

State Council on Developmental Disabilities- March Council Meeting


2023 Legislative and Policy Priorities



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TODAY WE WILL TALK ABOUT

1. There Should be a Law contest winner
 2. Policy Priorities
 3. Bill Recommendation Criteria
 4. The Difference Between Support and Sponsor
 5. 2023 Bill Recommendations
 6. What is a spot bill?
 7. Bills on “Watch”
 8. Questions
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There Should be a Law Contest Announcing the Winner!


- ▶ **Winner:** self advocate Natalia Castro, San Bernadino Regional Office
- ▶ **Natalia's proposal:** In my community there are reports of child abuse and psychological abuse. The victims fear retaliation and being shamed by their community so they will not report the abuse. We should require background checks for nonprofits/churches.
- ▶ Natalia has been invited to participate in LPPC's *Safety for All* discussions this year and to help shape a safety bill in 2024.

2023 POLICY PRIORITIES

This year we are focusing on issues that came up in 2022 and 2021

1. Employment
 2. Safety
 3. Housing
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Bill Recommendation Criteria

1. We can support up to 15 bills
 2. The bill language was in print in time for LPPC
 3. Only oppose if policy will have a direct harm to our community
 4. Limit to bills that are specific to our community
 5. As bills stall or fail in committee we can consider taking a position on additional bills
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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUPPORT AND SPONSOR

- ▶ SUPPORT means SCDD will share a letter of support and testify in committee, we can support up to 15 bills a year.
- ▶ SPONSOR means SCDD will help prepare committee staff for analysis and hearings, will advocate for the bill before each vote, and will advocate for the bill in the Governor's office

We can sponsor a small number of bills due to the large amount of time and work required for sponsorship.



2023 Bill Recommendations- 1

Civil Rights

- **Bill:** AB 248 (Mathis) **Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities: The Dignity for All Act.**
- **What the bill will do:** replaces outdated terms used in law to describe individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities to “individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities”

Example: the “R” word

- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations- 2

Civil Rights

- **Bill:** AB 545 (Pellerin) **Access for Voters with Disabilities**
- **What the bill will do:** would make accessible voting more available by requiring all in-person voting locations to offer curbside voting
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations-3

Education

- **Bill:** AB 447 (Arambula) **Inclusive Higher Education Act**
- **What the bill will do:** encourages more inclusive college programs at UC and CSU. This bill is currently the same as the bill we sponsored last year, AB 2920.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations- 4

Education

- **Bill:** AB 87 (Quirk-Silva) **Special education: Section 504 plans: team meetings**
- **What will bill do:** extends the authorization of audio recordings of individualized education program (IEP) team meetings by a parent, guardian, or local educational agency to team meetings for pupils with an adopted plan (DRC Sponsor)
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations-5

Education

- **Bill:** SB 483 (Cortese) **“Prone Restraints”**
- **What will it do:** would prohibit the use of “prone restraint”, which physically or mechanically restrains students in a face down position. Unfortunately, prone restraint is often used on students with special needs. (DRC Sponsor- this bill is not moving this year, LPPC will work with DRC during Safety for All exploration and move the bill in 2024)
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations-6

Housing

- **Bill:** AB 1097 (Luz Rivas) **Credit history of persons receiving government rent subsidies**
- **What will it do:** bill would prohibit the use of a person's credit history as part of the application process for a rental housing accommodation without offering the applicant the option of providing alternative evidence of ability to pay when applying for a government rent subsidy. (ARC Support)
- **Position Recommended:** UPDATE - DO NOT SUPPORT

2023 Bill Recommendations-7

Housing

- **Bill:** SB 246 (Ochoa-Bogh) **California Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)**
- **What will it do:** bill adds a representative from SCDD to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) so that ICH can have the perspective of those with developmental disabilities who have experienced homelessness.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations-8

Civil Rights

- **Bill:** AB 222 (Arambula) **Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup**
- **What will it do:** creates a workgroup to ensure civil rights and services in regional centers. (DRC Sponsor)
- **Position Recommended:** Support


2023 Bill Recommendations-9

Human Services

- **Bill:** AB 1568 (Wood) **Independent living skills services: rates**
- **What will it do: improve access to independent living skills services.** Require DDS to implement a rate setting procedure for state payment of independent living skills services; states that independent living skills services shall not be categorized as a community-based day program or adult day program.
- Requires these services include functional skills training such as cooking, money management, use of medical and dental services, and would prohibit those services from being conducted in a center-based environment.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations-10

Human Services

- **Bill: AB 244 (Wilson) Specialized Inclusivity Training for Childcare Staff Grant Program**
 - **What will it do:** This bill would establish the Specialized Inclusivity Training for Child Care Staff Grant Program that would be administered by Department of Social Services. **The grants would train staff on including children with disabilities and collect data** from child care centers and family child care homes to confirm the effectiveness of the training.
 - **Position Recommended:** Support
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2023 Bill Recommendations-11

Human Services

- **Bill:** SB 271 (Dodd) **Wheelchairs**
- **What will it do:** By requiring manufacturers to provide information, tools, and replacement parts to an owner or an independent repair provider --this bill would increase accessibility and affordability for wheelchair users, making it easier for consumers to maintain their devices and keep them in good working condition
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill Recommendations-12

Public Safety

- **Bill:** AB 1567 (Principal Authors: Eduardo Garcia, Wendy Carrillo, Connolly, Friedman, and Papan). **Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2023**
- **What will it do:** provide technical assistance to disadvantaged communities or vulnerable populations, including those **with access and functional needs**, and economically distressed areas to ensure the grant program reduces the vulnerability of those most in need.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Bill List of Recommendations-13

Public Safety

- **Bill:** AB 280 (Holden) **Segregated Confinement**
- **What will it do:** bill would among many other things, prohibit facilities from forcing an individual into confinement if they are in a designated population, including, that the **individual has a mental or physical disability** or that the individual is under age 26 or over age 59. The bill would also require the facility and a medical or mental health professional check on the individual ([DRC Sponsor/ARC Support](#))
- **Position Recommended:** Support


2023 Bill Recommendations-14

Public Safety

- **Bill:** AB 946 **Emergency services: endangered missing advisory**
- **What the bill will do:** it would authorize law enforcement to request the Department of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to activate an *Endangered Missing Advisory* if they receive a report of a missing person and conditions are met regarding the investigation of the missing person, including, that the person is developmentally disabled.
(ARC Support)
- **Position Recommended:** Support

2023 Watch Bill List

What do we mean by “watch”?

- “Watch” means SCDD is interested in these bills but is not ready to take a position on that bill.
 - Depending on how the bill is amended, or changed, we may recommend supporting or opposing that bill.
 - SCDD has over 70 bills on “watch”
 - We are not able to take a position on 70 bills, that requires research, meetings, letters and testimony for each bill so we focus on the most important bills.
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Questions?

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Council moves to adopt the LPPC recommendation to support the 14 bills in this presentation

