

Legislative Committee Agenda

July 13, 2026 , 11:45 AM -1 PM

Alameda County Social Services Agency
Area Agency on Aging/Veterans Services Office
22225 Foothill Blvd., Hayward, CA 94541
In-Person Meeting

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Schedule is subject to change and all times are approximate.

#1: Call to Order/Roll Call (11:45-11:50)

Chair

#2: Review/approve agenda

(11:50-11:55)

All Commissioners

- Agenda

#3: Administrative Planning

(11:55-12:25)

Chair, Commissioners

- Meeting schedule
- Expectations related to advocacy efforts and outreach
- Committee participation
- Co-Chair opportunity
- Future PAL requests
- CSL / C4A / AAS legislative alignments

Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda 7/13/26 (Cont.)

#5: Strategic Planning

Retreat Goals (12-12:10)

Commissioners

Attachment

- Strategic Planning Retreat Goals - Legislative

#6: Pending California Senior

Legislature (CSL) Legislation

(12:10-12:25)

All Commissioners

Attachment

- Pending CA Senior Legislation

#7: AB 1798 (12:25-12:35)

Attachment

- AB 1798 Draft Information Template

#8: Announcements (12:35-12:40)

#9: Adjournment (12:40)

Strategic Planning Retreat Goals

Legislative Committee Goal: 1.6 Housing Advocacy

Provide the Area Commission on Aging (ACA) with regular legislative updates and recommendations informed by the California Senior Legislature (CSL) and other relevant legislative bodies, increasing awareness of emerging policies and strengthening advocacy efforts on issues impacting older adults in Alameda County.

The Legislative Committee will actively monitor websites, publications and social media weekly for relevant data. The chair will gather written reports from committee members before each standing meeting.

Goal Action Items:

1. Make a grid to identify websites and other sources of official data used
2. Make a grid of upcoming and new legislation for ACA review
3. Template will be created in order to standardize report submission.
4. Committee findings should be submitted 1 week before standing meeting

Implementation Goal:

1. This will begin July 1st with first report out in August.

Strategic Planning Retreat Goals

Legislative Committee Goal: 2.1 Strengthen ADRC

Increase awareness and utilization of the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) by expanding the reach and effectiveness of the Senior Update publication, resulting in measurable growth in reader engagement, service inquiries, and referrals to ADRC services.

Each publication will include a standardized directory of categorized services with clear, accessible contact information. In addition, each quarterly edition will spotlight a specific theme or topic to highlight key resources, emerging needs, or priority areas for older adults and caregivers.

Goal Action Items:

1. Identify relevant information / services / service providers for our community
2. Speak with Debrah Cooper regarding Publication logistics
 - a. What is the timeline for newsletter updates
 - b. When is draft publication due
 - c. How much space can we use in the newsletter
3. Create a graph or system of organization which identifies the W's
 - a. *Who* is the service provider & Who is their target audience
 - b. *What* services does the provider offer
 - c. *When* are services available
 - d. *Where* are they located and their contact information

Implementation Goal:

1. We will work to integrate this content in the September edition, pending alignment with publication timelines and editorial standards.

Pending CA Senior Legislation of Interest

California's 2026 legislative session includes **major proposals affecting long-term care, Medi-Cal, housing, caregiving, elder justice, and aging-in-place infrastructure**. Several bills directly respond to rising senior poverty, caregiver shortages, and the strain on local agencies.

California's pending legislation attempts to **fill the gaps** by:

- expanding Medi-Cal affordability
- strengthening long-term care oversight
- funding senior housing and home modifications
- modernizing APS
- improving transportation access
- supporting caregivers
- addressing elder poverty and fraud

Many of these bills would directly affect **Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), Adult Protective Services, paratransit providers, and local senior centers**.

2026 California Bills Most Relevant to Seniors (Pending or Active)

1. Long-Term Care & Nursing Home Oversight

- **AB 1502 (Reauthorization & Reform of Skilled Nursing Oversight)** Strengthens licensing rules, increases penalties for poor-performing facilities, and expands public transparency on ownership. *Why it matters:* California continues to struggle with chain ownership opacity and chronic understaffing.
- **SB 924 (Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care)** Would require minimum staffing ratios in nursing homes and certain assisted-living settings. *Impact:* Could improve care quality but may increase operating costs for facilities.

2. Medi-Cal Expansion & Affordability

- **AB 4 (Full-Scope Medi-Cal for All Ages Regardless of Immigration Status)** Already implemented for older adults, but 2026 amendments aim to expand provider networks and reduce wait times for seniors.
- **SB 512 (Medi-Cal Share-of-Cost Reform)** Reduces the “share-of-cost” burden for low-income seniors and people with disabilities. *Impact:* Could significantly lower out-of-pocket medical expenses for older adults living on fixed incomes.

