

2023 California Bill List (May 30, 2023)

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 the 2023 bills we are actively tracking and supporting.

Bill/Author	Description	Position / Status
<u>SB 17</u> (Caballero)	Senior Housing: Tax Credits - States the Legislature’s intent to enact legislation that would create new opportunities for the development of affordable senior housing. Ties the 15% senior goal in the 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to the American Community Survey (ACS) census data, so that funding for affordable senior housing will increase in proportion to the size of the senior population	Support /Passed to Assembly
<u>SB 37</u> (Caballero)	Housing Stability Act - Creates a targeted rental subsidy program that would enable thousands of older adults and people with disabilities annually to access or keep their housing. Subsidies would be made available to severely low-income Californians experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness. A competitive grant program would be administered by Housing/Community Development Department.	Priority Support /Stalled in Senate
<u>SB 278</u> (Dodd)	Elder Abuse: Clarifies existing elder financial exploitation laws to ensure that older adult victims of financial scams can hold banks and other entities accountable for assisting in their financial exploitation.	Support /Passed to Assembly
<u>SB 311</u> (Eggman)	Eliminate barriers to Medicare Part A - Requires the Department of Health Care Services to submit a State Plan Amendment to become a Medicare Part A Buy-In State. This shift would eliminate enrollment barriers that some low-income older adults face in getting financial assistance for high Medicare Part A monthly premiums. This proposal also has the potential for cost-savings, due to the availability of federal funds.	Support /Passed to Assembly
<u>SB 657</u> (Caballero)	Senior Housing - Requires the Interagency Council on Homelessness to coordinate with the California continuums of care and the Area Agencies on Aging to partner in their shared regions to provide gerontological training for homelessness services staff and to ensure that homelessness service providers are well trained and well equipped to assist vulnerable older adults with accessing resources to gain a permanent housing solution.	Track / In the Assembly
<u>AB 21</u> (Gipson)	Peace Officers’ Dementia Training - To improve the ability of law enforcement to safely engage with Californians living with Alzheimer's or other dementia by providing them with training and tools, AB 21 requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to revise their training to include dementia instruction.	Priority Support /Stalled in Assembly
<u>AB 518</u> (Wicks)	Paid Family Leave - Expands the definition of “family member” and “family care leave” which will allow family caregivers to take paid family leave to care for individuals related by blood or whose association with the caregiver is the equivalent of a family relationship.	Support /Assembly Floor

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AB 559 (Boerner Horvath)	California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund - Requires Franchise Tax Board to revise the return for years 2017 to 2030 to allow taxpayers to designate an amount in excess of personal income tax liability to be paid into the California Senior Citizen Advocacy Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund. Extends the repeal date to 1/1/2032.	Support / Passed to Senate
AB 846 (Bonta)	Protection from Rent Hikes - Protect low-income renters in LIHTC properties from unpredictable and potentially significant rent spikes by capping annual rent increases for properties funded through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.	Support / Assembly Floor
AB 1085 (Maienshein)	Housing Support Services as Medi-Cal benefit - Requires the Department of Health Care Services to seek federal approval to make housing support services a Medi-Cal benefit.	Support / Assembly Floor
AB 1157 (Ortega and Wilson)	Durable Medical Equipment & Services - Clarifies that durable medical equipment is a covered essential health benefit in California-regulated health plans and policies when prescribed by a doctor for rehabilitative or habilitative purposes. Removes limitations such as annual caps on durable medical equipment coverage.	Support / Assembly Floor
AB 1313 (Ortega)	Case Management Demonstration - Creates a demonstration pilot in 3 counties to provide case management services to low-income older adults who may not be eligible for Medi-Cal but who need assistance to address unmet health and SDOH needs. Findings will inform Master Plan for Aging and the alignment of California Dept. of Aging programs with CalAIM.	Priority Support / Passed to Senate

In addition, SSC supports the package of bills under the **California Nonprofit Equity Initiative** (championed by California Association of Nonprofits):

Advance payments for all [AB 590](#) (Hart): Ensures nonprofits can secure up to 25% of contracted funds up front, with a priority on nonprofits serving vulnerable communities or with modest reserves. *On the Assembly Floor.*

Flexibility during emergencies [AB 619](#) (Fong, V): Avoids disruption of community services during declared states of emergency by easing the contract modification process. *Passed to the Senate.*

Modernizes processes [AB 696](#) (Lowenthal): Moves more administrative processes online, reducing time and costs for both nonprofits and the state. *On the Assembly Floor.*

Streamlines small grant programs [AB 860](#) (Valencia): Reduces application and reporting requirements for small grants. *On the Assembly Floor.*

Fairness in contracting [AB 885](#) (Rivas, L): Requires the state to pay nonprofit partners the full costs of delivering programs and services – including administrative costs, fair wages and benefits; also encourages multi-year contracts and expedited contract renewals. *Stalled in Assembly.*

Standardizes indirect cost coverage [SB 336](#) (Umberg): Requires the state to pay nonprofits the same rate the organization has negotiated with the federal government, and requires the state to set a standard indirect rate for nonprofit partners of no less than 10%. *In the Assembly.*

Equity in prompt payments [SB 557](#) (Limon): Extends the state's Prompt Payment Act to all state contracts with nonprofits, sets a minimum discrepancy amount, removes the existing eligibility cap on nonprofit contracts, and includes any penalties paid to nonprofits in the required annual report. *On Senate Consent Calendar (likely pass).*