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## Final 2005-2006 Legislative Report

The Assembly Committee on Human Services has jurisdiction over programs and services designed to assist the state's most vulnerable populations – abused and neglected children, persons with disabilities, low-income families and the elderly. The Committee was busy in 2005-06 crafting public policies to improve the lives of California's disadvantaged residents while promoting efficiency and accountability in the delivery of human services.

Its subjects included improved services for foster youth, better protections for abused and neglected children, more effective welfare-to-work services, increased quality and safety in child care, and enhancement of rights and services for seniors in residential homes and facilities. Of the 149 bills referred to the Committee, 73 passed the Legislature and 49 became law.

### *Major Priority: Foster Youth and Child Welfare*

The Committee devoted special attention during 2005-06 to the condition of the state's abused and neglected children, especially its 85,000 foster youth. Nearly a third of the bills considered by the Committee addressed foster care or child welfare issues. Of these, 21 passed and 18 were enacted into law. In 2006, a package of bills was sponsored by a coalition of stakeholder organizations and introduced by a bipartisan group of legislators, prominent among them Human Services Committee Chair Noreen Evans and committee member Assemblymember Karen Bass, Chair of the Select Committee on Foster Care. Eight of these bills, notably **AB 2216 (Bass)**, creating the Child Welfare Council, and **AB 2480 (Evans)**, assuring legal representation for children in dependency appeals, passed the legislature and were signed by Governor Schwarzenegger. Additionally, six others which failed to pass were incorporated in whole or in part into the human services trailer bill, **AB 1808 (Committee on Budget)**, signed by the Governor along with the 2006-07 state budget. The budget measures included reforms worth \$75 million, dealing with a variety of issues: social worker caseload reduction, parity for kinship caregivers with foster parents, transitional housing for emancipated youth, improved adoption procedures for hard-to-place youth, social worker training, and higher education.

Other notable foster care bills enacted in 2005-06 included **AB 1633 (Evans)**, creating a process to develop best practices to identify foster youth with disabilities and allowing 18-year olds to retain assistance while they pursue a general equivalency diploma. **SB 500 (Kuehl)** creates a new licensing category for pregnant and parenting foster youth to better permit mother and child to live together, while **AB 1412 (Leno)**, allows more foster children to identify an important adult as part of their case planning. **SB 358 (Scott)** permits foster parents to hire short-term babysitters without the burden of obtaining fingerprint clearance from the Department of Justice.

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The Committee also held a series of special informational hearings during the session on foster care and child welfare. In March 2005, it provided an overview of the state's foster care and child welfare services, and a year later held a joint hearing with the Select Committee on Foster Care to review the implementation and progress of foster care and child welfare reforms enacted over the past five years. In August 2006 it convened another joint hearing with the Select Committee examining the use of psychotropic medication on foster youth.

*Reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant: Coping with Congressional Commands*

The Committee addressed the pending enactment of federal reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant, holding an informational hearing in January 2006 on the then-pending federal Deficit Reduction Act (DRA). The hearing prompted a letter from a majority of California Assembly members to the California Congressional delegation urging that the DRA not be approved as drafted, but instead give greater flexibility to states in determining appropriate welfare-to-work activities. Chairperson Evans carried a vehicle intended to incorporate necessary changes, **AB 368**, but after the President signed the Deficit Reduction Act in February, a set of programmatic and budgetary reforms was adopted in **AB 1808** to improve the state's work participation rate.

*Seniors and People with Disabilities: Enhancing rights and services*

Legislation dealing with services to the elderly included **AB 2609 (Evans)**, which increases medication management training in residential care facilities for the elderly. **SB 244 (Romero)** and **SB 1212 (Torlakson)** establish residents' rights, improve procedures regarding transfers to a different level of care and increase access to financial information for seniors living in Continuing Care Retirement Communities. **SB 141 (Soto)** requires a total or partial refund of preadmission fees paid to a Residential Care Facility for the Elderly if a person does not enter the facility or leaves within three months.

The Committee approved two major bills designed to smooth the transition to community-based settings for persons with developmental disabilities after closure of Agnews Developmental Center in San Jose. **AB 1378 (Lieber)** authorizes Agnews staff to continue as state employees while providing community-based services, and **SB 962 (Chesbro)**, establishes a new licensing category for facilities serving up to five adults with developmental disabilities who have special health care and intensive support needs.

Chairperson Evans also held a town hall meeting at the Sonoma Developmental Center on July 26 to air concerns of family members of persons with developmental disabilities about service delivery and consumer rights.

While the Governor signed none of the 16 bills referred to the Committee addressing In-home supportive services (IHSS), **AB 2697 (Garcia)**, offering direct deposit for IHSS workers, was incorporated into **AB 1808**, the human services budget trailer bill. Additionally, the Committee gave critical attention to the Governor's 2004-05 budget proposal severely cutting the state contribution to IHSS wages, hearing and failing to pass **AB 1653 (Haynes)**.

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*Child Care: Improving quality and safety*

Child care was also a subject of significance in the Committee. **SB 640 (Escutia)** of 2005 continues funding to train child care providers and parents to better serve children with disabilities. It passed and was signed by the Governor. The Committee passed **AB 1601 (Laird)** clarified the rules regarding payment for subsidized care by license-exempt providers required to submit to background checks under the “Trustline” system, and defeated **SB 539 (Ashburn)**, which prohibits all subsidized payments to license-exempt providers until a full clearance is obtained. The Governor vetoed AB 1601, and directed DSS to adopt administrative regulations consistent with SB 539.

A complete summary of bills considered by the Human Services Committee follows.



**CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/FOSTER CARE**

**AB 363 (Chu): Child and Family Service Review System  
Chapter 296, Statutes of 2005**

Creates the Child Welfare Services Outcomes and Accountability Fund and requests an appropriation and requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish a process for allocating the moneys for implementation of county program improvements. Creates a competitive grant process for counties to fund their System Improvement Plans which were created to make changes as recommended by a federal review and self-assessment.

*Legislative History*

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)  
Assembly Floor (74-0)  
Assembly Concurrence (77-1)

Senate Human Services (6-1)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (27-12)

**AB 628 (Strickland). Foster care givers; religious and moral beliefs  
Failed in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Provided that religious or moral beliefs of a foster parent do not render the foster or prospective foster parent ineligible to provide foster care.

*Legislative History*

Assembly Human Services (3-4) Failed Passage  
Assembly Human Services (7-0) Reconsideration Granted  
Assembly Human Services (2-4) Failed Passage

**AB 824 (Chu). AFDC-FC benefits: transitional housing  
Chapter 636, Statutes of 2005**

Raises the age from 21 to 24 for foster youth eligible for the Transitional Housing Placement Program.

*Legislative History*

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (16-2)  
Assembly Floor (77-2)

Senate Human Services (6-1)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (34-2)

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**AB 863 (Bass). Child Welfare Council  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Established the Child Welfare Council to advise on the management of the multiple agencies that provide services to children and youth in contact with the courts and the child welfare and foster care systems. A similar and more developed proposal was contained in AB 2216 (Bass), enacted as Chapter 384, Statutes of 2006.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 880 (Cohn). Dependent children; identification of relatives  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Required DSS in conjunction with stakeholders to draft guidelines outlining best practices in the use of advanced technology to assist counties in identifying all relatives, non-relatives and extended family members caring for children in foster care and for those at risk of dependency.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (47-28)

Assembly Concurrence (72-6)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (28-8)

**AB 1074 (Chu). HIV testing for foster children  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Added a foster parent, relative care giver or social worker to the list to individuals who can consent to allowing a foster child to have an HIV test and allowed these individuals to be informed of the results of these tests.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 1116 (Yee). Community care facilities: foster children: injections  
Chapter 637, Statutes of 2005**

Allows foster parents and other caretakers to administer injections and emergency medical care to foster youth when needed. Originally contained in AB 1179 (Yee).

