



ACA Legislative Committee Agenda

Friday, March 6, 2026 🍌

11:00AM – 12:00PM

[Virtual meeting](#)

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Agenda Item	Material Provided	Presenter	Time(all times approximate)
Welcome/Call to order		Commission Chair or staff	11-11:05
Approve minutes	Draft minutes February 6, 2026	AAA Mgmt Analyst, Commissioners	11:05-11:10
PRESENTATION: Engaging the PAL Process. For councils and commissions interested in requesting the County take an official position on proposed state or federal legislation.	Presentation	Charles Balderama Sanchez, ManagementAnalyst, Social Services Agency – Government and Community Relations	11:10-11:30
Updates and possible action items to consider Federal-level proposals on immigration, housing, and nursing home staffing. (Attached)	Justice in Aging Updates	Commissioners, AAA Staff	11:30 – 11:45
Adjourn		All	11:45

Attachments:

Minutes from February meeting (in process - will be provided before meeting)

PAL presentation

Justice in Aging Updates

Charles Balderama Sanchez

Management Analyst



Engaging the PAL Process

A PRESENTATION TO THE ALAMEDA COUNTY Advisory Commission on Aging | February 9, 2026
GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS | OFFICE OF POLICY, STRATEGY & INNOVATION (PSI)

About the Office of Policy, Strategy, and Innovation (PSI)

- Office of PSI Vision & Mission
- What is the PAL Committee?
- Engaging the PAL Process through the Office of PSI

Office of Policy, Strategy & Innovation

Who We Are: The Office of Policy, Strategy & Innovation (PSI) provides fund development, legislative and budget analysis, and decision-making support resources for the Social Services Agency.

Vision: Equitable and inclusive policies uplift the social and economic well-being of individuals, children and families.

Mission: To build informed and responsive systems through strong partnerships that support a resilient Alameda County.



What is the PAL committee?

- Key standing committee of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors
- They review federal, state, and local legislation referred by County departments and Board offices
- Determine whether the County should **support or oppose** legislative and administrative matters
- Review and sign all **official County letters** of support or opposition
- Review and recommend approval of the County's **legislative platform and priorities**
- Advance recommended positions to the **Board of Supervisors for final approval**
- Receive regular updates from state and federal legislative advocates on emerging issues
- Provide direction to advocates on advancing the County's legislative agenda

