governments, leaving a major loophole in the protection of Californians' personal and sensitive information.

This bill would address both issues. It would update the IPA in a number of ways, including by updating the definitions of personal and sensitive personal information contained in the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). The bill would also put local agencies on the same footing as their state counterparts by requiring local agencies to follow the requirements of the IPA when it comes to handling individuals' personal information.

This bill is substantially similar to AB 2677 (Gabriel) in 2022, which received zero "no" votes in the Legislature. The local government requirement was ultimately amended out in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Despite its overwhelming support by the Legislature, the Governor vetoed the measure, citing cost concerns.

The bill is co-sponsored by Oakland Privacy and the Electronic Frontier Foundation. It is supported by the ACLU California Action, the California Immigrant Policy Center, and the California Initiative for Technology and Democracy (CITED). The bill is opposed by a coalition of local government associations including the California State Association of Counties and the California League of Cities and the El Dorado Irrigation District.

Enclosed is a board letter of opposition for your review and approval, accompanied by a bill analysis PDF prepared by Salley, J. (2025) of the Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection

**RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

No

**CONTRACT NEEDED FOR THIS ITEM:**

No

**RFP AND BID HISTORY:**

N/A

**LAST CONTRACT AMOUNT OR N/A:**

N/A

**CONTRACT HISTORY (Describe all amendments and previous contracts):**

N/A

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 1. Operational Development & Excellence**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 2. Planning And Sustainable Growth**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 3. Technology**

No

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 4. Community Engagement**

Yes

**STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: 5. Health & Safe Community**

No

**BUDGETED:**

N/A

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT NEEDED:**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**UNFUNDED MANDATE:**

N/A

**SBC BUDGET LINE ITEM NUMBER:**

N/A

**CURRENT FY COST:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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3. Direct staff to forward the letter to the appropriate agencies for further consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Letter of Opposition - AB 1337 \(Ward\) Information Practices Act of 1977](#)  
[AB 1337 \(Ward\) Analysis](#)