Legislative History

Assembly B. & P. (10-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (72-4)

Assembly Concurrence (79-0)

Senate B., P. & E.D. (0-4) Failed passage

Senate B., P. & E.D. (6-0) Recon. granted

Senate B., P. & E.D. (w/drawn)

Senate B.F. & I. & Health (w/drawn)

Senate Floor (33-0)

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**AB 1179 (Yee). As introduced: Community care facilities: foster children: injections  
Amended into different subject matter (Violent video games)**

Original contents of bill allowed foster parents to administer injections to foster youth when needed. Guttled and amended in the Senate to a different subject; original contents were placed in AB 1116 (Yee).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) Rec. consent  
Assembly Floor (73-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

**AB 1363 (Jones). As Introduced: Foster Youth Credit Guarantee Program  
Twice amended to different subject matter (Public officials: financial reporting, conservatorships  
and guardianships)  
Not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

As introduced, established the Foster Youth Credit Guarantee Program authorizing a Guarantee Fund to cosign for recently emancipated foster youth entering certain credit arrangements. As amended 8/29/05, changes the reporting requirements for designated officeholders under the Political Reform Act of 1974.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 1412 (Leno). Dependent children: out-of-home placements  
Chapter 640, Statutes of 2005**

Specifies a phased-in expansion of the requirement that county child welfare workers (1) ask every child in foster care who is 10 years of age or older and who has been in and out of placement for six months or longer about important adult relationships, and (2) make efforts to support those relationships. Allows foster children aged 12 or older to review their own case plan.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Judiciary (6-3)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (54-25)  
Assembly Concurrence (55-24)

Senate Human Services (6-1)  
Senate Judiciary (5-2)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (21-11)

**AB 1534 (Bass). Residential care for children: inspection  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriation Committee**

Required annual unannounced visits of foster family homes, small family homes and group homes.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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**AB 1633 (Evans). Foster children: high school: social security assistance  
Chapter 641, Statutes of 2005**

Requires DSS in conjunction with stakeholders to develop best practice guidelines to assist counties in obtaining SSI/SSP benefits for foster youth. Extends eligibility for foster care benefits to 18-year olds seeking a high school equivalency degree in addition to a high school diploma.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (52-26)  
Assembly Concurrence (53-25)

Senate Human Services (6-1)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (29-11)

**AB 1638 (Nava): Adoption of dependent children; petitions and reports  
Died; withdrawn and re-referred to Judiciary Committee, held in Assembly Appropriations**

As introduced, required adoption reports at six month intervals and required granting of the adoption petition within 90 days after exhaustion of appeals. Originally double-referred to Human Services and Judiciary, subsequently re-referred only to Judiciary.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)  
Assembly Judiciary (7-2)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 1859 (Leslie): Placer County integrated health and human services pilot project  
Chapter 268, Statutes of 2006**

Extends the sunset for the Placer County pilot program created to integrate the funding and delivery of services and benefits for the county health and human services system.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0) Rec. consent  
Assembly Appropriations (14-0) Rec. consent  
Assembly Floor (75-0)

Senate Health (9-0) Rec. consent  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (36-0)

**AB 1876 (Leslie): Placer County Foster Youth Welfare Act of 2006  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Created a pilot program to promote the use of faith-based institutions to increase permanency solutions for at-risk foster youth.

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Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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**AB 1955 (Leslie): Community care facilities: foster homes: investigations  
Failed in Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Outlined specific procedures that must be followed in the process of investigating a complaint against a foster parent or foster family.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (9-2) Failed passage  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0) Recon. granted  
Assembly Appropriations (7-0) Failed passage

**AB 1979 (Bass) Community care facilities: criminal record information: fees  
Chapter 382, Statutes of 2006**

Clarifies that volunteer candidates for mentoring children in foster care settings must comply with provisions for criminal background investigations, and prohibits the state Departments of Justice (DOJ) and Social Services (DSS) from charging specified fees for the cost of the investigations.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (15-0)	Senate Appropriations (13-0)
Assembly Floor (78-0)	Senate Floor 37-0)
Assembly Concurrence (78-0)	

**AB 1982 (Bass): Kin-Gap; wards of juvenile court  
Died; held in Senate inactive file**

Extended eligibility for Kin-Gap assistance to wards of the juvenile court in addition to dependent children of the juvenile court. Same provision was adopted in AB 1808, the 2006-07 human services budget trailer bill.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)	Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (80-0)	Senate Floor (moved to inactive)

**AB 1983 (Bass): Foster Care; outreach  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations suspense file.**

Required the state Department of Social Services (DSS) to convene a workgroup to improve outreach to former foster youth.

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Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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**AB 2031 (Cohn): Dependent children; identification of relatives  
Vetoed by Governor**

Required the California Department of Social Services (DSS) in conjunction with stakeholders to draft guidelines outlining best practices in the use of advanced technology to assist counties in identifying all relatives and nonrelative-extended family members for foster youth.

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Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (14-4)

Assembly Floor (80-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (S. R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (21-7)

**AB 2130 (DeVore): Placement of children: values  
Failed in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Required a court to consider the religious, cultural, moral and ethnic values of the child or of his or her birth parents prior to granting a petition of adoption for that child.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (2-3) Failed passage

Assembly Human Services (6-0) Recon. granted

**AB 2161 (Hancock): As introduced: Child welfare services: resource family pilot program  
As amended: (Klehs): redevelopment  
Chapter 563, Statutes of 2006**

As introduced and heard in Assembly Human Services, created the Unified Resource Family Approvals Pilot Project to streamline approval of adoptive families. Amended to deal with a different subject matter.

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Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (14-4)

Assembly Floor (80-0)

Assembly Housing & Comm. Dev. (6-0) not relevant

Assembly Concur (60-15) not relevant

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Floor (28-9) not relevant

**AB 2193 (Bass): Child welfare; caseload standards  
Died; amended to different subject (developmental services); Senate inactive file**

As introduced and heard in Assembly Human Services Committee, required adoption of optimal caseload standards for social workers in child welfare services. Reduction in worker caseloads was included among permissible purposes for use of \$98 million appropriated in 2006-07 budget, AB 1801, for needed child welfare services outcome improvements. As amended in the Senate, requires the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to establish a pilot project to offer incentives to agencies providing services to persons with developmental disabilities. As amended, the bill was not considered in any committee and was moved to the Senate inactive file.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)	Senate Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (14-4)	Senate Appropriations (w/drawn)
Assembly Floor (62-15)	Senate Rules Comm. (w/drawn)
	Senate Floor (to inactive)

**AB 2194 (Bass): Independent Living Program; eligibility extension  
Died; held in Senate Appropriations Committee**

Extended Independent Living Program (ILP) eligibility to foster youth adopted at 14 or older and to youth placed in non-relative guardianships who are preparing to age out of the foster care system.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)	
Assembly Floor (67-12)	

**AB 2195 (Bass): Foster care; emergency assessments  
Chapter 383, Statutes of 2006**

Establishes procedures for emergency assessment and approval of relative or non-relative caregivers when the primary foster care giver becomes unable to provide care.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (14-4)	Senate Appropriations (13-0)
Assembly Floor (80-0)	Senate Floor (40-0)

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**AB 2216 (Bass): Child Welfare Leadership and Performance Accountability Act of 2006  
Chapter 384, Statutes of 2006**

Creates the California Child Welfare Council as an advisory body within the Health and Human Services Agency to improve coordination and service delivery in the child welfare and foster care system.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (53-27)

Assembly Concurrence (54-23)

Senate Human Services (3-1)

Senate Appropriations (8-5)

Senate Floor (26-11)

**AB 2284 (Jones): Public health: foster children  
Held in Senate Appropriations Committee**

Increased health and dental visits and assessments for foster youth.

Legislative History

Assembly Health Committee (14-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (14-4)

Assembly Floor (72-7)

Senate Human Services (4-1)

Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 2481 (Evans): Foster care; provider rates  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file**

Increased foster family home provider grants by 5%, required that future increases be based upon the Consumers Necessities Index and expanded parent and adoptive parent recruitment, retention and supports by creating the Foster and Adoptive Parent Recruitment and Retention Program.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)



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**AB 2495 (Bass): As introduced: Kin-Gap benefits; care and clothing allowances  
As amended: (Frommer): Transportation facilities: public-private partnerships  
Died; held in Senate Rules Committee**

As introduced and heard in Assembly Human Services, provided specialized care and clothing allowance benefits to children in Kin-GAP as they are currently available to children in foster care. Similar provision adopted in AB 1808, the 2006-07 social services budget trailer bill. Amended as passed by the Assembly Appropriations Committee to deal with unrelated transportation issue.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1) not relevant  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5) not relevant  
Assembly Floor (48-32) not relevant

Senate Rules (3-2) not relevant  
Senate Approps. (S.R. 28.8) not relevant  
Senate Rules (Held)

**AB 2649 (Bass): Kinship support services; county placement requirements  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file**

