

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE



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Summary of Urgency Top Priority 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 \$200,000; revises CSL election rules; and provides sufficient time for the CSL to designate a new administrative entity.

Summary Of Top Ten State Policy Legislative Proposals

AP-1 Senior Assembly Members Glasmeier and Woods: Tribal Gaming Funding for Senior Centers. This proposal sets aside 20% from payments to the State from any money designated for the General Fund from existing or future Tribal compacts for the purpose of funding the operational costs, construction, and renovation of senior citizen centers.

AP-4 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Hearing Aid Availability and Cost. This proposal requires that hearing aids be made available for over-the counter sales at reasonable prices subject to the regulation of the Department of Health Services.

AP-6 Senior Assembly Member Monck: Electronic Prescription Writing System. This proposal requires the imposition of an electronic prescription writing system to reduce errors, improve access to information, and increase efficiency of the process.

AP-17 Senior Assembly Member Lucero: Social Security Number Identification. This proposal prohibits businesses from using social security numbers as identification numbers.

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AP-23 Senior Assembly Member Glasmeier: Number of Disabled Parking Spaces. This proposal increases the number of disabled parking spaces in parking lots and garages.

SP-4 Senior Senator Faustman: Universal Health Care. This proposal requires the establishment of a universal health care system that provides comprehensive, affordable health care including mental health and preventative services.

SP-6 Senior Senator Wright: Oral Health in Nursing Homes. This proposal requires that the DHS review of nursing home treatment plans include a patient's oral exam on a quarterly basis and that appropriate referrals to dental professionals be made, with failures reported as abuse.

SP-16 Senior Senator Griswold: Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Study. This proposal requires the AG to study effective ways of detecting, prosecuting, and deterring abuse.

SP-17 Senior Senator Smith: IHSS Caregiver Background Checks. This proposal requires IHSS caregivers to submit fingerprints and undergo a background checks to determine suitability to participate in the program as a caregiver, unless a waiver is requested by the care recipient.

SP-19 Senior Senator Griswold: Property Tax Exemptions. This proposal increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

Summary Of Top Four Federal Policy Legislative Proposals

AFP-1 Senior Assembly Member Lacey: Medicare Part B and D Funding. this proposal ensures that only 25% of the Social Security annual COLA is used to pay for the increase in Medicare Part B and D.

AFP-5 Senior Assembly Member Jones: Prohibition of Social Security Number Identifiers. This proposal prohibits agencies from using more than the last four digits of social security numbers as a means of ID.

SFP-4 Senior Senator Gehrig: Medicare Podiatric Preventive Care. This proposal expands Medicare coverage to include routine podiatric care visits.

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SFP-10 Senior Senator Levy: Privatization of Social Security. This proposal requires the federal government to adopt a policy opposing privatization of Social Security.