

2023 Legislative Update

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2023 Bills- Civil Rights #1

- **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- **What the bill will do:** replaces outdated terms used in law to describe individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities to “individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities”.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 Bills- Civil Rights #2

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: Passed- Signed by Governor

2023 Bills- Civil Rights – New Add

Bill: SB 544 (Laird) 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: PASSED- signed by Governor

2023 Bills- Civil Rights #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 Bills- Education #1

- **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: Passed-** signed by Governor

2023 Bills- Education – New Add

- **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: VETOED** by Governor

2023 Bills- Education #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: PASSED-** Signed by Governor

2023 Bills- Education #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 Bills- Housing #1

- **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.
- **STATUS:** REMOVED from Support List. Bill became a tax law bill.

2023 Bills- Housing #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 Bills- Housing #3

- **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 Bills- Human Services #1

- **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; 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 Bills- Human Services - New Add

- **Bill: AB 1147 (Addis/Garcia)** Disability Equity and Accountability Act of 2023
- **What will the bill do:** Increases oversight of regional center operations and performance.
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Ordered to inactive file by Senator Menjivar but may come back next year.

2023 Bills- Human Services #3

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 in Assembly house

2023 Bills- Human Services #4

Bill: SB 271 (Dodd) Wheelchair Repair

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: VETOED by Governor

2023 Bills- Public Safety #1

- **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:** Failed deadline in Committee

2023 Bills- Public Safety #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. (DRC Sponsor)
- **Position:** Support
- **STATUS:** Ordered to Inactive file by Senator Holden, may come back next year

2023 Bills- Public Safety #3

- **Bill: AB 946** (Nguyen) 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: PASSED-** signed by Governor

Budget Update

Employment First Office Created

3 Years in Review

- 2021 - SB 639 ended subminimum wages in California
 - 2022 - stakeholder workgroup recommended an Employment 1st Office to resolve the unrealized expectations of employment first policy in California
 - Summer 2023- we created the Employment 1st Office in the California Health and Human Services Agency
- Effective 7/1/2024
 - Improve state agency and department efforts to expand employment opportunities, coordination, and reduce siloing across programs.
 - Next steps: SCDD is building a resource to support the new Office. We welcome all contributions on an ongoing basis, including anonymous.
 - LEAP SIP is now a permanent program

What Will the Employment 1st Office Do?

- Make recommendations for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes
- Establish or improve reporting to measure the success of employment programs
- Monitor progress on employment
- Link data collection systems across state government entities through the development of a unique identification system.
- Track, analyze, and publicize service code utilization and vocational outcomes across the system.



THANK YOU!

Any Questions?