Deleted the requirement that a county seeking to participate in the Kinship Support Services Program (KSSP) must have 40% or more of dependent children in relative care placements. Issue was addressed in 2006-07 social services budget trailer bill, AB 1808.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 2985 (Maze): Foster youth: identity theft  
Chapter 387, Statutes of 2006**

As introduced and originally heard in Assembly Human Services, required that persons working in foster care group homes be aged 21 or older. As amended in Senate Human Services and heard in Assembly Human Services on concurrence, requires a county welfare department to request a consumer credit disclosure on a foster youth turning 16, and to refer that foster youth to a credit counseling organization upon any indication of a disclosure revealing negative items or evidence of identity theft.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0) Rec. consent  
Assembly Floor (75-0)  
Assembly Human Services (concur)(7-0)  
Assembly Concurrence (79-0)

Senate Human Services (4-1)  
Senate Appropriations (13-0)  
Senate Floor (35-0)

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**ACR 58 (Parra). Foster youth; awareness of rights and resources  
Resolution Chapter 150, Statutes of 2006**

Makes findings regarding the importance of the rights of foster youth and urges state agencies and stakeholder organizations to develop best practices to assist foster youth in understanding their rights and available resources.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (18-0)

Assembly Floor (78-0)

Senate Rules (6-1)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (39-0)

**AJR 10 (Chu). Foster care services: funding: Title IV-E Waiver  
Resolution Chapter 68, Statutes of 2005**

Urges the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to approve the state's application for a waiver pursuant to Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to permit California to more effectively and efficiently use federal foster care funds through a broader interpretation of services, allowing earlier intervention while children are at home, thereby avoiding costly out-of-home placements.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (18-0)

Assembly Floor (72-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (33-0)

**SB 202 (Simitian). As introduced: Long-term kinship care project  
Amended into different subject matter, re-referred to the Assembly Public Safety Committee and  
Assembly Utilities and Commerce  
Chapter 626, Statutes of 2006**

As introduced, allowed any county to operate a long-term kinship care project without submitting plans or getting DSS approval. Later amended into unrelated subject.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0) not relevant

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8) not relevant

Senate Floor (32-2) not relevant

Senate Concurrence (36-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Public Safety (5-0)

Assembly Utilities & Commerce (11-0)

Assembly Appropriations (13-0)

Assembly Floor (79-0)

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**SB 203 (Simitian). As proposed to be amended: Foster Care; local collaborative  
Chapter 682, Statutes of 2005, as amended to contain unrelated subject matter**

Withdrawn from Assembly Committee on Human Services and re-referred to Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation on June 23, 2005.

As introduced, created a county option for CalWORKs integrated case management. While in committee, amendments were submitted to create a Collaborative for Foster Care as a local option for counties, permitting operation up to 25 beds with a provider of non-detention residential services for foster youth meeting specified criteria. The bill was set for hearing and analyzed as proposed to be amended. Ultimately, those amendments did not appear in print and SB 203 was amended into a different subject, re-referred to Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee, and not heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0) not relevant	Assembly Human Services (w/drawn)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8) not relevant	Assembly Rev. & Tax (5-2)
Senate Floor (29-7) not relevant	Assembly Appropriations (13-5)
Senate Rev. & Tax (6-0) concurrence	Assembly Floor (52-21)
Senate Concurrence (24-13)	

**SB 358 (Scott). Child care; criminal background clearance  
Chapter 628, Statutes of 2005**

Allows foster parents to hire a short-term (less than 24 hours) babysitter or leave their foster child with a relative without having to obtain a fingerprint criminal background check clearance.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Judiciary (7-0)	Assembly Appropriations (18-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	Assembly Floor (76-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)	
Senate Concurrence (40-0)	

**SB 436 (Migden). Foster care: transitional housing  
Chapter 629, Statutes of 2005**

Requires counties with transitional housing programs to report a description of currently available transitional housing resources in relation to the number of pregnant or parenting foster youth, and requires creation of a plan to address their unmet needs.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)	Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	Assembly Appropriations (13-4)
Senate Floor (36-0)	Assembly Floor (69-10)
Senate Concurrence (38-0)	

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**SB 500 (Kuehl). Pregnant and parenting foster youth  
Chapter 630, Statutes of 2005**

Creates a "whole family foster home" licensing category as an option for foster youth who are parents and who want to live with their children in the same foster care facility. Provides that the Department of Social Services establish a new payment rate for whole foster family homes. Requires that the foster youth parent receive reunification as part of the placement with her child.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)  
Senate Judiciary (7-0)  
Senate Appropriations (13-0)  
Senate Floor (40-0)  
Senate Concurrence (33-3)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)  
Assembly Floor (77-0)

**SB 679 (Simitian). Dependent Children-Foster Care: county-operated group homes  
Chapter 268, Statutes of 2005**

Allows San Mateo County to continue to run a publicly-operated non-detention group home, currently operating under a waiver set to expire in 2006. As originally heard in and approved by the Assembly Human Services Committee, allowed any county to operate such a facility.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (38-0)  
Senate Concurrence (36-0)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations 13-5)  
Assembly Floor (65-8)

**SB 726 (Florez). Dependent children; caregiver information form  
Chapter 632, Statutes of 2005**

Enacts Adams's Law, emphasizing and encouraging the use of a caregiver information form to be completed by a foster parent when a child is leaving his or her custody.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Judiciary (6-1)  
Senate Appropriations (11-0)  
Senate Floor (38-0)  
Senate Concurrence (36-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)  
Assembly Judiciary (9-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)  
Assembly Floor (77-0)

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**SB 1576 (Murray): Foster care: transitional housing  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Eliminated the county share of the cost for transitional housing services for former foster youth between the ages of 18 and 24 subject to funding in the Budget. Identical measure adopted in 2006-07 social services budget trailer bill, AB 1808.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (25-13)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held in Comm.)

**SB 1641 (Soto): Foster care providers; residential regulation review group  
Chapter 388, Statutes of 2006**

Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) Director to report to the Legislature during the 2007-08 budget hearings on the progress of the DSS residential regulation review group.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)  
Senate Appropriations (8-3)  
Senate Floor (27-9)  
Senate Concurrence (28-7)

Assembly Human Services (4-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)  
Assembly Floor (71-8)

**SB 1667 (Kuehl): Dependent children; post-permanency planning hearings  
Chapter 389, Statutes of 2006**

Allows foster parents to attend and provide written evidence in post-permanency planning hearings and requires social workers to serve a copy of the Judicial Council Caregiver Information Form to foster parents or relative caregivers.

Legislative History

Senate Judiciary (4-0) Rec. consent  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (38-0) consent  
Senate Concurrence (39-0)

Assembly Judiciary (8-0)  
Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)  
Assembly Floor (78-0)

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**SB 1688 (Bowen): Foster care: instruction and education pilot project  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file**

Required the Department of Social Services to contract with an entity with specified qualifications to establish a foster care parent and child home instruction and education pilot project, known as Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY).

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)  
Senate Appropriations (8-3)  
Senate Floor (30-9)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Approps. (Held on Suspense)

**SB 1712 (Migden): Adoption of hard-to-place children and youth  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file**

Requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish a 3-year-pilot project in four counties to provide enhanced Adoption Assistance Program payments and post adoption services to ensure the successful adoption of hard-to-place foster children. Similar 4-county pilot project was adopted in AB 1808, the 2006-07 social services budget trailer bill.

Legislative History

Senate Judiciary (3-1)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (31-7)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Judiciary (6-3)  
Assembly Approps. (Held on Suspense)

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**AB 609 (Lieber). As amended June 13, 2005: Agnews Developmental Center: closure  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Created an advisory committee to consider issues raised by closure of Agnews, including disposition of land, similar to the proposal in AB 1379 (Lieber).