How Alameda County Establishes an Official Position

Bills Introduced by the State Legislature

PSI Drafts PAL Letters with Departments and submits to PAL

CWDA Review & Guidance

PAL Committee Review

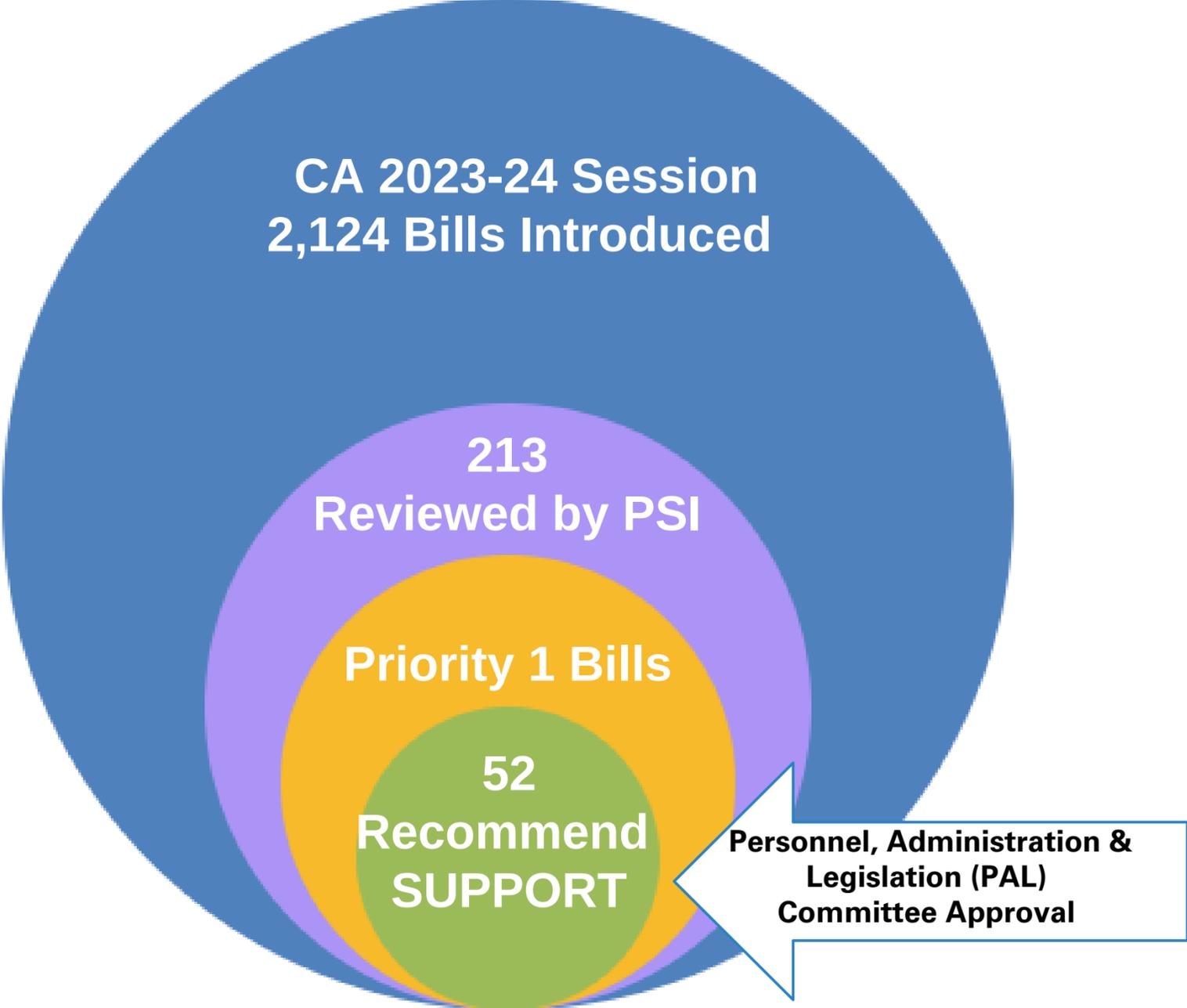
SSA & PSI Policy Review

Board of Supervisors Action

Department-Initiated Requests

Official County Position

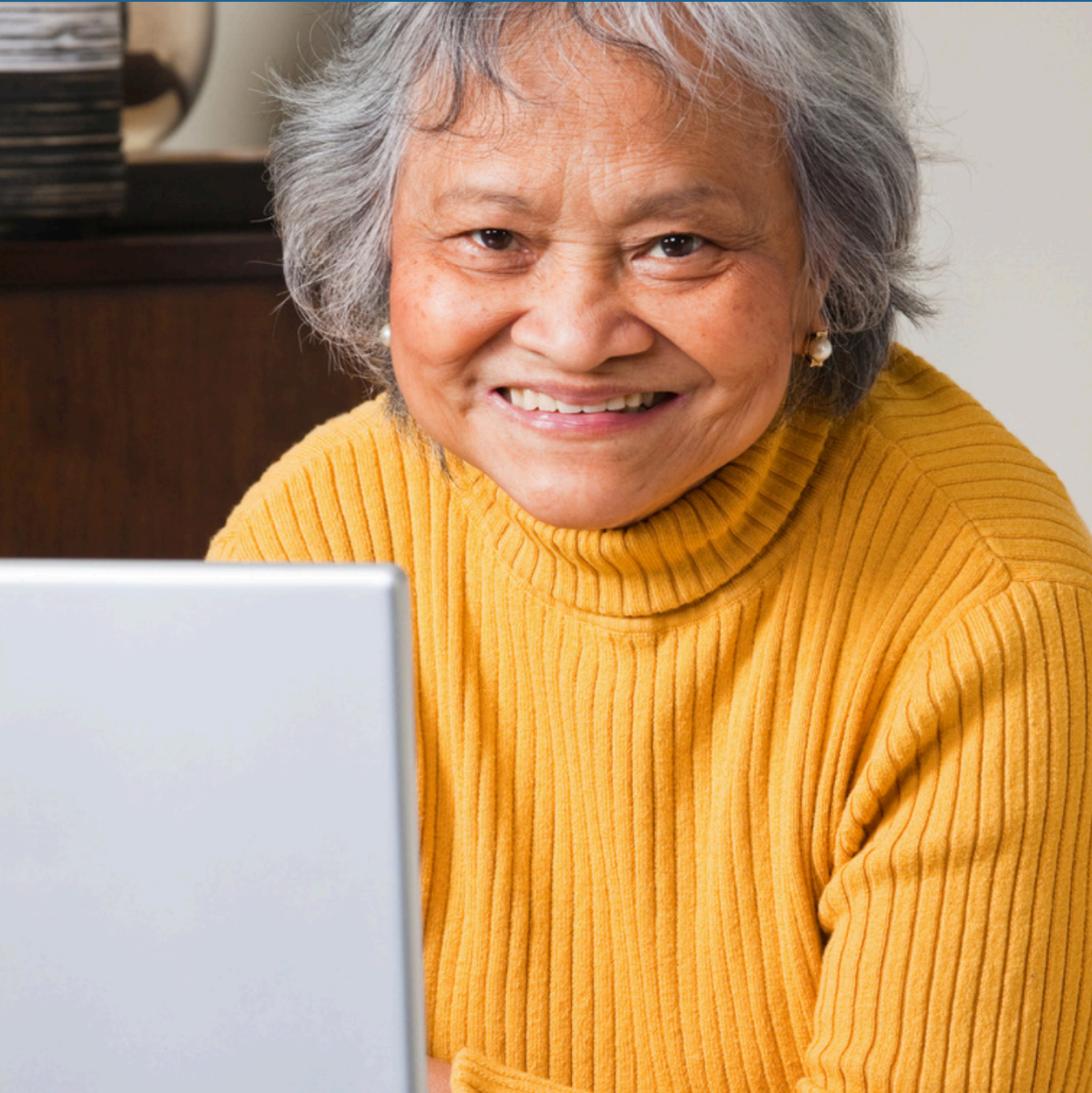
Office of PSI: Legislative Policy & Budget Analysis 2023-24 Session



Engaging the PAL Process Through the Office of PSI

- Councils and commissions interested in requesting the County take an official position on proposed state or federal legislation may submit their advisory opinion to the Personnel, Administration, and Legislation (PAL) Committee, via the SSA's Office of Policy, Strategy, and Innovation (PSI)
- Elements to include:
 - Recommendation - requires a vote/action by the full commission
 - Bill number and author
 - Alignment with County Vision
 - Social and fiscal impacts
 - Programmatic implications
 - Requested action
 - Additional materials - such as information on the bill or advocacy letters written by other organizations
 - Letter stating the commission's advisory position to the PAL Committee – approved by action item at regularly noticed meeting (Optional)

Thank You



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From: [Fogel, Kim R SSA](#)
To: [Stephens-Pierre, Jennifer, SSA](#)
Subject: FW: From DC: Immigration Enforcement Concerns, HUD Mixed-Status Rule, and Nursing Home Staffing Legislation
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From: Fogel, Kim R SSA <krfogel@acgov.org>
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Subject: RE: From DC: Immigration Enforcement Concerns, HUD Mixed-Status Rule, and Nursing Home Staffing Legislation

From: Fogel, Kim R SSA
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 3:09 PM
To: Stephens-Pierre, Jennifer, SSA <JSPierre@acgov.org>
Subject: RE: From DC: Immigration Enforcement Concerns, HUD Mixed-Status Rule, and Nursing Home Staffing Legislation

Hi Jennifer – per their request at the last leg committee meeting, can we provide more background on what we are asking from them for this information? Are we asking them to take a stance? Do research? This also relates to an earlier email I sent; they would like staff to provide more research and background on the legislative items we present to them. I don't have time to do that but was wondering if GCR could make a staff person available to the committee as they did in the past for the COSW and HRC policy committees. Thanks!

