

State Council on Developmental Disabilities- March Council Meeting

2023 Legislative and Policy Priorities



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2023 POLICY PRIORITIES

This year's focus:

1. Employment
2. Safety
3. Housing

2023 POLICY PRIORITIES-STATUS:

- 1 bill failed- did not meet deadline
- 3 bills that are now 2-year bills
- 2 new bills added to Support
- 1 bill dropped from Support: it became a tax bill
- 2 bills that failed in Appropriations - can come back next year
- 2 bills that have passed and signed by Governor
- 2 bill sent to Inactive File and can come back next year

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

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- **What the bill will do:** replaces outdated terms used in law to describe individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities to “individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities”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:** Support
- **STATUS:** to Governor for signature

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Civil Rights (continued 2)

- **Bill: SB 37 (Caballero) Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.**
- **What the bill will do:** provide cash assistance to persons with I/DD that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Is now a 2-year Bill—we will have to wait and see until next year

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Civil Rights (continued 3)

- **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:** Support
- **STATUS:** to Governor for signature

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Civil Rights (continued 4)

- **Bill: AB 222 (Arambula) Civil Rights Department: Californians with disabilities workgroup**
- **What will it do:** creates a workgroup to improve employment for persons with I/DD. (DRC Sponsor)
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Became a 2-year bill, not moving this year

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

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:** Support
- **STATUS:** to Governor for signature

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Education (continued 2)

- **Bill: AB 624 (Grayson) Public postsecondary education: disabled student services: assessments**
- **What the bill will do:** Students who seek accommodations in college are required to submit assessments. This bill requires the colleges to cover the costs of these assessments.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** to Governor for signature

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Education (continued 3)

- **Bill: AB 87 (Quirk-Silva) Special education: Section 504 plans: team meetings**
- **What will bill do:** allows 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:** Support
- **STATUS:** Signed by Governor-PASSED

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Education (continued 4)

- **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 disabilities.
(DRC Sponsor)
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** has become a 2-year bill-this bill is not moving this year.

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

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:** Support
- **STATUS:** Bill failed in Appropriations – but may come back next year

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

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:** Support
- **STATUS:** Bill failed in Appropriations but may come back next year

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Human Services (continued 2)

- **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. **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:** Support
- **STATUS:** Failed Deadline

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Human Services (continued 3)

- **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:** Support
- **STATUS:** To Governor for Approval/Signature

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

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**, during different types of emergencies.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Coms. on N.R. & W. and GOV. & F

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Public Safety (continued 2)

- **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](#))
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Ordered to Inactive file by Senator, may come back next year

2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Public Safety (continued 3)

- **Bill: AB 946 Emergency services: endangered missing advisory**
- **What the bill will do:** it would include persons with I/DD to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) *Endangered Missing Advisory*.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Governor signed- PASSED


2023 SCDD Supported Bills

Public Safety (continued 4)

- **Bill: SB 544 Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act-Teleconferencing**
- **What the bill will do:** promotes accessibility of public meetings, making it easier for persons with disabilities to meaningfully participate in public meetings.
- **Position:** Support (formerly a “watch” bill, we changed to support)
- **STATUS:** to Governor for signature

Federal Bill- NACDD Support

SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act

- Raises Security Income benefit
 - Raises the asset limit to \$10,000 per individual/\$20,000 per couple
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Questions?