Legislative History

Assembly Judiciary (not relevant)  
Assembly Floor (not relevant)  
Assembly Concurrence (46-31)

Senate Human Services (6-1)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (22-9)

**AB 1079 (Runner). State Department of Developmental Services: criminal histories  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Required the Department of Developmental Services to obtain criminal histories of consumers of developmental disability services prior to a community placement.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

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**AB 1145 (Huff). Developmental disability: habilitation services  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Reversed prior budget cut for vendors providing rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities through contracts with Regional Centers by reducing the ratio of Job Coach to Consumer from 1:4 to 1:3 in supported employment. Adopted in 2005-06 health services trailer bill, AB 131.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 1378 (Lieber). Agnews Developmental Center; closure; state employees  
Chapter 538, Statutes of 2005**

Authorizes former staff of Agnews Developmental Center to be employed as state workers providing community-based services as part of Administration-sponsored Agnews Closure Plan.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (6-1)
Assembly Appropriations (17-0)	Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (77-1)	Senate Floor (26-13)
Assembly Concurrence (50-29)	

**AB 1379 (Lieber). Agnews Developmental Center; closure  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Prohibited property at Agnews Development Center from being classified as surplus property absent legislative authorization. Established Agnews Advisory Group to decide use of Agnews Developmental Center following closure and movement of residents to community-based services.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-3)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 1478 (Frommer): Developmental services: Autism Spectrum Disorders  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Required the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to develop guidelines for treatment of autism in children.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)	Senate Appropriations (10-3)
Assembly Floor (74-1)	Senate Floor (26-6)
Assembly Concurrence (60-19)	

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**AB 1535 (Bass). Developmental services; expenditures by race and ethnicity  
As amended: School instructional gardens: pupil nutrition (authored by Núñez)  
Chapter 437, Statutes of 2006**

As introduced required the Department of Developmental Services to prepare or generate annual reports identifying purchase of service expenditures by race and ethnicity. Amended into a different subject, with a different author, in the Senate

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1) not relevant	Senate Human Services (4-3)
Assembly Appropriations (13-5) not relevant	Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (46-33) not relevant	Senate Floor (inactive)
Assembly Education (10-0)	Senate Education (10-0)
Assembly Concurrence (79-0)	Senate Appropriations (9-4)
	Senate Floor (35-1)

**AB 1607 (Houston). Developmental disability: habilitation services  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Increased hourly payment rates for work activity programs for persons with disabilities by 5%, and for supported employment programs by 2.5%, to levels in effect prior to reductions made in 2003-04 budget.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 1645 (Matthews). Regional center services; payment rates  
Died; not heard in Human Services Committee**

Required the Department of Developmental Services to establish permanent payments rates for community-based day programs and in-home respite agency providers who have been reimbursed under a temporary payment rate for 18 months or more, commencing July 1, 2005.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 2614 (Lieber): Agnews Developmental Center: closure  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file**

Dedicated Agnews Developmental Center property for the purpose of providing community housing and care for eligible consumers and their families.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)



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**SB 418 (Escutia). Rehabilitation loans  
Chapter 549, Statutes of 2005**

Consolidates and removes barriers to two loan guarantee programs which help disabled people modify vans and purchase assistive devices. Increases the cap on vehicle modification loans from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Authorizes the Department of Rehabilitation Services to seek federal funding and contract with a community-based, non-profit organization to administer the loan program if necessary to receive federal grant money.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0) Rec. consent  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (39-0)  
Senate Concurrence (40-0)

Assembly Human Services (7-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-0)  
Assembly Floor (59-19)

**SB 481 (Chesbro). Self-Directed Services Program  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Created a statewide Self-Directed Services Program, expanding the self-determination pilot project, to help Regional Center clients with developmental disabilities and their families control the decisions and resources required to meet the person's individual program plan. Similar proposal incorporated into 2005-06 health services budget trailer bill, AB 131.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)  
Senate Appropriations (12-1)  
Senate Floor (38-1)

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**SB 962 (Chesbro). Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: pilot project  
Chapter 558, Statutes of 2005**

Establishes a new licensing category of Adult Residential Facility for Persons with Special Health Care Needs (ARFPSHN), jointly administered by the Department of Social Services and the Department of Developmental Services, to provide 24-hour services in units of 5 or fewer adults with developmental disabilities who have special health care and intensive support needs, as a 3-year pilot project for up to a total of 120 current residents of Agnews Developmental Center.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (7-0)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (27-11)  
Senate Concurrence (27-12)

Assembly Human Services (5-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)  
Assembly Floor (52-26)

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**SB 1114 (Human Services): Department of Rehabilitation: blindness  
Died; held on Assembly Inactive file**

Required that persons who are blind or visually impaired comprise at least 20% of the board members of organizations and agencies whose sole mission is to provide services to persons who are blind or visually impaired and which receive grants from or contract with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR).

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (30-4)

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (12-4)

Assembly Floor (inactive)

**SB 1270 (Chesbro): Developmental services: service methods  
Chapter 397, Statutes of 2006**

Requires the state Department of Developmental Services to assist people with developmental disabilities in finding employment, and requires the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to convene a workgroup to study new and innovative service delivery models.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-1)

Senate Appropriations (8-3)

Senate Floor (31-5)

Senate Concurrence (30-1)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (72-6)

**SB 1283 (Chesbro): Area Boards on Developmental Disabilities  
Chapter 399, Statutes of 2006**

Makes changes to the Governor's appointment process to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD), and changes the method and timetable of service data collection from the state's 21 regional centers.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (25-13)

Senate Concurrence (22-12)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (63-16)

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**SB 1337 (Alquist): Developmental services: rental assistance  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee at request of author**

Declared intent to study the feasibility of using grounds at Agnews Developmental Center to provide housing for eligible consumers and their families.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)  
Senate Appropriations (8-2)  
Senate Floor (22-12)

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**SCR 115 (Chesbro): Year of the Community and Developmental Disabilities  
Resolution Chapter 75, Statutes of 2006**

Proclaims 2006 as the Year of the Community and Developmental Disabilities.

Legislative History

Senate Floor (37-0)  
Senate Concurrence (31-0)

Assembly Human Services (4-0)  
Assembly Floor (adopted)

**CHILD CARE**

**AB 122 (Spitzer). Family day care; verification of insurance coverage  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Required annual submission by licensed family day care providers of verification of insurance coverage or parental affidavits permitting non-retention of insurance, submitted under penalty of perjury.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 788 (Montañez). Licensed family day care providers; Family Child Care Career Ladder pilot project  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.**

Created a three-year pilot project in three community college districts for continuing training and education of licensed family day care providers, designed to lead a degree, certificate or permit. Included evening and weekend classes, assistance to limited-English proficient students in accessing child development and general education courses, and assistance with tuition or fees, books, child care and transportation.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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**AB 1285 (Montañez). Child care services; recruitment and retention programs  
Chapter 650, Statutes of 2005**

Allows L.A. County to provide services to family day care providers and centers which do not currently have contracts with the State Department of Education from its share of the 2004-05 and 2005-06 Department of Education (DOE) budget appropriation allocated for recruitment and retention programs.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)	Senate Human Services (6-1)
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)	Senate Appropriations (8-5)
Assembly Floor (56-22)	Senate Floor (26-13)
Assembly Concurrence (51-28)	

**AB 1565 (Pavley). Child day care facilities: star quality rating system: study  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Authorized a study funded by \$1.5 million in federal "quality improvement" funds to develop a quality rating system for day care facilities in California.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Education (9-0)
Assembly Rules (8-0)	Senate Human Services (6-1)
Assembly Appropriations (15-1)	Senate Appropriations (7-5)
Assembly Floor (54-21)	Senate Floor (27-12)
Assembly Concurrence (66-12)	

**AB 1601 (Laird). Child care: provider registration: background checks  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Clarified background check rules for license-exempt subsidized child care providers. Required aunts and uncles providing license-exempt child care to register with TrustLine background check system, and shortens time to get fingerprinted from 28 to 14 days, with a 14-day extension for good cause;

In counties where a LiveScan system is operational and 70% of license-exempt applicants are annually registered in the trustline database within 14 days from the date of application, child care payments could not be issued until trustline clearance or an exemption was obtained. In other counties, payment would cease when DSS receives relevant criminal record or child abuse information.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)	Senate Human Services (3-1)
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)	Senate Appropriations (8-5)
Assembly Floor (67-11)	Senate Floor (23-15)
Assembly Concurrence (53-23)	

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**AB 1697 (Pavley). Day care centers licensure: location  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Prohibited licensure of child care centers located near highways or industrial sites to minimize children's exposure to air pollution. Required DSS to deny a license to a child care center if it was within 650 feet of a high traffic roadway or industrial site, with exceptions for facilities operating or under construction on the effective date of the act, or who change ownership thereafter.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 2608 (Human Services): Child care: eligibility: termination of services  
Died; held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense file**

Permitted transfer of child care enrollment for children in foster care who are placed with a new foster family provider.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 2865 (Torrico): Child care centers, pesticide notification  
Chapter 865, Statutes of 2006**

Defines child care and development programs as “schoolsites” for purposes of notification of use of pesticide products.