Kim Fogel | Management Analyst
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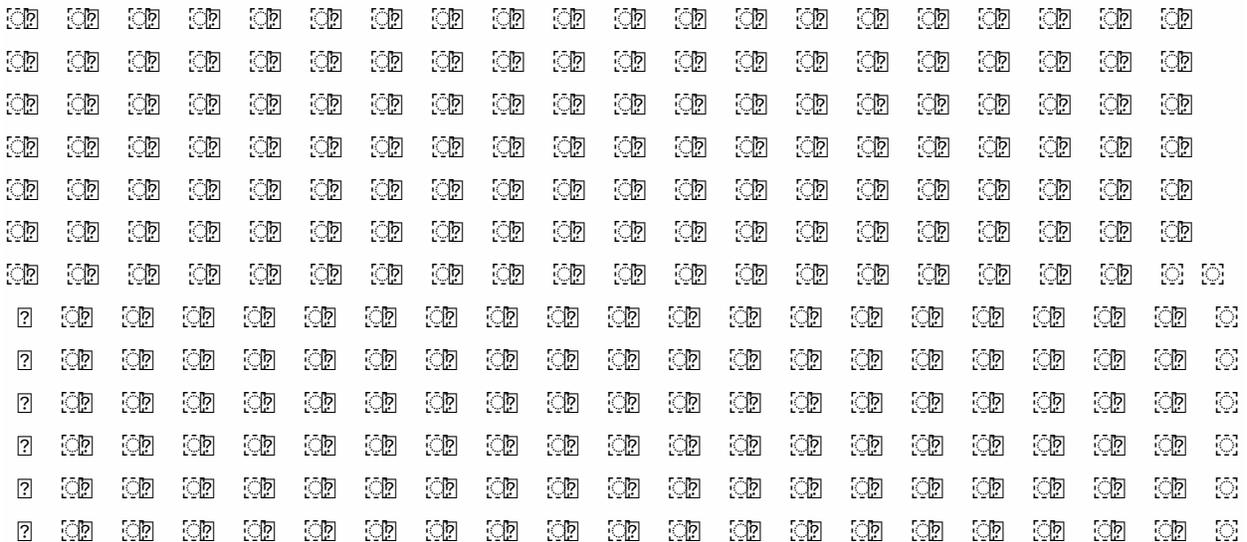
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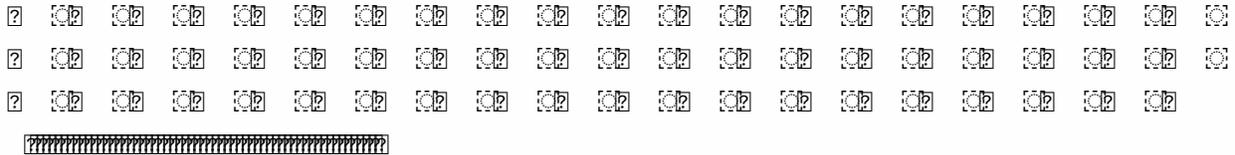
From: Stephens-Pierre, Jennifer, SSA <jspierre@acgov.org>
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Subject: FW: From DC: Immigration Enforcement Concerns, HUD Mixed-Status Rule, and Nursing Home Staffing Legislation

Hi ACA Legislative Committee,
Sharing Justice in Aging's summary of H.R. 1 updates on Immigration and HUD policies that impact older adults.

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Subject: From DC: Immigration Enforcement Concerns, HUD Mixed-Status Rule, and Nursing Home Staffing Legislation





Justice in Aging: Fighting Senior Poverty Through Law



Here's what we're watching in Washington:

Urge Congress to Stop Harmful Immigration Enforcement and Prioritize Health Care and Programs for Older Adults

Last week, annual appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) ended as Congress and the White House have not reached an agreement on whether to make changes and cuts to immigration enforcement.

However, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) are continuing their aggressive actions with billions of dollars in funding from the budget reconciliation act (H.R. 1) passed last July. These actions hurt older adults, both immigrants and non-immigrants.

Justice in Aging invites national and state aging advocacy organizations and allies to [sign a letter urging Congress](#) to consider the harm of the administration's aggressive immigration policies on the ability of all older adults to age with dignity in their communities.

We are calling on Congress to enact adequate safeguards in immigration enforcement and restore funding for health care and other programs that help older adults and their families meet their basic needs. [Use this form to sign on by Tuesday, February 24th.](#)

[Learn more about our advocacy and issues older immigrants are facing. Use this resource hub to support your advocacy](#) to demand Congress hold ICE and CBP accountable and redirect funding to support our communities.

