

Bills Supported with Letter

Bill: Description	Status
<p>AB 871 (Stefani) Mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult. This bill expands the requirements for mandated reporters, specifically those working at financial institutions, to report suspected financial abuse of elders or dependent adults. It mandates that in addition to reporting to local adult protective services or law enforcement, these reporters must also file a report with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) within two working days of suspecting abuse.</p>	<p>5/6/26 Coms. on B. & F.I. and JUD.</p>
<p>AB-1359 (Ahrens) Jury service exemptions. This bill would authorize a person 80 years of age or older to seek a permanent excuse from jury service without providing a supporting letter, memorandum, or note from a treating health care provider. <i>The bill is sponsored by CSL.</i></p>	<p>5/6/26 Com. on JUD.</p>
<p>AB-1561 (Krell) Medi-Cal: complex rehabilitation technology. This bill would prohibit the department [CDA] from requiring prior authorization for the repair of a CRT-powered wheelchair if the cost of the repair does not exceed \$1,250.</p>	<p>2/3/26 Amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.</p>
<p>AB-1819 (Sanchez) Automatic External Defibrillators. This bill expands the requirement for automated external defibrillators (AEDs), which are portable devices that can analyze a person's heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to restore a normal heartbeat, to now include senior centers, including those operated by local governments, if they have a capacity of over 50 people. <i>CSL Proposal.</i></p>	<p>5/6/26 APPR. suspense file. Hearing set for 5/14/26.</p>
<p>AB-2135 (Kalra) Long-term healthcare facilities. This bill aims to strengthen protections for residents in long-term health care facilities by enhancing notice requirements for transfers and discharges, increasing penalties for non-compliance, and introducing a new mechanism to halt admissions for facilities that fail to comply with hearing decisions.</p>	<p>5/6/26 Ordered to third reading.</p>
<p>SB 991 (Menjivar) Residential care facilities for the elderly: categorization of citations. This bill requires the State Department of Social Services, when it confirms a violation in a residential care facility for the elderly that constitutes abuse, to categorize that abuse using the specific definitions found in the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act, which includes types of abuse like physical abuse, financial abuse, neglect, and mental suffering. These</p>	<p>4/20/26 APPR. suspense file. Set for hearing 5/14/26.</p>

<p>categorized abuse types will then be clearly listed on any public database maintained by the department that display information about facility licensing, enforcement, or transparency, ensuring that the public is informed about the specific nature of substantiated abuse violations.</p>	
<p>SB-1002 (Niello) Out-of-state physicians and surgeons: telehealth: license exemption. This bill expands the definition of an "eligible patient" who can receive telehealth services from an out-of-state physician and surgeon. Previously, an eligible patient was someone with a life-threatening disease or condition who either couldn't get into a clinical trial or for whom it was medically unreasonable to participate in one. Now, this bill also includes patients whose life-threatening disease or condition is in remission and who are continuing care with their established out-of-state physician and surgeon, meaning they are no longer subject to the clinical trial requirement. <i>Previous CSL Proposal</i></p>	<p>4/27/26 In Asm held at desk.</p>
<p>SB-1096 (Dahle) Personal Income Tax: Senior Child Care Tax Credit. This bill proposes to create a new senior tax credit for California taxpayers, allowing a credit of \$1,500 per dependent for qualified taxpayers between January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2031. A "qualified taxpayer" is defined as someone who is or would have been 65 years or older by the end of the tax year and whose adjusted gross income for that year does not include any "earned income," which refers to income from wages, salaries, tips, and other similar sources as defined by federal tax law. <i>CSL Proposal.</i></p>	<p>5/6/26 Com on REV. & TAX. Failed passage in committee. Reconsideration granted.</p>
<p>SB 1261 (Laird) Aging and Disability Resource Connection program. This bill modifies the existing Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program, which helps older adults, caregivers, and people with disabilities find and access long-term services and supports (LTSS). Currently, ADRC programs are operated jointly by area agencies on aging and independent living centers. The key change is that the California Department of Aging will not be allowed to cancel an ADRC program's designation if one of its partners, either the area agency on aging or the independent living center, loses its designation or is temporarily unable to operate. <i>(ADRC fix it language)</i></p>	<p>4/20/26 APPR. suspense file. Set for heating 5/14/26.</p>

Bills Opposed with Letter

SB-84 Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: notice of violation and opportunity to correct	9/12/25 Asm JUD com Inactive file.
--	------------------------------------