Legislative History

Assembly E. S. & T. M (6-0)	Senate E. Q. (6-1)
Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)	Senate Appropriations (8-5)
Assembly Floor (61-18)	Senate Floor (21-8)
Assembly Concurrence (63-15)	

**SB 539 (Ashburn). License-exempt child care providers; criminal background clearance  
Failed passage in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Required completed background clearance of license-exempt child care providers before payment to license-exempt providers under CalWORKs or Department of Education subsidized programs can be made.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-0)	Assem. Human Services (2-4) failed passage
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	
Senate Floor (36-0)	

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**SB 640 (Escutia). Child care resource and referral programs: funding  
Chapter 379, Statutes of 2005**

Appropriates \$5 million of the total \$12.8 million in federal child care quality funds to provide training and support to increase the capacity of child care providers to serve children with disabilities in settings that meet their developmental needs. Delineates the purposes to include provision of child care referrals, technical and training assistance, awareness and outreach to providers and parents.

Legislative History

Senate Education (8-0)	Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (9-4)	Assembly Appropriations (16-0)
Senate Floor (27-13)	Assembly Floor (60-19)
Senate Concurrence (28-12)	

**SB 701 (Migden). Child care subsidies: City and County of San Francisco: pilot project  
Chapter 725, Statutes of 2005**

Creates a child care subsidy pilot project in San Francisco modeled on AB 1326 (Simitian) of 2003, permitting specified flexibility in eligibility and rates to better reflect local conditions. Preserves State 2 CalWORKs child care eligibility, requires that Stage 3 families be treated as other families receiving subsidized care, and maintains existing family fee schedule for currently eligible families.

As introduced, increased from 1 to 2 out of a total of 4 the number of referrals to child care providers not under the control of the resource and referral agency. Gutted and amended on the Assembly floor into its final version.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)	Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	Assem. Approps. (16-0) Rec. consent
Senate Floor (36-1)	Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Senate Rules (3-2)	Assembly Appropriations (12-4)
Senate Concurrence (28-2)	Assembly Floor (58-20)

**SB 1750 (Vincent): Child development centers: funding and auditing  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Established accounting rules and auditing practices for child care and development centers and agencies which contract with the State Department of Education (SDE).

Legislative History

Senate Education (9-0) Rec. consent	Assembly Education (11-0)
Senate Appropriations (13-0)	Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Senate Floor (39-0)	Assembly Approps. (Held on Suspense)

**CalWORKs**

**AB 233 (Haynes). CalWORKs: eligibility; criminal convictions  
Failed in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Disqualified a person with a felony conviction for designated child abuse or sex crime from CalWORKs, with exceptions for those in compliance with probation or parole or who are actively engaged in counseling.

*Legislative History*

Assembly Human Services (3-4) Failed passage

**AB 269 (Haynes). CalWORKs: welfare-to-work sanctions  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Replaced existing CalWORKs sanction procedures, in which aid on behalf of children continues during a sanction for failure to comply with welfare-to-work requirements. Required termination of all cash payments if a failure to comply is total and persists for at least two consecutive months until the individual resumes compliance.

*Legislative History*

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 368 (Evans). As introduced: CalWORKs; TANF reauthorization. As amended June 21, 2006:  
technical education; equipment  
As amended: Chapter 408, Statutes of 2006**

As introduced, a vehicle to implement TANF reauthorization. Stated principles to guide legislature in implementation of TANF reauthorization: compliance with federal work rates, avoidance of penalties, access to varied welfare-to-work services, preservation of a safety net for children, child care during transition after leaving aid.

Amended into different subject matter in Senate. State implementation of TANF and the federal Deficit Reduction Act was included in the 2006-07 human services trailer bill, AB 1808.

*Legislative History*

Assembly Human Services (6-0) not relevant

Assembly Appropriations (13-5) not relevant

Assembly Floor (54-23) not relevant

**AB 379 (Evans). As introduced: CalWORKs; welfare-to-work services. As amended on August 23, 2005: Insurers: health care service plans. Discrimination Died; held in Senate Rules Committee**

As introduced, clarified a section of SB 1104 of 2004, the social services trailer bill. Counted welfare-to-work activities such as mental health, domestic violence and education leading to employment toward the 20 hour "core" work requirement, even if a participant is also engaged in other "non-core" hours (e.g., family reunification, vocational education and training for more than 12 months, etc.). Similar provision incorporated in human services budget trailer bill, SB 68 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), Chapter 78, Statutes of 2005. Original bill amended into a different subject matter.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-0)  
Assembly Floor (49-30)

Senate Human Services (5-2)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Rules (Held in Committee)

**AB 503 (Lieber). CalWORKs: bill of rights  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Omnibus CalWORKs bill exempting parents not receiving specified services and supports from the 60-month time limit, studying additional exemptions for those complying with work requirements, developing a bill of rights pamphlet and providing names and phone numbers of caseworkers to recipients of aid.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 855 (Bass). CalWORKs; felony drug convictions  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Created exceptions to lifetime ban on CalWORKs for persons convicted of a felony involving the use or possession of a controlled substance. Eligibility available to those who completed, were participating or enrolled in a government-recognized drug treatment program, were on a waiting list for treatment, or who could demonstrate that drug use has ceased. Similar to AB 1796 (Leno), Chapter 932, Statutes of 2004, which applied the same rule to food stamps.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (44-35)

Senate Human Services (4-2)  
Senate Appropriations (7-5)  
Senate Floor (22-15)



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**AB 2192 (Bass): CalWORKs; felony drug convictions  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Permitted persons convicted of felony crimes involving use or possession of drugs to qualify for California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) under specified circumstances. Required successful completion of a quarterly drug test as a condition of continued eligibility, and provides that benefits be made through voucher payments for those participating in a drug treatment program. Similar to AB 855 (Bass), described above.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)	Senate Human Services (3-2)
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)	Senate Appropriations (8-5)
Assembly Floor (47-32)	Senate Floor (22-12)
Assembly Concurrence (46-32)	

**AB 2466 (Daucher): CalWORKs eligibility: welfare-to-work activities, excluded assets  
Chapter 781, Statutes of 2006**

Excludes specified retirement and college savings accounts as countable resources from counting as income for recipients (but not applicants) of CalWORKs benefits and includes financial counseling as a job readiness welfare-to-work activity.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)	Senate Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)	Senate Appropriations (8-3)
Assembly Floor (80-0)	Senate Floor (29-8)
Assembly Concurrence (77-0)	

**AB 2961 (Nunez): CalWORKs: nonrecurring special needs: homeless assistance  
Died; held in Senate Appropriations Committee**

Expanded shelter and rental assistance to homeless CalWORKs families and creates work support program for families needing housing stability to find or retain employment. Similar provisions incorporated into 2006-07 budget trailer bill, AB 1808 (Committee on Budget).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)	Senate Human Services (4-1)
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)	Senate Appropriations (Held)
Assembly Floor (53-27)	

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**SB 188 (Simitian). CalWORKs: eligibility; California National Guard earnings  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Excluded income of active National Guard personnel from consideration in determining CalWORKs eligibility and benefits of a family receiving such income, unless the combined income of the family and the National Guard member did not exceed 150% of the federal poverty level.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (6-0)  
Senate Appropriations (13-0)  
Senate Floor (4-0)  
Senate Concurrence (39-1)

Assembly Human Services (6-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)  
Assembly Floor (74-5)

**SB 493 (Kuehl). Cal-Learn Program: schoolage teens  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Authorized three months of transitional CalWORKs for minor teen parents not meeting specified residency and schooling conditions. Required case management and support services to help teens establish residential and educational stability and meet the program's requirements during the transitional period.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (27-13)

Assembly Human Services (5-1)  
Assembly Approps. (Held on Suspense)

**SB 1534 (Alarcón): As introduced: Public benefits; single application form. As amended August 24, 2006: Public Health: immigrants (authors Ortíz and Alarcón)  
Chapter 801, Statutes of 2006, as amended**

As introduced and heard in Assembly Human Services, required various state agencies administering programs serving low-income people to work to create a single application for low-income programs. Subsequently gutted and amended to deal with county health care eligibility for immigrants, authored by Ortíz and Alarcón.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Appropriations (12-0)  
Senate Floor (37-0)  
Senate Health (5-3)  
Senate Concurrence (23-13)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Health (9-2)  
Assembly Floor (45-30)

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**SB 1569 (Kuehl): Human services: immigrants; trafficking victims  
Chapter 672, Statutes of 2006**

