



COUNTY-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

2020

- ❖ **County Co-Sponsored AB 1929 (Rubio) - Expanding Internet-Based Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect.** Would make permanent a pilot program authorizing counties to develop an internet-based reporting system of child abuse and neglect, which sunsets on January 1, 2021, and would permit all mandated reporters to utilize the system to better protect children. This bill is co-sponsored with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the County Welfare Directors Association. By permitting mandated reporters to make non-urgent child abuse and neglect reports through an online portal, the County's Child Abuse Reporting Electronic System (CARES) has provided a safe option to expediently report suspected abuse, thereby opening up phone lines for emergent child abuse and neglect reports and facilitating timely safety assessments and intervention.
- ❖ **County-sponsored AB 2025 (Gipson) - Streamlining Licensing for Inter-Disciplinary Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities.** Would amend State law to add requirements relating to "alcohol and substance use disorder" to those requirements that the State is authorized to streamline licensing for and establish a Restorative Care Program pilot in Los Angeles County and other interested counties. A Restorative Care Program pilot would provide a continuum of care for the most vulnerable populations, including those struggling with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder who are experiencing homelessness or involved in the criminal justice system.
- ❖ **County-sponsored AB 2284 (Calderon) - Delegated Authority to Order Construction Change Orders on Large-Scale Projects.** Would increase a county engineer's, or other county officer's, delegated authority to order changes or additions on large-scale public works capital projects, county highways, county bridges, county waterworks districts, and Los Angeles County Flood Control District contracts, and provide for an annual increase to reflect the percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index. Allowing higher change order authority thresholds would help counties to expedite project delivery for large capital and infrastructure projects and prevent significant delays and project cost increases.



- ❖ **County Co-Sponsored AB 2298 (Carrillo) - Hazardous Waste.** Would allow Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) to take immediate action against hazardous material businesses that are not permitted or pose an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health and safety. This bill would strengthen the Los Angeles County Fire Department's authority to direct a facility to immediately discontinue operations that endanger the public's health and safety. This measure would also discourage businesses in the County that handle hazardous substances from operating without a CUPA permit. This bill is co-sponsored by the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA).
- ❖ **County-sponsored AB 2612 (Maienschein) - Investments in the Recycling Infrastructure.** Would require the Legislature to provide dedicated State funding of at least \$200.0 million per year for material recovery facilities and increase the loans made available through the State Recycling and Market Development Zone Program. This proposal would aid in the development of solid waste infrastructure and policies that would help the State and local governments meet mandated recycling and greenhouse gas reduction emissions reduction goals.
- ❖ **County-sponsored AB 3028 (Bloom) - Transfer of Will Rogers and Dockweiler State Beaches.** Would transfer fee title ownership of Will Rogers and Dockweiler State beaches from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to the County of Los Angeles. This bill would allow the County to expedite enhancements and maintenance of the beaches and their facilities, creating recreational opportunities for our residents and visitors.



- ❖ **County Co-Sponsored SB 803 (Beall) - Establishing a Statewide Certification for Peer Support Specialists.** Would establish State certification for peer support specialists for mental health and substance use disorder care; and require the State to include certified peer support specialists as Medi-Cal provider types and peer support as an eligible Medi-Cal service. This bill is co-sponsored with the California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations, County Behavioral Health Directors Association, and the Steinberg Institute. Peer support specialists use their lived experience to help improve treatment outcomes and facilitate linkages to critical services and supports.
- ❖ **County Co-Sponsored SB 999 (Umberg) – Expanding Local Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization Protections.** Would amend State law to remove an existing exemption for long-term mobilehome rental agreements from local ordinances or initiatives that establish a maximum amount that a landlord may charge for rent. This bill is co-sponsored with the Golden State Manufactured-Home Owners League. By updating State law to allow local jurisdictions to expand local rent stabilization protections to include long-term mobilehome rental agreements, this proposal would help create price stability and certainty by removing the risk of unexpected and substantial rent increases. Most importantly, SB 999 will provide local governments another tool to help keep vulnerable residents in their homes.

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COUNTY-SPONSORED BUDGET PROPOSALS

- ❖ **California Access to Housing and Services Fund.** This proposal, which is co-sponsored by a coalition of cities, counties, Continuums of Care and homeless and housing advocates across the State, would provide a long-term, comprehensive framework to guide the State's investment in homelessness solutions, including an appropriation of \$2.0 billion annually for the proposed new California Access to Housing and Services Fund. This proposal builds on the Governor's Homelessness Budget Proposal by committing ongoing funding at the scale of investment necessary to address the homeless crisis with evidence-based solutions focused on achieving measurable outcomes. Funding would be allocated directly to cities, counties and Continuums of Care through regional collaborative structures to capitalize on existing local efforts to coordinate resources.
- ❖ **Extended Foster Care Program Cost Shift.** This proposal, which is co-sponsored by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), would provide State funding to support non-Federal costs that exceed the statutory cap on county contributions to the Extended Foster Care (EFC) Program, which was created by AB 12 (Chapter 559, Statutes of 2010) to improve outcomes for young adults emancipating from foster care. Additional State funding is needed to sustain best practices and services to better meet the unique needs of participating youth by increasing employment readiness and mental health services and reducing caseloads for social workers serving this vulnerable population.
- ❖ **Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children.** This proposal, which is co-sponsored by a coalition of organizations that include the Alliance for Children's Rights and Children Now, would provide \$37.0 million State General Fund (SGF) to augment funding for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program to increase access to early care and education services for abused and neglected children across the State and eliminate the statutory time limit on child care vouchers provided by the program. While the Governor's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Proposed Budget maintains level funding for this program at \$41.0 million SGF, increased program funding along with the elimination of the statutory time limit on vouchers will promote continuity of child care and support the recruitment and retention of resource families who would not otherwise be a placement resource due to lack of access to child care.

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- ❖ **Augment the CalWORKS Applicant Earned Income Disregard (EID).** This proposal, which is co-sponsored by the California Welfare Directors Association, would gradually increase the applicant EID from \$90 to \$600 by 2022 to keep pace with the scheduled increases to the State minimum wage. Increasing the CW Applicant EID will allow more working families to become eligible for CalWORKs and receive supportive services such as childcare, transportation, employment services and homeless prevention services, which in turn will promote self-sufficiency and housing stability.
- ❖ **Board and Care Stabilization.** This proposal, which is co-sponsored by the County Behavioral Health Directors Association and the Steinberg Institute, would provide \$500.0 million in one-time funding to preserve the Board and Care network, streamline regulations to ease the burden on operators, and establish sustainable rates and program structure for longer-term stability. Board and Care facilities are a vital source of housing for some of the most vulnerable residents.
- ❖ **Mental Health Diversion.** Mental Health Diversion under AB 1810 (Chapter 24, Statutes of 2018) has provided California with an extraordinary opportunity to expand the pre-plea diversion of justice-involved individuals who are suffering from mental illness. The County is working with stakeholders, including the County Behavioral Health Directors Association, on a budget proposal to build the capacity of the behavioral health and criminal justice systems to further implement AB 1810.



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