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Resolution # R-26

SB 1243 MARINE FUEL EXEMPTION BILL

- WHEREAS: the Port of Los Angeles is one of California's leading maritime fuel providers for cargo ships, tugs, barges, and other marine vessels; and
- WHEREAS: the marine fuel industry supports a workforce of more than 1,000 workers throughout California; and
- WHEREAS: marine fuel is subject to the state's sales tax, which ultimately encourages its purchase outside California by ocean going vessels; and
- WHEREAS: State Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-CA) has introduced State Bill 1243, which seeks to make permanent a partial sales tax exemption on the purchase of marine fuel; and
- WHEREAS: SB 1243 protects against the loss of hundreds of high-paying blue-collar jobs related to the port industry while ensuring California ports remain a competitive advantage ; THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: the ILWU hereby supports SB 1243 that protects California jobs and keeps California ports competitive by making permanent a partial sales tax exemption on the purchase of marine fuel.