Extends eligibility for state and local public benefits, Medi-Cal health care and refugee cash assistance and employment services, to noncitizen victims of trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes, to the same extent as available to individuals admitted to the United States as refugees.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Appropriations (10-2)  
Senate Floor (28-7)  
Senate Concurrence (33-3)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)  
Assembly Floor (57-21)

**SB 1825 (Migden): CalWORKs; self-initiated programs  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Broadened the definition of "enrolled" for the purpose of "self-initiated programs" (SIPs) under CalWORKs to include persons who have submitted a timely application to a qualifying education or training program and are awaiting acceptance.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-0)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (30-4)

Assembly Human Services (4-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (51-25)

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**

**AB 696 (Chu). Food Stamps and CalWORKs; fingerimaging  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Repealed fingerimaging for food stamp applicants and recipients who do not seek cash aid. Originally heard in Assembly Human Services as an omnibus anti-hunger/food stamp bill also containing semiannual reporting, categorical eligibility, waiver of 3-month food stamp limit on childless adults.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (47-32)  
Assembly Concurrence (46-32)

Senate Human Services (5-2)  
Senate Appropriations (7-5)  
Senate Floor (25-15)

**AB 1541 (Chavez). Supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children; pricing  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Established a system pricing system for food items sold by vendors whose revenue mostly derives from the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Provided that the maximum reimbursement for WIC food items redeemed by WIC-only vendors be the average price for the same item sold by commercial retail vendors in the same register grouping. Allowed WIC-only vendors to provide incentive items for services, including transportation, play areas for children and aid in the selection of food items.

As introduced, bill dealt with different subject, and was referred to Assembly Business and Profession Committee. Gutted and amended on April 18, referred to Human Services on April 25, too late for consideration at April 26 deadline hearing.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 1593 (Coto). Supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children; vendor abuse  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Defined "pattern" of vendor abuse in Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to exclude a single instance of abuse, consistent with recent federal WIC reauthorization legislation and guidance.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (18-0)

Assembly Floor (75-0)

Senate Health (10-0)

Senate Appropriations (8-5)

Senate Floor (22-13)

**AB 2205 (Evans): Food Stamp Program: categorical eligibility  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to establish categorical eligibility for food stamp benefits for Medi-Cal recipients who are eligible for services funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant. Allowed children in eligible families to qualify for free school meals.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (48-32)

Assembly Concurrence (46-30)

Senate Human Services (3-1)

Senate Appropriations (8-5)

Senate Floor (24-15)

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**AB 3029 (Laird): Food Stamps and CalWORKs; semiannual reporting  
Died: passed by the Legislature, withdrawn from enrollment**

Adopted the federal food stamp option for semi-annual reporting of income and household circumstances to determine eligibility and benefit amounts for food stamps and CalWORKs.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (49-31)

Assembly Concurrence (47-29)

Senate Human Services (4-1)

Senate Appropriations (8-5)

Senate Floor (24-13)

**IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

**AB 472 (Benoit). In-home supportive services; criminal background checks  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Authorized Public Authorities and non-profit consortia providing IHSS services to include criminal background checks conducted by the Department of Justice when investigating qualifications of potential IHSS employees. Prohibited IHSS workers or consumers from being charged a fee to cover the administrative costs of processing the background checks.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 477 (Baca). In-home supportive services; pilot project; eligibility  
Vetoed by the Governor**

As heard in Assembly Human Services Committee, allowed IHSS employers to purchase health insurance for employees through Public Employees Medical & Hospital Care Act. As amended in Senate, established a pilot project to authorize certain individuals with incomes above existing eligibility limits to purchase in-home supportive services from Public Authorities, as also contained in AB 652 (Levine).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Assembly P. E., R. & S.S. (4-2)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (53-26)

Assembly Concurrence (46-32)

Senate Human Services (5-2)

Senate Appropriations (8-5)

Senate Floor (22-16)

**AB 652 (Levine). In-home supportive services; pilot project; eligibility  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

Established a pilot project to authorize certain individuals with incomes above existing eligibility limits to purchase in-home supportive services from Public Authorities. Later amended into AB 477 (Baca).

Legislative History

May 4, 2005: Amend and re-refer to Human Services (4-0)

Assembly Human Services (5-2)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 899 (Ridley-Thomas). In-home supportive services (IHSS); provider training  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Authorized paid training of IHSS workers for up to six hours of instruction per year if under the supervision of a registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, a certified nurse assistant, or a professional social worker, and the hours of training were not counted against the assessed hours for a recipient of services.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)

Senate Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Senate Appropriations (8-3)

Assembly Floor (54-23)

Senate Floor (24-11)

Assembly Concurrence (52-26)

**AB 1242 (Arambula). In-home supportive services: provider timesheets  
Died: not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Required the State Department of Social Services to develop and distribute to counties a standardized provider timesheet and daily log to be verified by the provider of IHSS services under penalty of perjury.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 1326 (Vargas). In-home supportive services; consumer choice  
Died; held on Senate inactive file**

Granted IHSS recipients the same right to choose a provider as they currently have through a contract or managed care provider when services are provided as part of a long-term care integration pilot project, such as is proposed as part of the Administration's Medi-Cal Redesign. Also extended date for development of IHSS Hourly Task Force guidelines by six months, to Dec. 31, 2006.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Senate Human Services (6-1)

Assembly Floor (61-10)

Senate Floor (inactive)

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**AB 1538 (Bass). In-home supportive service: provider wages and benefits.  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services**

Required IHSS wages and benefits to be the same for enrolled and un-enrolled providers. Intended to be vehicle to address IHSS quality control and fraud.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 1653 (Haynes). In-home supportive services: reduced state wage and benefit contribution  
Died; no vote taken in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Administration's 2005-06 IHSS budget proposal: Reduced cap on state contribution to IHSS wages from current maximum \$12.10 to the minimum wage (\$6.75/hour).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (heard, no vote taken)

**AB 2469 (Evans): In-home supportive services: realignment funding  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Allowed counties with populations under 250,000 to request advanced payments from the General Fund, to be reimbursed by realignment dollars from the Sales Tax Growth Account, to fund in-home supportive services (IHSS) program expansion.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)

Assembly Appropriations (13-5)

Assembly Floor (46-32)

Assembly Concurrence (46-31)

Senate Human Services (3-2)

Senate Appropriations (8-5)

Senate Floor (21-12)

**AB 2486 (Ridley-Thomas): In-home supportive services: criminal background checks  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Authorized criminal background checks of newly-hired IHSS employees and prohibited assessment of the costs of those checks to IHSS workers or consumers.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

Assembly Appropriations (14-4)

Assembly Floor (69-10)

Assembly Concurrence (65-14)

Senate Human Services (4-1)

Senate Appropriations (8-5)

Senate Floor (26-7)

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**AB 2494 (Ridley-Thomas): In-home supportive services: provider training  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Authorized paid training of IHSS workers for up to 6 hours per year, not to count against a recipient's assessed hours of care.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (51-29)  
Assembly Concurrence (56-22)

Senate Human Services (4-1)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (23-11)

**AB 2697 (Garcia): In-home supportive services; direct deposit  
Died; held in Senate Rules Committee**

Required that the costs of developing and implementing a direct deposit system for IHSS workers be paid for out of funds appropriated to the Department of Social Services for that purpose. Adopted as part of 2006-07 social services trailer bill, AB 1808.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)  
Assembly Floor (79-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Appropriations (not heard)  
Senate Rules (held in committee)

**AB 3040 (La Malfa): In-home supportive services: fingerprint and criminal background check  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Prohibited persons from providing IHSS until a criminal background check was secured from the Department of Justice.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 3048 (Dymally): In-home supportive services: assistance during medical appointments  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Authorized IHSS providers to be compensated for providing assistance to IHSS consumers at medical appointments.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (14-4)  
Assembly Floor (54-26)  
Assembly Concurrence (54-25)

Senate Human Services (4-1)  
Senate Appropriations (9-1)  
Senate Floor (29-9)



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**SB 1435 (Ortiz): In-home supportive services; pilot project: eligibility  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to conduct a pilot project to study the expansion of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) to consumers not currently financially eligible for these services.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-2)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (25-14)  
Senate Concurrence (25-14)

Assembly Human Services (4-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (47-31)

**SB 1660 (Romero): In-home supportive services: provider wage and benefit increases  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Increased the cap on the state's 65% contribution toward IHSS wages from \$11.10 to \$12.10 per hour.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1)  
Senate Appropriations (8-3)  
Senate Floor (27-10)  
Senate Concurrence (26-13)

Assembly Human Services (4-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (50-27)

**COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING**

**AB 107 (Benoit): As introduced: Traffic violator schools: lesson plans  
As amended in Senate June 21, 2006: Community care facilities; licensing inspections  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee**

As amended, increased the frequency of licensing inspections for all community care facilities, child care facilities and residential facilities for the elderly.

