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SB-969 Pajaro Valley Health Care District. (2021-2022)

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Senate Bill No. 969

CHAPTER 90

An act to add Section 32498.9 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 969, Laird. Pajaro Valley Health Care District.

Existing law, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, provides the authority and procedures for the initiation, conduct, and completion of changes of organization and reorganization of cities and districts by local agency formation commissions.

Existing law creates the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, as specified, and authorizes the Pajaro Valley Health Care District to be organized, incorporated, and managed, only if the relevant county board of supervisors chooses to appoint an initial board of directors. Existing law requires, within 5 years of the date of the first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, the board of directors to divide the district into zones and number the zones consecutively. Existing law requires the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 to govern any organizational changes for the district after formation. Existing law requires the district to notify the County of Santa Cruz local agency formation commission (LAFCO) when the district, or any other entity, acquires the Watsonville Community Hospital. Existing law requires the LAFCO to dissolve the district under certain circumstances.

This bill would require the LAFCO to develop and determine a sphere of influence for the district within one year of the district's date of formation, and to conduct a municipal service review regarding health care provision in the district by December 31, 2025, and by December 31 every 5 years thereafter. The bill also would require the district to annually report to the commission regarding health care provision in the district in 2023 and 2024, as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: no Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 32498.9 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

32498.9. (a) Within one year of the district's date of formation, the Santa Cruz County local agency formation commission shall develop and determine a sphere of influence for the district pursuant to Section 56426.5 of the Government Code, unless the district is dissolved before that date.

(b) The district shall make annual reports to the commission, by December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2024, regarding health care service provision within the boundaries of the district, using the indices outlined in paragraphs (1) to (6), inclusive, of

subdivision (a) of Section 56430 of the Government Code, unless the district is dissolved before the date the report is required.

(c) By December 31, 2025, and by December 31 every five years thereafter, the commission shall conduct a municipal service review regarding health care service provision within the boundaries of the district pursuant to Section 56430 of the Government Code, unless the district is dissolved before the date the municipal service review is required.