

Bills Supported with Letter

Bill: Description	Status
AB 871 (Stefani) This bill expands the protections for elders and dependent adults against financial abuse by requiring financial institutions to report suspected abuse not only to local adult protective services or law enforcement but also to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) within two working days of discovery. Additionally, within 48 hours of filing such a report, financial institutions must notify the elder or dependent adult about the report and provide them with information on how to file their own report with the IC3. The bill also mandates that financial institutions provide annual training to their employees, who are designated as "mandated reporters" (meaning they are legally obligated to report suspected abuse), on how to report financial abuse to both local and federal authorities. Becomes operational 1/1/28.	6/22/26 Amended. 7/2/26 Sen Floor third reading.
AB-1359 (Ahrens) Jury service exemptions. This bill would, on 1/1/28, 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>	7/1/26 Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.
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.	2/3/26 Amended. Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH. Still in 1st house policy com. Died 5/29 failed to pass out of 1st house.
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>	5/14/26 Asm APPR. Under submission. Still in 1st house. Died 5/29 failed to pass out of 1st house.
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.	6/30/26 Sen Com on APPR.
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	7/1/26 Asm Com. on APPR.

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.	
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>	6/23/26 Com. on B. & P. Amended. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 6. Noes 6.) Reconsideration granted. Died 7/2/26. Failed to make it out of Policy com.
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> .	6/29/26 Placed on Sen APPR. suspense file. 5/29/26 last day for Sen to pass bills introduced in Sen. 7/2/26 last day for Policy Com to report bills to Floor.
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>	6/24/26 Asm Com. on APPR.

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.
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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.	Gutted. Native American tribes: fish and wildlife: conservation and mitigation lands
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.	6/16/26 Sen floor third reading
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 1165 (Gipson) California Housing Justice Act of 2025. This bill establishes a dedicated California Housing Justice Fund within the state's General Fund, requiring the Legislature to make ongoing annual investments to address homelessness and housing unaffordability. The funds will be managed by the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (the "agency") and used by the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "department") to develop, acquire, rehabilitate, and preserve affordable and supportive housing for low-income households. By January 1, 2028, the department, in collaboration with various stakeholders including local governments and individuals with lived experience of homelessness, must create comprehensive finance plans to end homelessness and the housing affordability crisis, along with statewide annual performance metrics to track progress.	6/22/26 Sen APPR. suspense file.

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.	6/25/26 Sen Com. on APPR.
AB 2081 (Stefani) Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver. This bill, concerning the Medi-Cal program's Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver, aims to significantly expand access to these services for eligible low-income individuals by increasing the number of available "waiver slots," which represent the capacity to provide these services. Specifically, starting in 2027, the bill mandates an annual increase of at least 10,000 HCBA Waiver slots, in addition to any expansions already approved by the federal government as of January 1, 2026, and requires the Department of Health Care Services to seek amendments to the waiver by March 1, 2027, to ensure all individuals on waiting lists can be enrolled.	6/18/26 Sen Com. on APPR.
AB 2201 (Boerner) Medi-Cal: eligibility redetermination. This bill modifies the Medi-Cal program's eligibility redetermination process to align with new federal requirements, specifically mandating that certain low-income adults, known as "Medicaid expansion adults," undergo eligibility reviews every six months instead of annually. It also introduces provisions to streamline these reviews by requiring counties to verify income and assets using available financial data sources without requesting additional documentation under certain conditions, aiming to reduce administrative burdens and ensure continued coverage for eligible individuals.	7/2/26 Sen Com. on APPR.
AB 2283 State Public Guardian. This bill, the State Public Guardian Act, proposes to establish a new State Public Guardian position within the	5/14/26 Asm Com. on APPR. Under submission.

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.	Still in 1 st house. Died 5/29 failed to pass out of 1 st house.
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.	7/2/26 Ordered to Engrossing and Enrolling.
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.	6/29/26 Sen Com. on APPR.
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.	8/29/25 Asm Com on APPR. Under submission.
<u>SB 623 (Umberg Archuleta) Automobile accidents: civil actions: transportation network companies.</u>	6/18/26 amended. This bill was gutted on 6/18/26.
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	6/30/26 Asm Com. on APPR.

emergencies and ensuring safety before, during, and after disasters.	
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> .	7/2/26 Asm Floor second reading.
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.	5/26/26 Asm APPR suspense file.