

# 2025 Bill Introduction Presentation to the Council

# What Happened?

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The Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) met on March 11th to review and make recommendations on legislative bills.

## **Here's what they did:**

- They moved 17 bills for the council's consideration to support.
- They requested staff monitor 4 additional bills.

# Supporting vs. Watching a Bill:

- Supporting a bill means the committee has voted to recommend that the Council take an official position in favor of the bill. If the Council adopts this position, it may actively advocate for its passage, engage in efforts to promote it, and take actions such as providing testimony or letters of support.
- Watching a bill means that staff will monitor the bills progress and its potential impact.

# 2025 Watch Bills

- **AB 277 (Health)**  
(Alanis) Behavioral health centers, facilities, and programs: background checks
- **SB 660 (Health)**  
(Menjivar) California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework
- **AB 1335 (Informal & Formal Community Supports)**  
(Gonzalez, Jeff) Habilitation Services
- **SB 471 (Informal & Formal Community Supports)**  
(Menjivar) Office of the Lanterman Ombudsperson

# Employment #1

- **Bill:** [SB 422 \(Grayson\)](#) California Workforce Development Board: developmental services
- **What will bill do?** It would require the Workforce Development Board to review existing recommendations, to research, and provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature including recommendations for addressing the workforce shortage in California's developmental services system on or before January 1, 2027.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Please note: SB 422 was introduced during public comment to the Committee.

# Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act #1

- **Bill:** [SB 470 \(Laird\)](#) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing
- **What will this bill do?** It would delete the January 1, 2026, repeal date for teleconference meeting requirements.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Civil Rights #1

- **Bill:** [AB 1225 \(Bennett\)](#) State parks and state beaches: Accessibility Advisory Committee
- **What will this bill do?** It would require the Director of Parks and Recreation to establish an **Accessibility Advisory Committee** and make recommendations for improving the accessibility of the state park system and state beaches for individuals with disabilities. (none fiscal bill)
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Education #1

- **Bill:** [AB 784 \(Hoover\)](#) Special education
- **What will this bill do?** This bill would add specialized deaf and hard of hearing services to services included in special education.
- **Position Recommended:** Support



# Education #2

- **Bill:** [SB 244 \(Grayson\)](#) Public postsecondary education: disabled student services: assessments
- **What will this bill do?** This bill would require California State University and encourage the University of California to cover the cost of learning disability assessments for students who receive financial aid or qualify for support from their school's health or disability center.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Education #3

- **Bill:** [SB 389 \(Ochoa-Bogh\)](#) Pupil health: individuals with exceptional needs: specialized physical health care services
- **What will this bill do?** It would authorize a licensed vocational nurse, under the supervision of a credentialed school nurse, to perform specialized physical health care services.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Health #1

- **Bill:** [AB 308 \(Ramos\)](#) **The Family Urgent Response System**
- **What will this bill do?** This bill would allow county behavioral health directors to develop procedures for mobile response teams, which may include guidelines for handling emergencies involving individuals with **autism, behavioral health issues, or other developmental disabilities**. These procedures must include de-escalation techniques that consider the individual's specific needs to ensure their safety and well-being.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Health #2

- **Bill:** [AB 315 \(Bonta\)](#) Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver
- **What will this bill do?** This bill would remove the current cap on Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver slots and would instead require the enrollment of all eligible individuals who apply for the HCBA Waiver. By March 1, 2026, the department must request any necessary changes to the waiver to ensure enough capacity for all eligible individuals currently on the waiting list.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Health #3

- **Bill:** [AB 350 \(Bonta\)](#) Health care coverage: fluoride treatments
- **What will this bill do?** This bill adds fluoride treatment as a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program for children under 21 years of age.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Health #4

- **Bill:** [AB 517 \(Krell\)](#) Medi-Cal: complex rehabilitation technology: wheelchairs
- **What will this bill do?** It prohibits prior authorization for repairs of wheelchairs, in cases where the repairs are less than \$1,250. Also, a treatment authorization request for repair or replacement of a CRT-powered wheelchair would not require an individual prescription or documentation of medical necessity from the treating practitioner if the CRT-powered wheelchair has already been approved for use by the patient.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Health #5

- **Bill:** [AB 951 \(Ta\)](#) Health care coverage: behavioral diagnoses
- **What will this bill do?** Starting January 1, 2026, it would not allow a health care service plan or health insurance policy require a person who is already diagnosed with a developmental disorder or autism to be re-evaluated for the purposes of maintaining insurance coverage for behavioral health treatment for their condition.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Health #6

- **Bill:** [AB 974 \(Patterson\)](#) Medi-Cal managed care plans: exemption from mandatory enrollment
  
- **What does bill do?** It would exempt some people from mandatory enrollment in a Medi-Cal managed care plan. This includes dual eligible and non-dual-eligible beneficiaries who receive services from a regional center and who use a Medi-Cal fee-for-service delivery system as a secondary form of health care coverage
  
- **Position Recommended:** Support



# Health #7

- **Bill:** [SB 363 \(Wiener \)](#) Health care coverage: independent medical review
- **What will this bill do?** It would require a health care service plan or health insurer to annually report its number of treatment denials or modifications, commencing on or before June 1, 2026.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Informal & Formal Community Supports #1

- **Bill:** [AB 617 \(McKinnor\)](#) Aging and Disability Resource Connection program: No Wrong Door System
- **What will bill do?** It would establish a **statewide respite referral registry** to connect consumers enrolled in the Medi-Cal program with culturally competent, prescreened respite providers, no later than 12/31/27.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Informal & Formal Community Supports #2

- **Bill:** [AB 1099 \(Bryan\)](#) Developmental services: initial intake: assessment
- **What will bill do?** This bill would change the initial intake process for foster children at regional centers. If a regional center has not determined eligibility or provisional eligibility within 15 days of a request for assistance, it must refer the foster child for and conduct an additional assessment. The bill would also prohibit denying an additional assessment solely due to missing documentation.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Informal & Formal Community Supports #3

- **Bill:** [AB 1172 \(Nguyen\)](#) Adult Day programs: administration of inhalable emergency antiseizure medications
- **What will this bill do?** This bill would enable licensed facility staff to receive training on responding to seizures and administering anti-seizure medication. Additionally, it would establish standards for these training programs.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

# Safety #1

- **Bill:** [SB 671\(Cervantes\)](#) Pedestrian crossing signals
- **What would this bill do?** This bill would require pedestrian signals to have an APS pushbutton or **touch-free accessible** pedestrian signal that activates “WALK” or “DON’T WALK” intervals and other visual signals at signalized intersections in **nonvisual formats**. It would also require all existing state-owned or -operated traffic signals located in the certain specific areas be identified and recorded in the Caltrans Management System inventory database to assist future annual operational review requirements and coordination with local agencies for delegated signals.
- **Position Recommended:** Support.

Any  
Questions?



# Suggested Action For Council



- **Entertain a motion to adopt LPPC's recommendation to support the following legislative package:**
  - ✓ **Employment:** [SB 422](#);
  - ✓ **Bagley-Keene Act:** [SB 470](#);
  - ✓ **Civil Rights:** [AB 1225](#);
  - ✓ **Education:** [AB 784](#); [SB 244](#); [SB 389](#);
  - ✓ **Health:** [AB 308](#); [AB 315](#); [AB 350](#); [AB 517](#); [AB 951](#); [AB 974](#); [SB 363](#);
  - ✓ **Informal & Formal Community Supports:** [AB 617](#); [AB 1099](#); [AB 1172](#);
  - ✓ **Safety:** [SB 671](#);