3. Housing, Aging-in-Place & Home Modifications

- **AB 2011 (Senior Housing Zoning Streamlining)** Expands by-right approval for senior housing developments near transit and medical services.
- **SB 37 (Home Modification Grants for Aging-in-Place)** Provides funding for ramps, bathroom modifications, fall-prevention retrofits, and accessibility upgrades. *This aligns directly with the federal bill's home-modification grants.*

4. Caregiver Support & Workforce Development

- **AB 518 (Paid Family Caregiving Expansion)** Expands Paid Family Leave eligibility to include more caregiving relationships (e.g., siblings, extended family). *Impact:* More Californians can take paid time off to care for aging relatives.
- **SB 616 (Caregiver Training & Certification Program)** Creates statewide standards and training pathways for home-care workers. *Impact:* Addresses workforce shortages and improves care quality.

5. Transportation Access for Older Adults

- **AB 2030 (Senior Mobility & Paratransit Modernization)** Funds microtransit pilots, same-day paratransit, and medical-appointment transportation. *Impact:* Helps seniors who struggle with fixed-route transit or long paratransit wait times.

6. Elder Justice & Abuse Prevention

- **SB 611 (Elder Financial Abuse Prevention)** Requires financial institutions to strengthen fraud detection and reporting for elder scams.
- **AB 799 (Adult Protective Services Modernization)** Expands APS staffing, improves cross-agency coordination, and increases emergency housing options for abused seniors.

7. Mental Health & Cognitive Health

- **SB 43 (Behavioral Health Modernization – Implementation Bills)** Several 2026 follow-on bills refine conservatorship criteria and expand community-based mental-health services for older adults with dementia or severe mental illness.

8. Prescription Drug Affordability

- **SB 853 (Prescription Drug Price Transparency)** Requires manufacturers to justify price increases and expands the state's ability to negotiate lower prices.
- **AB 942 (Pharmacy Access for Homebound Seniors)** Supports mobile pharmacy services and home delivery for those with mobility limitations.

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Upcoming Legislation of Interest:

Bill Number: California AB 1798

Title: Genetic testing for life and disability insurance

Sponsor (s): Assemblymember Lori Wilson (D); Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D); Assemblymember Tina McKinnor (D)

Substance of the bill:

AB 1798, as amended, Wilson. Genetic testing for life and disability insurance. Existing laws generally regulate classes of insurance, including life and disability insurance. Existing law prohibits an insurer from requiring a test for the presence of a genetic characteristic for the purpose of determining insurability, except as specified. If an insurer requests an applicant to take a genetic characteristic test, existing law requires the insurer to obtain the applicant's written informed consent and to notify the applicant of the test result. Existing law prohibits a life or disability income insurer from requiring a genetic characteristic test if the results of the test would be used to determine eligibility for specified health care coverage. Existing law prescribes civil penalties for an insurer who discloses the results of a test for a genetic characteristic requested by the insurer. This bill would repeal those provisions and would instead prohibit a life or disability insurer from canceling, limiting, or denying coverage, among other actions, based on a test for the presence of a genetic characteristic, unless specified criteria are met. The bill would, except as provided, prohibit a life or disability insurer from requiring, requesting, or soliciting genetic information, using genetic test results, or considering a person's decisions or actions relating to genetic testing in any manner for insurance purposes. The bill would additionally impose civil penalties for the use of genetic information or genetic characteristics in a manner inconsistent with these provisions, as specified, and other civil penalties for any violation of these provisions. Existing law, the Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act, prohibits an insurance institution, agent, or insurance-support organization from seeking specified information in connection with an insurance transaction or preparing or requesting an investigative consumer report about an individual for an insurance application, except as specified. Existing law prohibits an insurance institution or agent from basing an adverse underwriting decision on specified information. Existing law prohibits an insurance institution, agent, or insurance-support organization from utilizing a form or statement that authorizes disclosure of personal or privileged information as its disclosure form, unless the form or statement meets specified criteria. This bill would prohibit an insurance institution, agent, or insurance-support organization from seeking information in connection with an insurance transaction concerning, prohibit an insurance institution or agent from basing an adverse underwriting decision on, an individual's genetic information or full genome, unless specified criteria are met. The bill would prohibit an insurance institution, agent, or insurance-support organization from preparing or requesting an investigative consumer report that seeks an individual's genetic information or full genome.

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More information: <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB1798/2025>