

**BILL LIST and OUTCOMES – 2016**

The Senior Services Coalition identified and followed numerous bills in California’s 2016 legislative session. Below is a summary of those bills and what happened to them:

BILL	SUMMARY	OUTCOME
SB62 (Jackson)	Establishes the Affordable Senior Housing Program within GO-Biz as part of the Economic Revitalization Act. The program would guide and serve as a catalyst for the development of affordable senior housing in California. The GO-Biz program would identify and convene public and private stakeholders; assist with regulatory compliance and provide information on tax credits and other incentives; and assist in finding suitable locations and potential sources of public and private funding, and obtaining state and local permits.	Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.  SSC supported this legislation.
SB177 (Nguyen)	Appropriates \$3,300,000 from the General Fund to the State Department of Health Care Services for allocation to Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs) for the purpose of providing respite care services. The measure also enables CRC’s to provide services, except for respite care services, using remote technology.	Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense file.  SSC supported this legislation.
SB202 (Dodd)	Increases the Medi-Cal monthly personal needs allowance from \$35 to \$80 while a person is a patient in a medical institution or nursing facility and requires the Department of Health Care Services to annually increase this amount based on a percentage increase in the California Consumer Price Index.	Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense file.  SSC supported this legislation.
AB519 (Levin)	Would allow a taxpayer, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, to designate an amount in excess of personal income tax liability to be deposited into the California Senior Citizen Advocacy Fund, which the bill would create, and which would fund the California Senior Legislature.	Signed by the Governor and Chaptered.  SSC supported this legislation.
AB614 (Limon)	Would require each area agency on aging to develop an evidence-based or evidence-informed core training program on Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, and additional training based on local needs. The bill would also require each agency to maintain an Alzheimer’s and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families. If an agency lacks the capacity to maintain a specialist, the bill would authorize the agency to contract with a qualified local entity to provide these services, as specified.	Held in Senate Appropriations Suspense file.  SSC supported this legislation on the condition that it be modified to include funding.

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<p>AB796 (Kalra)</p>	<p>Would reinstate the SSP cost-of-living adjustment beginning January 1 of the 2018 calendar year. The bill would also require a maximum aid payment that does not equal or exceed 96% of the 2017 federal poverty level based on family size commencing January 1, 2019, or 100% of the 2018 federal poverty level based on family size, to be increased to an amount that equals 96% or 100% of the federal poverty level, respectively.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee.  SSC supported this legislation.</p>
<p>AB806 (Kalra)</p>	<p>Creates a tax credit for certain expenses incurred by a family caregiver for the care and support of a qualifying family member not to exceed \$1000.</p>	<p>Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee. SSC supported this legislation.</p>
<p>AB1200 (Cervantes)</p>	<p>Codifies into state law an existing program thereby enabling access to federal funds by establishing the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) program in the California Department of Aging. ADRCs provide information to consumers and their families on available long-term services and supports programs, and help older adults, caregivers, and persons with disabilities to access those programs. An ADRC Advisory Committee would advise on development and implementation of the program. The department and the State Department of Health Care Services would enter into a memorandum of understanding with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to authorize local government agencies to claim federal reimbursement for qualified administrative activities.</p>	<p>Signed by the Governor and Chaptered.  SSC supported this legislation.</p>
<p>AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer)</p>	<p>An analysis of AB 1250 by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) finds that the bill would impose a defacto prohibition on counties' ability to contract with nonprofits, community based businesses and licensed professionals to deliver local services, and would place restrictions on contracting for county services that will jeopardize health care, social services, mental health and public safety services across counties.</p>	<p>Held in Senate Rules Committee.  SSC opposed this legislation.</p>
<p>AJR8 (Kalra)</p>	<p>Calls upon California's Representatives in Congress to vote against cuts to, and proposals to privatize Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Calls upon the President to veto any such legislation. Calls upon the President and Congress to expand and improve these programs</p>	<p>SSC supported this legislation.</p>