

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE



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Summary of Urgency Proposal

AP-28 Senior Assembly Member Monck & Senior Senator Levy: Long-Term Care Options. This proposal would establish the right of any person in need of long-term care services that are available in an institutional setting to receive those services in the community and to make changes in programs and agencies to implement that right.

Summary Of Top Ten State Legislative Proposals

AP-9 Senior Assembly Members Glasmeier and Woods: Tribal Gaming Funding for Senior Centers. This proposal sets aside 20% from tribal gaming payments to the State to fund senior citizen centers.

AP-14 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Hearing Aid Availability and Cost. This proposal requires that hearing aids be made available for over-the counter sales and vendors be encouraged to submit a plan to the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau.

AP-16 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Pharmaceutical Expiration Dates. (H) This proposal requires the inclusion of an accurate "best before" date on pharmaceutical products.

AP-18 Senior Assembly Member Taylor: Senior Mobilehome Park Rent Control. This proposal imposes rent control on seniors-only mobilehome parks that limits rent increases to the CPI.

AP-19 Senior Assembly Member Trotter: Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades. This proposal establishes a study of the infrastructure needs being shaped by increases in the senior population and includes funding for upgrades and renovations.

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SP-2 Senior Senator Fromm: IHSS Criminal Background Checks. This proposal authorizes IHSS public authorities to obtain criminal background checks and subsequent arrest notification for non-IHSS providers.

SP-3 Senior Senator Goldman: Senior Citizen ID Cards. This proposal requires the DMV to notify seniors who choose not to renew driver's licenses that a senior citizen ID card is available free of charge.

SP-4 Senior Senator Griswold: Property Tax Exemptions. This proposal increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

SP-17 Senior Senator Mack: Large Print Prescription Warnings. This proposal requires pharmacists to include large print inserts with prescriptions warning of drug interactions.

SP-18 Senior Senator Wright: Oral Health in Nursing Homes. This proposal requires that the DHS review the oral health component of nursing home treatment plans on a quarterly basis for proper completion and that appropriate referrals to dental professionals be made, with failures reported as abuse.

Summary of Additional State Legislative Proposals

AP-1 Senior Assembly Members Friedman and Woods: Non-Smoking Sections in Multi-Unit Housing. This proposal requires owners of multi-unit housing to provide non-smoking sections for seniors.

AP-3 Senior Assembly Member Bloch: Training Unlicensed Senior Housing Managers. This proposal requires Department of Health and Human Services to coordinate a training program for unlicensed senior rental housing managers.

AP-5 Senior Assembly Member Dahlgren: Redevelopment Funding for Low-Income Housing. This proposal amends the provisions of Community Redevelopment Law to provide 11% of the funds to assist low-income housing for seniors.

AP-6 Senior Assembly Member Duff: Funding for Shared Housing Programs. This proposal provides a continuing funding source to fund shared housing programs, authorizes local funding, and allows housing authorities and nonprofits to participate.

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AP-7 Senior Assembly Member Glasmeier: Rate Increases for Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly. This proposal limits RCFE basic rate increases to one per year and prohibits increases for residents less than 12 months in the facility.

AP-8 Senior Assembly Member Glasmeier: Number of Disabled Parking Spaces. This proposal increases the number of disabled parking spaces in parking lots and garages.

AP-10 Senior Assembly Member Krohn: Peace Officer Abuse Advanced Training. This proposal enhances and improves training of peace officers in elder and dependent adult abuse.

AP-11 Senior Assembly Member Loh: Senior Special Residential Needs. This proposal requires general plans to include seniors as a special population with definable needs and requires 5% of new residential dwellings to utilize universal design principles.

AP-12 Senior Assembly Member Loh: Elder Abuse Reporting. This proposal requires elder abuse reports to be made to long-term care ombudsmen, law enforcement and Adult Protective Services. It authorizes long-term care ombudsmen to act as a victim's legal representative.

AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Food Safety Labels. This proposal requires that packaged food sold in California include an obvious marking of the date after which the contents should not be consumed.

AP-20 Senior Assembly Member Tucker: Elder Abuse Fines. This proposal increases fines for elder abuse by 10% and returns funds from this increase to local jurisdictions to combat elder abuse.

AP-21 Senior Assembly Member Tucker: Elder Abuse Reports. This proposal requires mandated reporters to report elder abuse to both law enforcement and APS or long-term care ombudsman.

AP-22 Senior Assembly Member White: Property Tax Reassessment Exemption. This proposal exempts properties needing renovation for reverse mortgages from reassessment of property taxes as long as it is occupied by the senior.

AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Wieck: Nursing Home Resident Voting. This proposal adds voter registration requirements to nursing home admittance agreements.

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AP-24 Senior Assembly Member L. Young: Legal Services Task Force. This proposal establishes a full-time legal services developer and staff in the Department of Aging and appropriates sufficient funds for implementation of senior legal services.

