AGENDA ITEM NO. H-1

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: July 15, 2014

Date: July 9, 2014

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Phillip Smith-Hanes, County Administrative Officer

Subject: Ballot Measure Statement and Ordinance Relating to the Imposition of a Transactions and Use Tax to Be Administered by the State Board of Equalization

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached ballot measure statement (Attachment 1) for a local revenue measure to be placed before the voters of Humboldt County on November 4, 2014;

2. Introduce the attached Ordinance by title (Attachment 2), adding Chapter 8, Division 1 of Title VII to the Humboldt County Code, and waive the first reading;

3. Set the Ordinance for adoption on July 22, 2014;

4. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish the pre-adoption summary of the Ordinance (Attachment 3), and to post a certified copy of the full text of the proposed Ordinance in the office of the Clerk of the Board, both publication and posting to be done at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting at which the Ordinance will be adopted. [Government Code Section 25124 (b)(1)]; and

Prepared by: Phillip Smith-Hanes

CAO Approval: __________________________

REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Human Resources Other

TYPE OF ITEM: Consent X Departmental Public Hearing Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. H-1

Meeting of: 7/8/14

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes: Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass

Nays

Abstain

Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: July 15, 2014

By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board, within 15 days after adoption of the Ordinance, to publish a post-adoption summary of the ordinance (Attachment 4) with the names of the Supervisors voting for and against the Ordinance, and to post in the office of the Clerk of the Board a certified copy of the full text of the adopted Ordinance and amendments along with the names of those Supervisors voting for and against the Ordinance [Government Code Section 25124 (b)(1)].

SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund

DISCUSSION:

On July 8, your Board received a presentation on the results of polling that had been done (pursuant to prior Board direction) on two possible local revenue measures. At that time, your Board voted to “direct staff to return on July 15 with ordinance language to place a general-purpose local revenue measure on the ballot for November 4, 2014, as follows: a local sales tax at a rate of 0.5 percent levied throughout the County, with a five-year sunset clause and including an advisory committee on expenditure of funds derived from the tax imposed by the measure on resolution of the Board of Supervisors.” The proposed Ordinance before the Board today (Attachment 1) complies with this Board direction. Staff also recommends that your Board formally approve the language for a ballot measure, which is included as Attachment 1.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is minimal financial impact to the recommended action. Costs for publication are included within existing budget appropriations.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ballot Measure Statement
2. Draft Ordinance
3. Pre-Adoption Summary
4. Post-Adoption Summary