



June 20, 2018

The Honorable Ben Hueso
State Capitol, Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1097 (Hueso) Lead Poisoning
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Senator Hueso,

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA), representing over 5,000 California pediatricians, strongly supports your proposed legislation SB 1097 to require the California Department of Health to aggregate case management on lead poisoning by county and to post the data online in an effort to ensure continuous and adequate levels of case management.

Lead poisoning can have impact on nearly every system in the body, damaging the brain and nervous system and leading to learning and behavioral problems. It is particularly harmful to children. According to the CDC, there is no safe blood lead level in children.¹

Public data is needed to guide communities on how to best protect children from lead poisoning. Currently, information about causes of lead poisoning on a local level and what actions are being taken to address the sources of that poisoning is limited, and little of it is available publicly.

SB 1097 seeks to ensure appropriate case management for children exposed to lead by making information about case management, aggregated by county, available online.

Pediatrician members of AAP California Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 statewide strongly support your proposed legislation SB 1097. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and wellbeing of children, youth, and families in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Ruiz".

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cc: AAP-CA Leadership; Lobbyist Lydia Bourne

1 <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/default.htm>