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To	Board of Education
From	Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Relations Committee Jennifer Brouhard, Chair Valarie Bachelor
Meeting Date	September 10, 2025
Subject	"Oppose" Position On Senate Bill 404
Ask of the Board	Adoption by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Relations Committee, of District's "Oppose" Position on SB 404.
Background	At the August 10, 2025 OUSD Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that the OUSD Board take an "Oppose" position on Senate Bill (SB) 404: Hazardous Materials: Metal Shredding Facilities due to the potential harmful environmental and student health impacts of facility de-regulation on many OUSD schools located within 3 miles of an Oakland-based metal shredding facility.
Discussion	None.
Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact.
Attachment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OUSD Additional Recommended Bill Position

Oakland Unified School District
Additional Recommended Bill Position

Student Health and Safety

SB 404 (Caballero): Hazardous Materials: Metal Shredding Facilities

This bill would revise and reduce the environmental oversight of metal shredding facilities, shifting regulatory authority away from local agencies to the state Department of Toxic Substances Control. In addition, the bill allows metal shredding facilities to reclassify the waste they create from hazardous to nonhazardous, which reduces the environmental safety regulations they are required to follow.

Note: There is a metal shredding facility in Oakland, Radius Recycling (formerly known as Shnitzer Steel), that is within a 3-mile radius of approximately 65 schools and preschools.

Recommended Position: **Oppose**