

Senior Services Coalition of Alameda County

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SSC's 2019 California Bill List and Outcomes

Every year SSC tracks – and advocates for – legislative proposals that will help us meet the challenges of aging and live successfully in our communities, now and in the future. Below is a summary of our 2019 bills and what happened to them:

Bill #	Author; Sponsors	Description	SSC Position / Outcome
SB 228	Jackson; [Gov. Newsom]	Sets out the parameters of the process to develop a Master Plan on Aging for California	Support / Signed by Governor
SB 611	Caballero, Nazarian, Aguiar-Curry; State Treasurer	Folds into Master Plan elements that respond to population needs in a comprehensive manner which shall include, but not be limited to, policy recommendations that address the housing needs of California's older adults, and people with disabilities.	Support / Vetoed by Governor; In Senate for consideration of Governor's veto
AB 1118	Rubio; AARP	Requires the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, in developing the Master Plan for Aging, to consider applying, on behalf of the State of California, to join the World Health Organization/AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.	Support / Signed by Governor
AB 1136	Nazarian; C4A, State Treasurer	Reconfigures Dept. of Aging and multiple disparate programs serving people with disabilities into new Department of Community Living in order to streamline administrative structure and align planning and implementation of service delivery (companion bill AB 1137)	Support / Now a 2-year bill to be taken up in 2020
AB 1287	Nazarian; State Treasurer	Plan and phased implementation of statewide no wrong door system building on ADRCs and using a universal assessment tool (not the same as the CCI tool).	Support / Signed by Governor
AB 1382	Aguiar-Curry, Nazarian, Sen. Caballero; State Treasurer	Folds into Master Plan strategies to address needs of family caregivers and implementing the recommendations of the California Task Force on Family Caregiving (includes recommendations re paid workforce).	Support / Vetoed by Governor
AB 683	Carrillo; JIA	Financial stability for low-income seniors – increases asset limit for Medi-Cal eligibility to align with Medicare Savings Programs.	Support / Now a 2-year bill
AB 1088	Wood; JIA	Stop yo-yoing between full-scope and share-of-cost Medi-Cal by taking Medi-Cal payment of the Medicare Part B premium out of Medi-Cal's income-counting rules.	Support / Signed by Governor
AB 1042	Wood; JIA	Updates and expands home upkeep allowance for seniors and people with disabilities who have short term nursing facility stay so they can maintain their housing.	Support / stalled in Senate after referral to Appropriations

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AB 715	Arambula; JIA	Removes the “senior penalty” by raising the Medi-Cal income eligibility limit for seniors and people with disabilities to 138% of federal poverty level.	Support / Implemented in FY 19/20 Budget
AB 50	Kalra	Would require California to renew the Medi-Cal Assisted Living Waiver and increase number of slots from the 5,500 currently authorized to at least 18,500.	Support / stalled in Senate after referral to Appropriations
SB 512	Pan; CADA	Creates the framework for a new program that would provide Californians with a managed cash benefit to spend on long-term services and supports.	Support / stalled in Senate Appropriations
AB 388	Limon; Alzheimer’s Association	Funding to prepare for Alzheimer’s crisis - implements Healthy Brain Initiative in CA	Support / Implemented in FY 19/20 Budget.
AB 568	Reyes; CWDA	Establish California Care Corps via retooling Caregiver Resource Centers.	Support / Now a 2-year bill