

Agenda Item #10

2026 Sponsored Legislation

Authorized Representative – 2026 Priority

Introduced by Senator Gonzalez – [SB 1052](#)

■ What will the bill do?

- Creates contingent or backup appointments and defines them
- Creates a one-year limit and explicitly allows annual reappointments
- Defines “good cause”
- Explicitly permits SCDD to investigate when needed, with consent

Plain Language - 2026 Priority

Introduced by Assembly Member Arambula – [AB 2360](#)

■ What will the bill do?

- Creates a definition for “plain language”
- Require each state agency, to create, follow, and post on its website a plain language policy that identifies how the state agency will incorporate or strengthen plain language writing and design principles and practices.
- Requires the head of each state agency to designate a senior official to oversee the implementation of plain language.

Agenda Item #11

Policy Popcorn

Getting Your Ideas, Building Coalitions

It's time to build a coalition around the bills you're sponsoring

Please name one group or interest we should contact to ask them to support each of your bills

- **SB 1052 (Gonzales) Authorized Representative**

- Allows for contingent or back up authorized representatives for people served by regional centers
- Name one group we should ask to support

- **AB 2360 (Arambula) Plain Language**

- Creates a definition of plain language
- Name one group we should ask to support

Agenda Item #12

2026 Bills to Consider

What Happened?

The Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) met on March 19th to review and make recommendations on legislative bills.

Here's what they did:

- They moved 10 bills for the council's consideration to support.

2026 New Bills

This year the Committee has reviewed and made recommendations on bills in the following policy categories:

- **Education** (3 bills)
- **Health** (4 bills)
- **Informal/Formal Community Supports** (2 bills)
- **Safety** (1 bill)

Education #1

- **Bill:** [AB 1861 \(Lackey\)](#) Special education: complaint database
- **What will this bill do?** Requires the Department of Education, by January 2028, to create and maintain an online database of all state compliance complaints it receives beginning with an unspecified school year.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Education #2

- **Bill:** [AB 2189 \(Nguyen\)](#) State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- **What will this bill do?** Allows SCDD to give a grant to a statewide advocacy organization to do outreach and train students and families regarding special education advocacy and rights. This would depend on getting money from the Legislature.
- **Sponsored** by The Arc CA
- **Position:** Support
The Assembly Member's staff reached out seeking SCDD's support. Using the delegated authority provided to the Council and LPPC Chairs, the Council supports AB 2189

Education #3

- **Bill:** [SB 1222 \(Choi\)](#) Career Technical Education Technical Assistance and Equity Pilot Program Act
- **What will this bill do?** Creates a 3-year pilot program called the Career Technical Education (CTE) Technical Assistance and Equity Pilot Program, focused on fairness and inclusion. The CA Superintendent would choose a county office of education to run the program and pick 2 regions to get extra support.



Education #3 (cont.)

- **Bill:** [SB 1222 \(Choi\)](#) Career Technical Education Technical Assistance and Equity Pilot Program Act (cont.)
- **Among other things, the program would:**
 1. Share best practices for inclusive CTE programs for students with disabilities and other underserved groups
 2. Make easy-to-use guides for school-industry partnerships
 3. Help county offices in the pilot regions with training and coordination.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Health #1

- **Bill:** [AB 1561 \(Krell\)](#) Medi-Cal: complex rehabilitation technology
- **What will this bill do?** It stops DHCS, who administers Medi-Cal, from requiring prior approval for repairing wheelchairs if the repair costs \$1,250 or less. Repairs or replacements wouldn't need a new doctor's prescription if the wheelchair was already approved, but the supplier must keep records of the repair work and reasons, which DHCS can check later.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Health #2

- **Bill:** [AB 1670 \(Arambula\)](#) Medi-Cal: excluded services
- **What will this bill do?** At the time of this writing, this is a spot bill.
- **Discussion:** If dentists cannot complete a dental procedure due to behavioral issues, they are not permitted to bill for the procedure. What is the Committee's thoughts if this bill were amended to permit dentists to attempt and bill for an unsuccessful procedure up to three times? What would be the anticipated impact on the number of dentists willing to serve individuals with IDD? What are other issues that may be of concern?
- **Position Recommended: Watch** Dependent on discussion & amendments

Health #3

- **Bill:** [AB 2081 \(Stefani\)](#) Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver
- **What will this bill do?** Would among other things, expand the number of those served by the Medi-Cal HCBA Waiver by removing the current limit on how many people can join the program (capped at 5,000 extra slots). It would require, beginning in 2027, to ensure that the HCBA Waiver provides for an annual increase of at least 10,000 waiver slots for each waiver year.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Health #4

- **Bill:** [SB 1226 \(Ochoa Bogh\)](#) Pupil health: individuals with exceptional needs: respiratory services
- **What will this bill do?** Remove the rule allowing LVNs (licensed vocational nurses), supervised by a school nurse, to help students with special needs with certain basic breathing care. Instead, qualified people could provide basic breathing services (such as suctioning) to those students, without supervision by school nurse.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Informal and Formal Supports #1

- **Bill:** [AB 2209 \(Bains\)](#) Developmental services: caregiver succession
- **What will bill do?** Requires a discussion at the IPP meeting regarding caregiver succession when the primary caregiver reaches 55 years of age, and at any time upon the request of the person served, primary caregiver, or authorized representative. The bill requires that any caregiver succession plan be documented in the person's IPP.

Informal and Formal Supports #1 (cont.)

- **Bill:** [AB 2209 \(Bains\)](#) Developmental services: caregiver succession (cont.)
- The person served may choose **not** to develop a caregiver succession plan. If a discussion about a plan occurs, it must be person-centered, guided by the person's wishes and goals, support their independence, and follow supported decision-making principles.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Informal and Formal Supports #2

- **Bill:** [SB 969 \(Reyes\)](#) Developmental services: remote services and supports
- **What will bill do?** By July 2027, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) must identify services and supports eligible for remote delivery and develop the infrastructure to implement them, including posting guidance on its website. Regional centers would then be required to inform persons served and/or their families/representatives of the option to receive remote services if they wish.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Safety #1

- **Bill:** [SB 837 \(Reyes\)](#) Disaster and emergency preparedness
- **What will this bill do?** Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) programs presently must provide services to older adults and people with disabilities with technical assistance re: long term care services and supports (for example, waiver services, IHSS, and community based adult services).
- This bill would require ADRC programs to offer emergency preparedness training specifically tailored for older adults and people with disabilities so they can prepare for disasters and stay safe before, during, and after emergencies.
- **Position Recommended:** Support

Action Recommended

- **Adopt LPPC's recommendation to support the following legislative package:**
 - ✓ **Education:** [AB 1861](#); [AB 2189](#); [SB 1222](#)
 - ✓ **Health:** [AB 1561](#); [AB 1670](#); [AB 2081](#); [SB 1226](#)
 - ✓ **Informal & Formal Community Supports:** [AB 2209](#); [SB 969](#)
 - ✓ **Safety:** [SB 837](#)