

LEGISLATIVE BILLS FOR CONSIDERATION MARCH 23, 2009

Bill	Link- Text	Author	Affected Department(s) or Service	Summary Text	Support/Oppose	CSAC Position	Impact to County	STATUS	Proposed Action
AB 12	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_12_bill_20081201_introduced.pdf	Beall and Bass	Social Services, foster care	Extends Aid to Families with Dependent Children-Foster Care benefits to specified individuals up to 21 years of age starting on October 1, 2010.	Support	Support	Extends foster care payments to individuals up to age 21, increases cost to Social Services Department. (see additional attached information.)	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 02/05/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION: Referred to ASM Com. on Human Services. Hearing set for 3/24/09.	Letter of support to author.
AB23	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_23_bill_20090223_amended_asm_v98.pdf	Jones	Social Services, ADMHS	Repeals certain changes to Medi-Cal eligibility requirements included in the 2008-09 State Budget. This is necessary to ensure that California qualifies for federal funds pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.	Support	Support	Enable County departments to utilize federal funds for provision of services. (see attached CSAC 3/6/09 Legislative Bulletin.)	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 02/26/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : Re-referred to Com. on HEALTH.	Letter of support to author. Also letter of support for similar bills of SB 337 and SBX3 26.
AB 159	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0151-0200/ab_159_bill_20090310_amended_asm_v98.pdf	Nava	Public Health/ADMHS (indirectly), impacts pregnant and new mothers experiencing perinatal mood and anxiety disorders	Permit the State Department of Public Health to establish a task force to address specified issues relating to perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. Create the California Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Awareness Fund and permit voluntary contributions to be deposited into	Support	No interest	Impact to women within county that may be experiencing perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMAD) (see attached fact sheet.)	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 03/11/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION: Re-referred to ASM Com. on HEALTH. Hearing set for 3/17/09.	Letter of support to author.
AB359	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0351-0400/ab_359_bill_20090223_introduced.pdf	Nava (County sponsor)	Public Health, clients in the cancer detection program	Requires digital mammography screening to be covered when analog mammography services are not available from the provider. It would permit the department to authorize coverage of digital mammography screening where digital	Support	Watch	PHD estimates there to be about 2,248 regional CDP clients currently impacted by the lack of access to a mammography facility. If women do not undertake breast cancer screening because it is too prohibitive to locate a facility, then early detection may be compromised.	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 03/09/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : Referred to ASM Com. on HEALTH. Hearing set for 3/31/09.	Assist as needed in supporting bill.
AB719	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0701-0750/ab_719_bill_20090226_introduced.pdf	Lowenthal	Social Services, food stamps	Creates a 12-month transitional Food Stamp program for youth aging out of foster care, which will provide benefits without regard to income or assets for one year post-foster care, subject to federal approval	Support	Support	The monthly benefits are 100% federally funded. There would be some minimal additional administrative costs associated with the increased number of NAFS cases. However, we estimate that of approximately 42 projected emancipating youth in FY 09/10, only about 34 would be eligible (those not receiving CalWORKS or SSI) and we would project that not all would choose to participate in the	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 03/01/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : From printer. May be heard in committee March 30.	Letter of support to author.
AB754	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0751-0800/ab_754_bill_20090226_introduced.pdf	Chesbro	ADMHS	Clarify the obligations of state and local government and promote the efficient administration of the specialty mental health Managed Care program, including increasing the efficiency and timeliness of Medi-Cal payments to county Mental Health Plans by clarifying the state's payment	Support	Support	Increase timeliness and efficiency of payments to ADMHS. Increase flexibility of counties to reopen and amend contract w/ State if costs change; require use of federal timeframes for reimbursing counties for underpayments of federal or State funds (currently only timeframes used for overpayments), allows submittal of claims throughout fiscal	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 02/27/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : From printer. May be heard in committee March 29.	Letter of support to author w/ cc to CA Mental Health Directors Association
SB 1	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sb_1_bill_20090212_amended_sen_v97.pdf	Steinberg and Alquist	Social Services, Public Health, ADMHS and First 5, health coverage for children	Expands children's health care coverage to the State's estimated 600,000 uninsured children by expanding eligibility for the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Programs up to 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).	Watch	Concerns	Support in concept, but may increase costs to counties (see attached letter of concern from CSAC.)	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 02/17/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : Hearing postponed by committee. COMM. LOCATION : SEN HEALTH	Monitor.
SB114	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0101-0150/sb_114_bill_20090129_introduced.pdf	Liu	Social Services, Public Health, ADMHS, foster care	Allow independent foster care adolescents to be automatically re-enrolled in Medi-Cal program to ensure continuity of health coverage.	Support	Support	Enable Medi-Cal coverage for independent foster care youth	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 02/05/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : To Com. on HEALTH.	Letter of support to author.
SB152	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0151-0200/sb_152_bill_20090212_introduced.pdf	Cox	ADMHS	Require State Controller to reimburse local county contractors for mental health services w/in 90 days after receipt of valid reimbursement claim and requires interest to	Support	Support	County supported similar bill, SB 1349, last year, to help ensure timely payment by State of mental health service claims.	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 02/23/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : To Com. on HEALTH.	Letter of support to author w/ cc to CA Mental Health Directors Association
AB486	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/asm/ab_0451-0500/ab_486_bill_20090224_introduced.pdf	Chesbro	OES	Require any governing body to review the continuing need for a local emergency at least once every 30 days until the local emergency is terminated.	Support	None	This bill changes the 14 day reaffirmation period to 30 days and the concept is part of the County's 2009 platform as extending the timeframe promotes efficiency/reduces administrative burden.	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 2/05/09 LAST HIST. ACTION : May be heard in committee March 27	Letter of support to author
SB 170	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0151-0200/sb_170_bill_20090214_introduced.pdf	Florez	Agricultural Commissioner, Planning and Development, Williamson Act	Would establish a rebuttable presumption that where a Native American tribe or tribal group has petitioned for a contract cancellation that tribal cultural centers, infrastructure, and housing are alternative uses that are public	Pending	Pending	Provisions in the Act already allow Cities/Counties/Governmental Agencies to cancel contracts for legitimate purposes. Bill potentially places the Board of Supervisors in a difficult position to choose between various uses of land considered to be in the "public's	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 3/09/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : To committees on Local Government and Judicial Set for hearing April 1	Letter of opposition to author
SB 357	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_357_bill_20090225_introduced.pdf	Ducheny	Fire, Sheriff	Extends the Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund grants to mitigate the impacts of gaming on jurisdictions to January 1, 2020	Support	Pending	This Fund supports fire and law enforcement services to the casino and surrounding areas.	LAST HIST. ACT. DATE: 03/09/2009 LAST HIST. ACTION : To Com. on G.O. COMM. LOCATION : SEN GOVERNMENTAL	Letter of support to author