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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Alex Lee, Chair

AB 2207 (Reyes) – As Introduced February 7, 2024

SUBJECT: State boards and commissions: representatives of older adults

SUMMARY: Expands the membership of the following bodies:

- 1) Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee to include the California Commission on Aging (CCoA)’s Executive Director (ED) or their designee;
- 2) California Health Workforce Education and Training Council to include CCoA’s ED or their designee and the California Department of Aging (CDA)’s Director or their designee;
- 3) California Workforce Development Board to include representatives of organizations that represent or serve older adults and state agency officials responsible for administering programs that serve, and state commission officials that advocate on behalf of, older adults or their designees;
- 4) California Behavioral Health Planning Council to include CCoA’s ED or their designee;
- 5) Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to include CCoA’s ED or their designee; and,
- 6) Interagency Council on Homelessness (CalICH) to include CCoA’s ED or their designee, and expand the advisory committee to CalICH to also include representatives of organizations that serve or advocate on behalf of youth, survivors of gender-based violence, and racial and ethnic groups, including, but not limited to, African Americans, Latinos, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans, and representatives from organizations that serve or advocate on behalf of older adults.

EXISTING LAW:

- 1) Creates a 14-member Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee within the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS). (Health and Safety Code [HSC] § 1568.17)
- 2) Creates an 18-member California Health Workforce Education and Training Council responsible for helping coordinate California’s health workforce education and training to develop a health workforce that meets California’s healthcare needs. (HSC § 128250)
- 3) Establishes a California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework within CalHHS to include a single data-sharing agreement and common set of policies and procedures that will leverage and advance national standards for information exchange and data content, and that will govern and require the exchange of health information among health care entities and government agencies in California. (HSC § 130290)
- 4) Creates a California Workplace Development Board as the body responsible for assisting the Governor in the development, oversight, and continuous improvement of California’s

workforce investment system and the alignment of the education and workforce investment systems to the needs of the 21st-century economy and workforce. (Unemployment Insurance Code § 14012)

- 5) Creates a California Behavioral Health Planning Council whose purpose is to fulfill mental health planning requirements mandated by federal law. (Welfare and Institutions Code [WIC] § 5771)
- 6) Creates a California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission to oversee various programs within the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act. (WIC § 5845)
- 7) Creates CalICH to identify resources, create partnerships, coordinate existing funding, and make policy recommendations, among other responsibilities. (WIC § 8257)

FISCAL EFFECT: Unknown, this bill has not been analyzed by a fiscal committee.

COMMENTS:

Background: *Population Aging.* Population aging refers to the increase of people over 65 years of age, while at the same time, a decrease in people age under 15 years of age. Population aging has become a distinctive demographic feature in developing countries which currently have the largest proportion of people over 65 years of age in the world. Population aging can be attributed to increasing longevity and declining fertility. Data indicate that global life expectancy increased from 34 years in 1913 to 72 years in 2022 and is expected to continue on that trajectory.

According to the United States Census Bureau, 15.8% of California's population is over the age of 65 which is the largest number of older residents in the country, and estimates that about 22% of California's population will be over the age of 60 by the year 2030. The California Department of Finance projects that about one in four (23.1%) Californians will be over the age of 65 by 2040.

Author's Statement: According to the Author, "Californians are living longer than ever before. By 2030, over 25% of Californians will be 60 years of age or older. At the same time, California has the highest percentage of older adults living at or below the poverty level and they are also the fastest growing population going into homelessness. AB 2207 requires that older adults be represented on six different California state boards, commissions, and advisory committees, which focus on various issues, including mental health, homelessness, healthcare, and workforce development. AB 2207 ensures that the voices of older adults are represented in groups that discuss issues that affect them."

Equity Implications: As noted above, the age demographics in California are becoming older; therefore, commissions, boards, and committees that discuss mental health, housing, health, and the workforce should be representative of the population it aims to consider.

Double referral: This bill was previously heard in the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-term Care, on April 16, 2024, and was approved on a 5 to 0 vote.

RELATED AND PRIOR LEGISLATION:

AB 820 (Reyes) of 2023, was a substantially similar bill that would have added members representing aging communities to various bodies. *AB 820 was held on the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.*

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

California Commission on Aging (Sponsor)

AARP

Advisory Council for Sourcewise

Alzheimer's Association

California Assisted Living Association

California Retired Teachers Association

California State Retirees

California Women's Law Center

CalPACE

LeadingAge California

Retired Public Employees Association

Opposition

None on file.

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