

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITY AND
AGING SERVICES
NOTES ON THE INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

In-Person Meeting

1650 Mission Street – 5th Floor Conference Room, San Francisco

9:00am

Call to Order:

Called the meeting to order at 9:13am.

Roll Call:

Present: In-person: Diane Lawrence, Margaret Graf, Chris Dillon,

Remotely: Commissioner Bittner

Absent: Anne Warren, Tia Small, Commissioner Lum

Staff & Guests: Cindy Kauffman

Approval of July 17, 2024 Agenda: Approved unanimously.

Approve Minutes of April 17, 2024: Approved unanimously.

BILLS REVIEWED:

Cindy Kauffman updated committee on the following bills:

AB 817 - Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.

AB 1975 - Medi-Cal: medically supportive food and nutrition intervention.

AB 1993 – Residential care facilities for the elderly: maximum number of residents.

AB 2360 - Developmental services: family services: counseling.

AB 2383 - State Department of Developmental Services: services for children with developmental disabilities: training programs.

AB 2410 – Meal program: senior citizens. Permanent to-go meals program.

AB 2428 – Medi-Call: Community-based adult services.

AB 2510 – Dental care for people with developmental disabilities.

AB 2636 – Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act. Being sponsored by C4A.

AB 2689 – Personal Income taxes: California Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementia Research Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.

AB 2704 - In-home supportive services: criminal background checks

AB 3079 – In-Home Supportive Services program: undocumented related providers. Allows persons who are undocumented to provide care w/o getting a background check. Very controversial. Question as to why no background check when others are required.

AB 3207 – The Secure Seniors Online Protection Act. Bill will require the State Dept. of Social Services to establish and administer a toll-free hotline to assist Californians in dealing with scams, as provided.

SB 37 – Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Stability Act.

SB 278 – Elder abuse: emergency financial contact program. Bill has been amended several times, but this was the first time it was reviewed by JLC.

SB 639 – Alzheimer's Disease. Amended several times, but this was first time it was reviewed by JLC.

SB 1249 – Noted a long time passed and enough changes were made before C4A signed a letter of support.

SB 1355 – Medi-Cal: in-home supportive services: redetermination.

SB 1384 – Powered wheelchairs: repair. This bill establishes a right to repair for specified power wheelchairs. First time bill reviewed by JLC.

Bill review concluded.

REPORTS & UPDATES: CA SENIOR LEGISLATOR:

No updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business discussed.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

Budget:

Cindy Kauffman gave a review of the state budget, which included the following updates:

- Budget preserved the MCO tax provider rate increases that include the community based adult services and congregate living health facilities.
- Rejected governor's proposal for elimination of the Home Safe program but did approve a 50 million dollar cut for the housing disability and advocacy program.
- Rejected the proposal to eliminate IHSS for undocumented Californians.
- Rejected the elimination of the IHSS back-up provider system but does

reduce budget by \$3 million in fiscal year 24-25.

- Approved the supplemental report language that requires CA department of social services to provide monthly updates on IHSS career pathways program and the expiration of the HCBS funds. No new funding appropriated.
- Rejected the proposal to cut APS expansion and training.
- Approved the reduction of the older adult behavioral health initiative as well as the media campaign.
- Reduced budgeting healthcare training by 765 million over five years retaining some funding to allow programs that are underway to continue without disruption.

State budget update concluded. Federal and local budget updates included:

- Federal – Cindy commented on SCOTUS Grants Pass decision.
- Local – Dignity Fund passed. It was noted half will go to backfill other programs that were spending general fund dollars, will use Dignity Fund dollars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:53am.

NEXT JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 9:00am-10:00am