

A P 16 Public Restroom Accessibility

Even though many seniors are not considered disabled , many folks over 60 have had knee replacements and have back issues or balance issues making sitting on a regular toilet difficult and no bars to help them get up or down on the commode. Also many Women's bathrooms have fewer commodes to go to the bathroom. This legislation is to ask that bars be available in most public restrooms even in regular height toilets and it is an inexpensive fix. Anne Warren and I have found bars that can go up against the wall in bathrooms that do not have walls available to have bars attached on either side of the commode because of the configurations of the bathroom. . There are also commodes that can be raised and lowered to any height and saw those in Scotland, but they are more expensive and therefore asking as public bathrooms are renovated that they put in at least two higher commodes and if there are 10 stalls that possibly three higher commodes be installed in consideration of the growing aging population of this state.

After traveling recently, I have felt this should be nationwide issues, but let start here in California to help us and make public rest rooms accommodating to the growing aging population, both for MEN and WOMEN.

I hope you will vote in support of my proposal

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