



CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE

SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Volume 47

Number 5

May , 2006

Senior Senator Bob Jaffee, Editor

CSL URGENCY PROPOSALS

AP-24- Senior Assembly Member Karr: CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE.

This proposal reduces the contribution required for the California Fund for Senior Citizens and removes the indexing requirement.

SP-20 Senior Senators Levy & Smith: CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE. This

proposal reduces the minimum contribution level for CSL tax check-off to \$250,000.

revises CSL election rules--**NOTE: AP-24 AND SP 20 COMBINED INTO ONE BILL**

SB 1249--SENATOR ALQUIST-SENT TO REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE.

SP 17 Sr. Senator Smith: IHSS CAREGIVER BACKGROUND CHECKS. Would require IHSS Caregivers to submit fingerprints and other background checks to determine suitability.

AB 3040 ASSEMBLYMEMBER LA MALFA.

SP 19 SR. SENATOR Griswold: property tax exemptions. Would increase homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors. **AB 2738-ASSEMBLYMEMBER**

WYLAND-REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE.

LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY CSL

AB 1928 Assembly member Berg ;aging and Long Term Care---amended to add division 11 to section 19900, --provide funds for *independent living centers* assisting individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes. Funds to be appropriated from the federal trust fund in the absence of a state budget by July 1 of a fiscal year.

AB 1929 Assemblymembers Berg & S. Horton----Area agencies on aging: electronic transfer of funds. Amended Welfare and Institution code to add "quickly" as possible. **Assembly Appropriations Committee**

AB 2486 Assemblymembers Ridley-Thomas-In-home Supportive services: Criminal background checks.--amended section 12301.6 to read "no fees shall be charged for background checks.--**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES.**

(OVER)

SB 1312 – Senator Alquist –Long Term health care facilities: inspections—amended section 1274 & 1422 would require every health facility for which a license or permit has been issued, to be inspected periodically. **SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE.**

SB 1609-Senator Simitian—Reverse Mortgages: Annuities: Amended section 1632 to require lender to show certification that borrower was referred to a housing counseling agency.-before granting loan. **SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.--**

FEDERAL TOP 4 PROPOSALS

AFP 2 Sr. Assemblymember Loh: FOOD STAMP Would prevent a reduction in food stamp eligibility for seniors receiving Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. **Assembly Human Services Committee.**

AFP 4 Sr. Assemblymember Mitchell: PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR DEVICES ON AIRCRAFT. Would require aircraft operators to allow passengers needing oxygen therapy to carry on portable oxygen concentrators.

AFP 6 Sr. Assemblymember Godager: SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES. Would prohibit care facility operators and conservators who operate facilities from being designated as Social Security representative payees unless related by blood or marriage.

SFP 1 Sr. Senator Faustman: REHABILITATION ENTITLEMENT FOR THE BLIND. Creates a rehabilitation entitlement for the blind that is adequate for reeducation and independence.

RX AFFORDABILITY---Excerpts from AARP-CA ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

“AARP working with a number of other organizations, has been working together to reach a compromise between the dueling initiatives that were both defeated in the special election last fall. The Speaker of the Assembly, Fabian Nunez, has introduced an excellent bill, AB 2911 (Nunez). It tracks the recommendation the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst made last year, creating a voluntary program for three years and then giving the state the authority to use the bargaining power of the State Medicaid program. If drug manufacturers are not providing sufficient discounts. The Senate Pro Tempore, Don Perata, also has a “spot” bill (SB 1702) as does Senator George Runner (SB 1691), indicating that this is an area that we may likely to see activity and an effort to reach some resolution”.

Santa Clara County, with other Bay Area Counties, will join world communities observing **“WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”, JUNE 15, 2006** (International Network For the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) is an organization founded in 1997, which is dedicated to global dissemination of information as part of its commitment to world-wide prevention of the abuse of older people

AARP OPPOSES ENZI BILL- S.1955; WHY IT’S SO DANGEROUS-

1. Strip away mandated benefits state legislators passed over past decades
2. Impede access to health care providers that state legislatures deemed necessary
3. Undermine valuable rating rules that prevent insurers from discriminating based on health
4. Negatively affects the health care of **85 million Americans.—CALL YOUR SENATORS.**

SENIOR LEGISLATORS SERVING SENIORS OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Sr. Senator	Sr. Senator	Sr. Assembly	Sr. Assembly	Sr. Assembly
Bob Jaffee	Anne Mack	Ray Bunt	Austin E. Lucero	Elisa Young
985-2457	(1-650) 493-7798	255-5051	293-6431	286-8176