



# **CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE**

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### **CSL LEGISLATIVE SESSION STATE TOP PRIORITIES**

**AP-2 Sr. Asy. Member Young-IHSS Provider Auto Insurance.** Bill would prohibit a vehicle covered under an auto liability policy from being classified as a common carrier, etc., solely for the reason that the named insured or applicant is operating or using the vehicle to provide transportation incidental to the provision of the in-home supportive services

**AB 2139 Asy. Member DE LA TORRE. SENATE Bus. & Finance Comm.- 3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

**AP-4 Sr. Asy. Member Krohn-Expanded Elder Abuse Reporting.** Bill requires long-term health care facilities and local ombudsmen to report suspected elder abuses to Attorney General and district attorney. **AB 2100 Asy. Members Wolk/Berg/ Krekorian- Rereferred to senate approp.**

**AP -12-Senior Assembly Member Serrin: Senior Shared Housing Option.** Requires HUD Section 8 housing authorization be expanded to allow two bedroom shared rental options for seniors - **Assembly Member Portantino SB 2521- NOTE: REVISED TO AJR 21- Senate Housing & Community Development Comm.**

**AP-13 Senior Assembly Member Feingold: Acute Care Hospital Infection Screening.** Requires general acute care hospitals to administer weekly screenings of infections and to publicly disclose the number of patients developing infections. **-SB 1058 Senators Alquist/Florez Rereferred to Assembly Appropriations Committee**

**AP-19 Senior Assembly Member Trotter (2-YEAR BILL). Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades. SB-977-Senator Correa.** Bill declares the intent of the legislature to enact legislation that would require the preparation of a statewide study to determine the current and future infrastructure needs created by increases of the elderly persons in the state. **Rereferred to Asy. Approp. Comm.**

**Sr. Asy. Member Krohn-AB 2543 -Asy. Member Berg.-WORK FORCE EXPANSION ACT.** Would establish the Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act to provide loan repayment assistance to professional medical workers working in a geriatric care setting, as specified. The fee would be raised \$10. or \$50 as specified. **Senate Appropriations Committee- Hearing Aug. 4**

**SP- 18 Sr. Asy. Member Messler – Mellow-Granlund Definition of Disability.** Amends Mellow-Granlund Older Californians Act to define disability. **AB 2160 Asy. Member Carter. Senate Appropriations Committee – Hearing Aug. 4**

**(OVER)**

**SP -29 –Sr. Senator Kim-Selby--Senior Volunteer Month.** Proclaims the month of May to honor Volunteers. **Assembly Member Huffman. ACR 111** **--Chaptered 34 by State**

**NOTE:** SENIOR ADVOCATES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THEIR CONGRESSMAN AND URGE THEM TO SPONSOR AND SUPPORT ACR 111.

**AJR 21-Assemlblymember Portantino- -State Housing Agencies**—Bill would urge Public Housing Agencies to include Section 8 certificates for shared housing. **Sen Housing & Community Development.**

## TOP FEDERAL PRIORITIES

**AFP- 7 Sr. Asy. Member Loh: Government Negotiated Drug Prices.** Proposal authorizes Medicare to negotiate prices and pass the savings to beneficiaries-**AJR 31 Member Jones/Machado** -Would urge the President and Congress to negotiate Medicare Prescription Part D of Medicare Moderation Act of 2003. **Enrollment**

## STATE LEGISLATION-----CSL SUPPORT AND TRACKING

**AB 2149- Assemblymember Berg.**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee**

**AB 1022 –Assembly Member Saldana – Continuing Home Care Services** –By revising the provisions relating to continuing care provides, this bill would change the definition of an existing crime, thus imposing a state mandated local program.  
**Rereferred to Senate Approp. Comm. Aug. 4.**

**AB 2967 –Assembly Member – Lieber – Health Care Cost and Quality Transparency**  
**Senate Appropriations**

**AB 152 –Assembly Member Beall – Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority**  
**Rereferred to Transportation & Housing Comm. –Aug. 4**

**AB 725 – Assembly Member Lieber – Housing Universal Housing Application**  
**Rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee - Aug. 4**

**AB 1022 Assembly Member Saldana –Continuing Care Home Services.**

**Rereferred to Senate Appropriations Committee - Aug. 4**

**AB 2038 – Assembly Member Lieber – Persons with Disabilities – Victims of Crime.**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee.**

**AB 2105 –Assembly Member DeSaulnier – Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse.**  
**Senate Appropriations Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.**

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