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AGENDA DATE: April 14, 2015

TO: Del Norte County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jay Sarina, County Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Children's Budget

RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION: Adopt a resolution adopting a Bill of Rights for Children and Youth, thereby directing the Department of Health and Human and Administration to prepare a "Children's" budget that will be considered by the Board of Supervisors during the annual County budget process.

SUMMARY:

First 5 has submitted a request to consider a resolution that outlines the rights of children and youth in our County and with that document, the preparation of a budget that reflects financial resources that are available and support the many programs and services provided by Del Norte County. The idea is to create a more detailed budget that can be reviewed by the Board of Supervisors, public, and county partners and improves public engagement in the use of available financial resources specifically for Children. Many of the programs are the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services however other County departments also serve children such as Recreation and Probation. The document that would be prepared, if the Board so directs would be a combination of budget lines that represent multiple funding sources. The budget itself would not be approved as an operating budget independent of the overall County budget, but will allow the Board to identify priorities through a process of receiving input from partners, collaborators, County departments and the public. The adoption of a Resolution and "Bill of Rights for Children and Youth" continues a commitment of the Board of Supervisors to recognize and support children in our community and to continue to improve conditions for our children and youth.

DISCUSSION/JUSTIFICATION:

The proposed resolution and budget were forwarded to the Safe and Healthy Families Goal Committee for review and discussion. The committee agreed to recommend the adoption of the Resolution and Bill of Rights, and the creation of the Children's Budget to the Board of Supervisors.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not adopt the resolution at this time and direct staff to address any concerns or questions the Board may have and return the item at a later date.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This section meets one of the following outcome measures for children in Del Norte County:

- Children ready for and succeeding in school.
- Children and youth are healthy and preparing for adulthood.
- Families are economically self-sufficient.
- Families are safe, stable and nurturing.
- Communities are safe and provide a high quality of life.
- No impact to children as a result of this action.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Health and Human Services, Probation, Recreation, Administration, First 5

SIGNATURE REQUIRED UPON ADOPTION:

BOARD CHAIR

: Yes