Bills Watching

Bill: Description	Status
AB-53: (Ramos, McKinnor, Pacheco, and Patel) Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act. This bill introduces a tax exclusion for military service members and surviving spouses by allowing certain retirement and survivor benefit payments to be excluded from California state income tax.	06/11/25 Sen Coms. on REV. & TAX. and M. & V.A.
AB-96: (Jackson) Community health workers. This bill makes changes to the requirements for becoming a certified peer support specialist and how they are recognized within the broader category of community health workers. Specifically, it removes the requirement for peer support specialist applicants to have a high school diploma or equivalent degree, while still requiring them to be at least 18 years old, self-identify with experience in mental illness or substance use disorder recovery (either as a consumer or family member), be willing to share their experience, have a dedication to recovery, agree to a code of ethics, and successfully complete curriculum and training, and pass a certification exam.	5/6/26 Sen Com. on HEALTH.
AB-1068: (Bains) Emergency services available during natural disasters. CDA to prepare and submit a comprehensive report by July 1, 2026, detailing the emergency services available to older adults and people with disabilities during natural disasters.	07/08/25 Sen Com. on APPR. Under submission.
AB-1649 (Ahrens) Medi-Cal: monthly maintenance amount: personal and incidental needs. This measure would increase the personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$50 per month and require that the amount be increased annually up to the amount of any cost-of-living adjustment implemented by the United States Social Security Administration. <i>CSL Proposal.</i>	2/9/26 Referred to Com. on HEALTH. This may be a budget ask at this time.
AB 2037 (Patterson) Wildfire Mitigation Aging and Disability Grant Program. This bill establishes the Wildfire Mitigation Aging and Disability Grant Program, to be administered by the California Department of Aging, which will award grants to seniors and individuals with disabilities to help them protect their homes from wildfires, especially in areas identified as having a high fire risk by CalFire.	5/6/26 APPR. suspense file. Hearing set 5/14/26.

<p>AB 2283 State Public Guardian. This bill, the State Public Guardian Act, proposes to establish a new State Public Guardian position within the State Department of Social Services, contingent on legislative appropriation, to support county public guardians and public conservators. The State Public Guardian's duties will include offering guidance and technical assistance to ensure local guardians comply with state and federal laws, facilitating access to necessary training and continuing education materials, and reviewing existing policies to recommend legislative changes.</p>	<p>3/26/26 Com. on APPR. Hearing set for 5/13/26.</p>
<p>AB-2324 (Gonzales) Vocational education: Youth Caregivers Career Pathway program. This bill, known as the Youth Caregiver Support and Career Pathway Act, aims to establish a program to support young individuals who provide care for family members. It mandates that by July 1, 2027, the Governor's Council for Career Education will assess the needs of these youth caregivers and propose strategies to the California Workforce Pathways Joint Advisory Committee (CWPJAC) for creating a career pathway program focused on direct support professions.</p>	<p>4/1/26 Com. on APPR. Set for hearing 5/13/26.</p>
<p>AB 2414 Developmental services: direct support professionals. This bill proposes to change the terminology for individuals who provide direct care to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities from "direct service professionals" to "direct support professionals" and defines this role as someone employed by a regional center-funded provider who spends at least 50% of their time on direct support tasks.</p>	<p>5/6/26 Referred to APPR. suspense file. Set for hearing 5/14/26.</p>
<p>SB-433: (Wahab) Residential care facilities for the elderly: assisted living waiver rental rate protection. This bill modifies regulations for residential care facilities for the elderly, specifically focusing on rental rates for residents receiving Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program) services.</p>	<p>8/29/25 Asm Com on APPR. Under submission.</p>
<p>SB 623 (Archuleta) Property taxation: homeowners', veterans', and disabled veterans' exemptions. This bill proposes to modify property tax exemption rules in California, specifically allowing homeowners who are also veterans or disabled veterans to receive both the homeowners' exemption and the veterans' exemption, which is currently prohibited. Currently, property owners can receive a \$7,000 homeowners' exemption on their primary residence, and veterans can receive</p>	<p>5/7/26 Coms. on M. & V.A. and REV. & TAX. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.</p>

<p>a separate \$4,000 or disabled veterans can receive a \$100,000-\$150,000 exemption. <i>The bill is sponsored by CSL.</i></p>	
<p>SB 837 (Reyes) Disaster and emergency preparedness. This bill expands disaster and emergency preparedness efforts by requiring Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) programs, which help older adults and people with disabilities access services, to provide specific training on preparing for emergencies and ensuring safety before, during, and after disasters.</p>	<p>5/4/26 Asm Coms. on AGING & L.T.C and E.M.</p>
<p>SB-971 (Choi) Healthy Aging Community Partnerships Program. This bill would establish the Health Aging Community Partnerships Program to authorize a local health department, area agency of <i>on</i> aging, local school district, or other appropriate county department, as determined by a county, to establish community-based programs for older adults designed to promote healthy aging, social engagement, and independent living in collaboration with relevant local entities, including school districts, libraries, faith institutions, and community organizations. <i>CSL Proposal.</i></p>	<p>4/22/26 Ordered to third reading.</p>
<p>SB 1149 (Durazo) Employees: bereavement leave. This bill expands the definition of "family member" for the purposes of bereavement leave to include a "designated person," meaning that employees can now take up to five days of bereavement leave upon the death of someone they have designated as a family member, in addition to existing family members like spouses, children, parents, siblings, grandparents, grandchildren, domestic partners, and parents-in-law.</p>	<p>4/20/26 Placed on APPR. suspense file. Hearing on 5/14/26.</p>