HUD Releases Proposed Rule on Mixed-Status Households

Today, [HUD published a proposed rule](#) that would prohibit mixed-status households

from living together in HUD-assisted housing.

This proposal would also impose new documentation requirements for older adults age 62 and over to verify their citizenship and immigration status.

Comments on HUD's proposed rule are due on April 21, 2026. Justice in Aging will soon share more resources on the proposed rule, including template comments.

Senators Introduce Federal Legislation to Establish Nursing Home Staffing Standards

This week, seven Democratic senators [introduced the Nurses Belong in Nursing Homes Act to](#) establish minimum staffing standards for nursing homes. Under the legislation, nursing homes would be required to have at least one registered nurse on duty at all times, and to provide overall nursing services staffing (including both nurses and nurse aides) at a level of at least 3.5 hours per resident per day.

In essence, the legislation would [re-establish staffing standards set by federal regulations](#) in 2024. These regulatory standards, however, are no longer in effect – they were enjoined by federal district courts in [Texas](#) and [Iowa](#), delayed until 2034 [by H.R. 1](#), and [then rescinded](#) by the federal government effective February 2, 2026. [Justice in Aging submitted comments opposing the rescission.](#)

For advocacy purposes, be aware that [existing federal law](#) continues to require nursing homes to maintain “sufficient nursing staff with the appropriate competencies and skills sets to provide nursing and related services to assure resident safety and attain or maintain the highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being of each resident.”

Also, the recent rescission left in place two important provisions of the 2024 regulations: [detailed procedures for a nursing home's assessment](#) of its capacity to provide needed services, and a [requirement that state Medicaid agencies report](#) the percentage of Medicaid nursing home reimbursement used to compensate nursing home direct-care and support staff.

New Justice in Aging Resources

- Alert: [Workgroup Recommends Revisions to HCBS Quality Measure Set](#) (2/19)
- Fact Sheet: [Understanding the Impact of H.R.1 on Older Immigrants' Access to Health Care](#) (2/18)
- Fact Sheet: [Understanding the Impact of H.R.1 on Older Immigrants' Access to Health Care in California](#) (2/18)
- Comment Letter: [Justice in Aging's Comments on HUD's Proposed Rule on the](#)

[Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard](#) (2/13)

- Blog: [Aging and Disability Advocates Help Push Back on HUD's Efforts to Dismantle Permanent Supportive Housing \(PSH\)](#) (2/12)
- Fact Sheet: [How Medicaid Supports Older Adults](#) (2/12)
- Alert: [Justice in Aging Launches Older Adult Behavioral Health Project in California](#) (2/4)
- Alert: [Amicus Brief Highlights how DHS's Mandatory Detention Policy Imperils Older Adults](#) (2/3)
- Toolkit: [Mitigating the Harms of Medicaid Work Requirements for Older Adults: Tools for State Advocates](#) (2/4)
- Comment Letter: [Justice in Aging Comments Against the Rescission of the Nursing Home Minimum Staffing Rule](#) (1/31)
- Alert: [Take Action to Stop Attack on Disability Rights](#) (1/29)
- Fact Sheet: [March 31 is a Double Deadline for People Eligible for Medicare](#) (1/27)
- Fact Sheet: [Get the Facts: Work Requirements and Time Limits Will Worsen Housing Instability](#) (with National Housing Law Project, Center for Law and Social Policy, National Low-Income Housing Coalition, and Southern Poverty Law Center) (1/27)
- Comment Letter: [Justice in Aging's Comment on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making for Medicare Advantage, Contract Year 2027](#) (1/26)

Upcoming Justice in Aging Webinars

- [Protect Medicaid: State Revenue Strategies for Aging & Disability Advocates](#) (3/10)

Justice in Aging Webinar Recordings

- [Implementing New Medicaid Work Requirements: Strategies to Mitigate Harm in Your State](#) (2/5)
- [Money Follows the Person and LTSS Rebalancing: Opportunities for States](#) (Hosted by Community Living Policy Center) (1/29)
- [LGBTQ+ Older Adults: Updates and Emerging Threats](#) (1/28)



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