AP-25 Senior Assembly Member L. Young: Nursing Home End-of-Life Privacy. This proposal requires nursing homes to provide a private room for a resident who has been diagnosed as terminal.

AP-26 Senior Assembly Member L. Young: In-Home Support Services Auto Insurance. This proposal requires personal auto insurers to cover IHSS providers.

AP-27 Senior Assembly Member Gerbracht: Amtrak Feeder Bus Service. This proposal authorizes DOT to provide funding for feeder bus service to or from a rail service.

SP-6 Senior Senator Jaffee: Paratransit Service Promotion. This proposal encourages localities to promote collaboration of local transportation to provide paratransit for seniors.

SP-10 Senior Senator Kim-Selby: Senior Volunteer Month. This proposal proclaims the month of May to be Senior Volunteer Month to honor volunteers.

SP-13 Senior Senator Murphy: Private Home Care Worker Training. This proposal requires private-pay non-medical home care service providers to adopt specific training programs on how to recognize and respond to Alzheimer symptoms.

SP-15 Senior Senator Lundin: Disabled Parking Violation Funds. This proposal requires each county to assess fines for vehicles illegally parked in disabled spaces for the purpose of funding community-based service programs for seniors.

SP-16 Senior Senator Lundin: Investment Financial Abuse. This proposal strengthens the law to prevent anyone from targeting and abusing seniors by encouraging them to make bad investments.

SP-20 Senior Senator W. Young: IHSS Services in Social and Community Settings. This proposal expands the scope of IHSS to include recipient activities in social and community settings.

SP-21 Senior Senator W. Young: Senior Citizen Auto Repair Fraud. This proposal expands the definition of elder abuse to include auto repair fraud committed against senior citizens.

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SP-22 Senior Senator Murphy: Line 54 Contributions. This proposal permits designations to be made to line 54 on amended tax returns.

SP-23 Senior Senator Mulholland: Publication of ADA Requirements and Availability. This proposal requires transportation systems to publish internally ADA requirements for all employees to understand, and to inform insurance companies and the public regarding ADA availability.

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Summary Of Top Four Federal Legislative Proposals

AFP-2 Senior Assembly Members Shontz and Gould: Parkinson's Prescription Renewal. This proposal changes the renewal period for Parkinson's Medicare prescriptions from 30 to 180 days.

AFP-3 Senior Assembly Member Mitchell: Aircraft Portable Oxygen Devices. This proposal requires aircraft operators to allow passengers on oxygen therapy to carry on and operate portable oxygen devices.

AFP-5 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Sale of Personal Information. This proposal requires business entities to obtain written permission from seniors prior to the sale of personal information.

SFP-11 Senior Senator Gehrig: Medicare Podiatric Preventive Care. This proposal expands Medicare coverage to include a co-pay for one annual podiatric care visit.

Summary Of Additional Federal Legislative Proposals

AFP-4 Senior Assembly Member Hartmann: Tire Safety Information. This proposal requires tire manufacturers to place DOT information on both sides and retailers to include information on receipts.

AFP-6 Senior Assembly Member Lopes: Home Sale Gain Tax Exclusion. This proposal authorizes certain surviving spouses to exclude \$500,000 of home sale capital gain.

AFP-7 Senior Assembly Member Lopes: Medical Expense Tax Deductions. This proposal allows persons 65 and older to fully deduct all medical expenses.

AFP-8 Senior Assembly Member Serrin: Senior Shared Housing Option. This proposal requires that HUD Section 8 housing authorization be expanded to allow two bedroom shared rental options for seniors.

SFP-2 Senior Senator Winslow: US-Mexico Social Security. This proposal requires that the Mexican Social Security Institute make payments to US citizens in accordance with the Social Security Act.

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SFP-3 Senior Senator Winslow: United Nations Anti Female Discrimination.

This proposal requires the United States to ratify the United Nations Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

SFP-4 Senior Senator Winslow: Use of Automobile Headlights with Windshield Wipers.

This proposal requires automobile manufacturers to equip new vehicles with an automatic headlight device activated by the windshield wiper controls.

SFP-7 Senior Senator Lundin: Federal Annuitant Health Insurance Premiums.

This proposal permits federal annuitants to be eligible for "premium conversion" in order to pay their share of health insurance premiums with pretax dollars.

SFP-8 Senior Senator Pankhurst: Medicare Funding for Adult Day Health Care.

This proposal expands Medicare Services to include adult day health care funding.

SFP-9 Senior Senator Faustman: Prescription Drug Program.

This proposal replaces the Medicare prescription drug program with a single-payer prescription drug program.

SFP-10 Senior Senator Erman: Retiree Pension and Health Benefits.

This proposal limits corporate abandonment of retiree pensions and health benefits and provides funding for a continuum of benefits.