Legislative History

Assembly Transportation (11-4) not relevant  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0) not relevant  
Assembly Floor (59-8) not relevant  
Assembly Appropriations (held)

Senate T &H (10-2) not relevant  
Senate Appropriations (w/drawn)  
Senate Rules (referred to SHS)  
Senate Human Services (4-0)  
Senate Appropriations (13-0)  
Senate Floor (34-2)

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**AB 617 (Benoit). Child day care facilities: rating system  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file**

As introduced, created a grading system for child care facilities based on the number of violations given by CCL. Amended to declare legislative intent to adopt rating system to be posted.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Rules (7-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 633 (Benoit). Child day care facilities: posting of noncompliance documents  
Chapter 545, Statutes of 2006**

Requires child care facilities to post and provide to parents additional documents regarding any violations or accusations of noncompliance with licensing requirements.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)	Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (72-0)	Senate Floor (37-0)
Assembly Concurrence (79-0)	

**AB 1408 (S. Horton). Residential care facilities: overconcentration  
Died; held on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file.**

Defined "overconcentration" of designated residential care facilities to mean separation of at least 1,000 feet rather than current 300 feet for the purpose of existing law permitting cities and counties to request that the Community Care Licensing Division of the Department of Social Services deny a application for a license for a new residential care facility resulting in an overconcentration.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-2)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

**AB 1774 (Committee on Human Services). Child welfare services: criminal record checks  
Chapter 726, Statutes of 2006**

Technical clean-up legislation regarding the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) fingerprint requirement.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (16-0)	Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (78-0)	Senate floor (40-0)
Assembly Concurrence (79-0)	

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**AB 1795 (Bermudez): Residential facilities: licensure applications: local notification  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Required that notification to a city or county planning agency by the state or county licensing agency of an application for a new residential care facility be made by certified mail.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Appropriations (14-0)	Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (75-0)	Senate Floor (37-0)
Assembly Concurrence (78-0)	

**AB 2184 (Bogh): Residential facilities: land use regulations  
Chapter 746, Statutes of 2006**

Provides that the state statute governing zoning and conditional use permits for residential care facilities for six or fewer persons not be construed to prohibit a local public entity from enforcing a local ordinance, including imposition of fines and penalties for violations of the ordinances covered by the statute.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Floor (51-10)	Senate Appropriations (31-5)
Assembly Concurrence (56-11)	Senate Floor (31-5)

**AB 2196 (Spitzer): Child day care: information on registered sex offenders  
Chapter 208, Statutes of 2006**

Requires child day care facilities to include information about the availability of the internet website containing information about registered sex offenders to parents and guardians.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-2)	Senate Human Services (4-0)
Assembly Appropriations (17-1)	Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)
Assembly Floor (77-0)	Senate Floor (37-2)

**AB 2611 (Spitzer): Day care homes; licensing enforcement  
Died; referred to Human Services from Appropriations after the deadline for bills to pass policy committees**

As introduced, imposed a fine upon child care providers who failed to meet state requirements regarding liability insurance. Amended and heard in Human Services to expressed legislative intent to implement upcoming recommendations of the State Auditor regarding oversight of licensed child care facilities. After the Appropriations Committee failed to set the bill for hearing because it contained only intent and not substance, it was amended to revert to its original contents and referred back to Human Services after the policy committee deadline.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0)

**AB 2675 (Strickland): Community care facilities: continuing education: online courses  
Chapter 421, Statutes of 2006**

Authorizes on-line education for specified community care facility administrators.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)

Assembly Appropriations (17-0)

Assembly Floor (71-0)

Assembly Concurrence (78-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)

Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)

Senate Floor (40-0)

**AB 3005 (Emmerson): Residential care facilities; siting  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee**

Permitted a city or county to submit to the Department of Social Services additional evidence regarding the siting of a proposed residential care facility designed for six or fewer residents.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)

Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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**SB 1335 (Soto): Residential care facilities for children; licensing inspections  
Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file**

Required the Department of Social Services (DSS) to make annual unannounced visits to each facility providing residential care for children who are under the supervision of a county welfare or probation agency

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Appropriations (8-3)  
Senate Floor (36-1)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Approps. (Held on Suspense)

**CARE AND SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY**

**AB 179 (Bermudez). Residential care facilities for the elderly: elder abuse information  
Chapter 456, Statutes of 2005**

Requires that residents of Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly be provided with information detailing the procedures for reporting elder abuse.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Aging & L.T.C (4-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (17-0) rec. consent  
Assembly Floor (77-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0)  
Senate Appropriations (13-0)  
Senate Floor (35-0)

**AB 300 (Walters). Adult, senior and group home residential care: training and certification  
Chapter 423, Statutes of 2005**

Clarifies that the State Department of Social Services, and not the Department of Consumer Affairs, has responsibility for supervising and administering training and certification of administrators and employees of group homes and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (7-0) Rec. consent  
Assembly Aging & L.T.C. (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0) Rec. consent  
Assembly Floor (74-0)  
Assembly Concurrence (79-0)

Senate Human Services (7-0) Rec. consent  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (39-0)

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**AB 2014 (Berg): Senior and independent adults program consolidation  
Died; not heard in Senate Human Services Committee**

Established the California Department of Adult and Aging Services (CDAAS), consolidating a number of programs serving older adults.

Legislative History

Assembly Aging & Long Term Care (5-0)	Senate Human Services (not heard)
Assembly Human Services (6-0)	
Assembly Appropriations (14-4)	
Assembly Floor (77-2)	

**AB 2609 (Evans): Residential facilities for the elderly: medication training  
Chapter 615, Statutes of 2006**

Increases required training for staff at Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) who assist residents with self-administration of medication to a total of 16 hours in facilities serving 16 or more residents and 6 in facilities licensed to care for fewer than 16 persons. Requires passage of an examination testing comprehension and competency as part of training curriculum.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)	Senate Human Services (5-0)
Assembly Health (12-0) rec. consent	Senate Appropriations (13-0)
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)	Senate Floor (29-1)
Assembly Floor (79-0)	
Assembly Concurrence (79-0)	

**SB 141 (Soto). Residential care facilities: preadmission fee refunds  
Chapter 250, Statutes of 2005**

Requires total or partial refund of preadmission fees in Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly if a person does not enter or stays for three or fewer month. Provides for a full refund if a person does not enter the facility and no preadmission appraisal is conducted, or if the RCFE fails to provide full written disclosure of the preadmission fee charges and refund conditions, and a 40-80% refund of the fee in excess of \$500 depending upon the time the resident leaves the facility and whether a preadmission appraisal is conducted.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-1)	Assembly Human Services (6-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	Assembly Appropriations (15-1)
Senate Floor (23-14)	Assembly Floor (58-17)
Senate Concurrence (22-13)	

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**SB 244 (Romero). Continuing care retirement communities: residents' rights  
Chapter 454, Statutes of 2005**

Establishes additional rights for residents of continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) and creates new procedures governing transfer of a resident from one level of care to another. Gives residents the right to manage their own affairs, participate freely in independent resident organizations, make voluntary contributions and purchase financial products which are not conditions of entry or services.

Repeals management's unilateral authority to transfer residents from one level of care to another, and establishes a process of resolving disputes involving transfers, including referral to an informal care conference and ultimate appeal to the Continuing Care Contracts Branch of the Department of Social Services.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-2)  
Senate Appropriations (8-5)  
Senate Floor (21-14)  
Senate Concurrence (23-15)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-4)  
Assembly Floor (53-24)

**SB 1212 (Torlakson): Continuing care retirement communities: provider financial requirements  
Chapter 529, Statutes of 2006**

Makes changes to rules governing Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs) involving disclosure of reserves, transfer procedures and escrow deposits for new construction.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-2)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (22-14)  
Senate Concurrence (30-9)

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (18-0)  
Assembly Floor (78-0)

**HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**AB 811 (Matthews): Health and Human Services Agency: licensing and certification functions:  
consolidation**

**Died; held in Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file**

Required the Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) to initiate a review to study the feasibility of consolidating licensing and certification responsibilities for six CHHS departments and report to the Legislature by October 1, 2007.

