



1615 Capitol Ave., Suite 73.771
P.O. Box 997377, MS 7003
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

PHONE: 916.440.7594
FAX: 916.440.7595
<http://www.cclho.org>

Leah Northrop, MPA, MAIS
Executive Administrator
Leah.Northrop@cdph.ca.gov

Officers

Kenneth Cutler, MD, MPH
President
Nevada County

Robert Oldham, MD, MSHA
President-Elect
Placer County

Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH
Treasurer
Los Angeles County

Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS
Secretary
Sacramento County

Lou Anne Cummings, MD, MPH
Legislative Coordinator
Sutter County

Matthew Willis, MD, MPH
Regulations Coordinator
Marin County

Muntu Davis, MD, MPH
Past President
Alameda County

Directors-at-Large

Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH
Riverside County

Andrew Miller, MD
Butte County

Edward Moreno, MD, MPH
Monterey County

Maxwell Ohikhuare, MD
San Bernardino County

Nichole Quick, MD, MPH
Yuba County

Karen Relucio, MD
Napa County

Julie Vaishampayan, MD, MPH
Stanislaus County

Nancy Williams, MD, MPH
El Dorado County

May 25, 2018

Karen L. Smith, MD, MPH
Director and State Public Health Officer
California Department of Public Health
1615 Capitol Avenue
PO Box 997377, MS 0500
Sacramento, California 95899-7377

RE: AB 2785 (Rubio): Student Services: Lactation Accommodation (Support)

Dear Dr. Smith:

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) voted at the CCLHO Semiannual Business Meeting on May 9, 2018 to recommend a Support position on AB 2785 (Rubio), a bill that would require the California Community Colleges and the California State University (CSU) to provide reasonable accommodations to lactating students.

CCLHO recommends a support position on AB 2785, as providing reasonable accommodations to students wishing to breastfeed their infants on campus is the right thing to do given all we know about the benefits of breast milk for infants.

AB 2785 would require the California Community Colleges and the CSU to provide the following reasonable accommodations to a lactating student:

- Provide access to a private and secure room, other than a restroom;
- Permission to bring onto a school campus any equipment used to express breast milk; and access to a power source for that equipment; and
- Prohibit students from incurring an academic penalty as a result of their use of these reasonable accommodations for lactation.

As you know, CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Health Services (now California Department of Public Health), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Should you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 530-265-7154 or by email at ken.cutler@co.nevada.ca.us.

Sincerely and on behalf of the CCLHO membership,

Original signed by Dr. Ken Cutler

Ken Cutler, MD, MPH
President, California Conference of Local Health Officers