Legislative History

Assembly Health (14-0)  
Assembly Human Services (7-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (Held on Suspense)

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**AB 812 (Matthews). Health and Human Services Agency: background checks: consolidation  
Died; not heard in Assembly Health Committee**

Required standardized background checks within the California Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Health (not heard)

**AB 842 (Arambula). Federal refugee cash assistance funds: county transfers  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services**

Provided that if a refugee receiving cash assistance from a county under the federal Refugee Act of 1980 moves to another county eligible to receive those funds, the county from which the refugee moves shall transfer a proportionate share of those funds to the receiving county.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 943 (Keene). General assistance; county reductions  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Authorized a county board of supervisors, rather than the Commission on State Mandates, to make a finding of significant financial distress permitting reduction of the level of county general assistance below the existing statutory standard.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 1298 (Evans). Health and human services; program consolidation  
Died; held on the Senate Appropriations Suspense file**

Created working group of affected agencies and stakeholders to develop recommendations to simplify, align and consolidate public benefit rules and procedures while maximizing technological advancement and internet-based application systems to reduce administrative costs and improve customer service. Included CalWORKs, food stamps, Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, child care, WIC and child support among programs to be addressed.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (47-32)

Senate Human Services (7-0)  
Senate Appropriations (Held on Suspense)



**SB 13 (Bowen). Personal information; disclosure; research projects  
Chapter 241, Statutes of 2005**

Permits disclosure of personal information by a state agency to the University of California or nonprofit researchers only if approved by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS) of the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency. Requires CPHS to approve projects only if the researcher provides a plan sufficient to protect personal information from improper use and disclosure, and to destroy or return personal information as soon as it is no longer needed.

Legislative History

Senate Judiciary (3-2) Failed passage	Assembly Judiciary (9-0)
Senate Judiciary (6-0) Recon. granted	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Judiciary (5-1)	Assembly Appropriations (18-0)
Senate Appropriations (7-2)	Assembly Floor (75-0)
Senate Floor (31-4)	
Senate Concurrence (32-3)	

**SB 112 (Ortiz). Refugee social services; funding allocations  
Chapter 492, Statutes of 2005**

Alters formula for distributing \$6 million in refugee employment social services (RESS) funds among counties, giving greater consideration to arrivals receiving aid during their first two years in the U.S. Assigns a weight of 1.5 for aided refugees residing in the U.S. one year or less, 1.25 for those residing one to two years, and 1.0 for those two to five years.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (3-1) Failed passage	Assembly Human Services (7-0)
Senate Human Services (5-0) Recon. granted	Assembly Appropriations (17-0)
Senate Human services (5-1)	Assembly Floor (79-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	
Senate Floor (22-14)	
Senate Concurrence (36-4)	

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**SB 201 (Simitian). As introduced, Inventory of state plans, cooperative agreements, and contracts with the federal government  
As Amended January 24, 2006, Marine finfish aquaculture  
Chapter 36, Statutes of 2006**

As introduced and considered by the Senate and Assembly Human Services Committee, required DSS to provide annual inventory of existing and proposed cooperative agreements, contracts and program plans with the federal government. Subsequently amended into a different subject matter.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)	Assembly Human Services (5-0)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	Assembly Appropriations (12-2)
Senate Floor (25-10)	Assembly Floor (46-18)
Senate Concurrence (22-12)	

**SB 203 (Simitian). As introduced: CalWORKs case management  
As amended June 21, 2005: Transactions and use taxes County of San Mateo  
Chapter 682, Statutes of 2005**

As introduced, allowed any county to operate an integrated CalWORKs case management and share information among agencies notwithstanding existing consumer confidentiality protections. Amended into statewide foster care collaborative (see summary above), then amended into unrelated subject matter and re-referred to Revenue and Tax Committee.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)	Assembly Human Services (w/drawn)
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)	Assembly Rev. & Tax (5-2)
Senate Floor (29-7)	Assembly Appropriations (13-5)
Senate Rev. & Tax (6-0) concurrence	Assembly Floor (52-21)
Senate Concurrence (24-13)	

**SB 1214 (Human Services): Community services programs; legislative oversight  
Chapter 58, Statutes of 2006**

Permits the policy committees of either house of the Legislature to hold hearings on the state community action plan proposing use and distribution of funds provided under the California Community Services Block Grant Program (CSBG).

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)	Assembly Human Services (4-0)
Senate Floor (38-0)	Assembly Floor (73-0)

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**SB 1287 (Ducheny): Realignment: Social Services and Caseload Subaccounts funding  
Died: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense**

Required the Welfare Policy Research Project (WPRP) of the University of California to analyze aspects of the 1991 health and social services program realignment.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Floor (32-0)

Assembly Human Services (4-0)  
Assembly Approps. (Held on Suspense)

**SB 1376 (Chesbro): Community Services Block Grant Program: funding allocations  
Chapter 807, Statutes of 2006**

Revises the funding distribution formula for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) fund, allowing an increase in the base funding for all agencies. Establishes a target allocation point of no less than \$250,000 and provides that future increases or decreases be proportionately allocated.

Legislative History

Senate Human Services (4-0)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (32-2)  
Senate Concurrence (29-2)

Assembly Human Services (4-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (16-0)  
Assembly Floor (68-6)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**AB 1873 (Torrico): Child protection: safe surrender  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Expanded the time frame for the safe surrender of a baby by his or her parent to 30 days from current 72 hours, permitted a fire agency to designate a safe surrender site and provided that a safe surrender site and its personnel have no liability for a surrendered child prior to taking physical custody.

Legislative History

Assembly Public Safety (4-1)  
Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Appropriations (14-3)  
Assembly Floor (73-6)  
Assembly Concurrence (70-9)

Senate Judiciary (3-0)  
Senate Public Safety (w/drawn)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (28-9)

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**AB 1907 (Lieu): Office of Child Abuse Prevention: multidisciplinary personnel  
Chapter 99, Statutes of 2006**

Clarifies that marriage and family therapists are included in the definition of multidisciplinary personnel trained to provide child abuse prevention services.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (6-0)  
Assembly Floor (71-0)

Senate Human Services (5-0)  
Senate Floor (36-0)

**AB 2278 (Koretz): Assistive animals  
Died; not heard in Assembly Human Services Committee**

Required the state to designate a lead agency to create and produce an Assistive Animal Identification Card.

Assembly Human Services (not heard)

**AB 2556 (Jones): Social services: childhood poverty  
Vetoed by the Governor**

Declared a legislative goal of reducing the rate of child poverty in half by January 1, 2016, and eliminating it completely by January 1, 2026.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (5-1)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (47-32)

Senate Human Services (4-1)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (27-11)

**AB 2745 (Jones): Hospitals: discharge plans: homeless patients  
Chapter 794, Statutes of 2006**

Prohibits a hospital from transferring homeless patients from one county to another for the purpose of receiving supportive services from specified agencies without prior notification to and authorization from the agencies.

Legislative History

Assembly Human Services (4-1)  
Assembly Health (9-3)  
Assembly Appropriations (13-5)  
Assembly Floor (46-30)  
Assembly Concurrence (49-30)

Senate Health (5-4)  
Senate Appropriations (S.R. 28.8)  
Senate Floor (23-13)

**NOTE:** S.R. 28.8 is Senate Rule 28.8, permitting bills to pass from Senate policy committees to the floor if the chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee determines that it results in no significant state costs or reduction in revenues.

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<u>Subject</u>	<u>Referred</u>	<u>Analyzed</u>	<u>Heard</u>	<u>Passed HS</u>	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Chaptered</u>	<u>Vetoed</u>
Child welfare/ Foster Care	45	42	41	39	22	20	2
Developmental disabilities	19	14	13	13	8	6	2
Child care	14	12	12	11	6	4	2
Income assistance	14	13	13	12	6	2	4
IHSS	16	12	11	10	8	0	8
Community Care Licensing	14	14	13	13	7	6	1
Care and Services for the elderly	6	6	6	6	5	5	0
Human services administration	12	10	9	9	4	4	0
Food assistance	5	5	4	4	3	0	3
Miscellaneous	5	5	4	4	4	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149*</b>	<b>136*</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>24</b>

\* SB 203 (Simitian) was amended while in committee and was analyzed twice, once as a child welfare/foster care bill, the other as a human services administration bill. It is counted only once in total referrals, but twice for purposes of number of bills analyzed.

Bills are not counted as enrolled or chaptered if they passed after being amended to a subject unrelated to human services.