



# Valley Mountain Regional Center Legislative Committee Meeting

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## Meeting Book - Valley Mountain Regional Center Legislative Committee Meeting

### Legislative Committee Meeting

#### A. Legislative Presentation Review

All Bills Passed, November 2020.pdf

#### B. Next Meeting

## All Bills Passed

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### Civil Rights

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[SB 1264](#) (**Committee on Human Services**) **Human services.**

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Civil Rights

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### Community Access

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[AB 1993](#) (**Kamlager D**) **Unemployment and disability insurance: benefits: in-home supportive services and waiver personal care services.**

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 1993 without my signature. AB 1993 would amend the definition of "employment" for the purposes of unemployment insurance coverage to include services performed by an individual in the employ of their parent, child, or spouse if that individual is a provider of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) or Waiver Personal Care Services (WPCS). As a result, it will result in significant new borrowing of federal funds to the Unemployment Insurance fund, increasing interest costs borne by the state General Fund that were not included in the 2020 Budget and cannot be considered in conjunction with the full home health care budget. Expanding benefits and protections for home health care workers is critical, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic but these expansions must be developed through the budget process when new investments can be viewed through the lens of the state's full home health care budget. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

**Position**  
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**Subject**  
Community  
Access

[AB 2387](#) (**Grayson D**) **In-home supportive services: needs assessment.**

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2387 without my signature. This bill would authorize counties to perform the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) reassessment using telehealth, including video conference or telephone, subject to continuing federal approval, if certain conditions are met. The California Department of Social Services has permitted counties and other entities to use video conference or telephone to perform duties that would otherwise be done in-person during the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill would extend flexibilities that were made in response to a public health emergency. It is premature to make statutory changes to these policies until the Department has had the opportunity to assess their impact on consumers and alignment with overall program goals and processes. Moreover, although this bill may provide counties greater case management flexibility, it may also impede social workers' ability to directly and accurately assess IHSS recipients' abilities, limitations, living conditions, health and safety. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Community  
Access,  
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Operations

**[SB 596](#) ([Stern](#) D) In-home supportive services: additional higher energy allowance.**

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Community  
Access

**[SB 1341](#) ([Hurtado](#) D) CalWORKs.**

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1341 without my signature. This bill would authorize California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) families whose children have been removed from the home and placed in out-of-home care to continue receiving monthly cash assistance while active reunification efforts are ongoing in the child welfare system. While I appreciate the author's intent to ensure that CalWORKs recipient families seeking to reunify with their children have needed resources, the bill could create significant costs, which would be more appropriately addressed through the annual budget process. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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**Community Safety**

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**[AB 2054](#) ([Kamlager](#) D) Emergency services: community response: grant program.**

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 2054 without my signature. This bill would establish a grant pilot program administered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to stimulate and support community involvement in emergency response activities that do not require a law enforcement officer. Community organizations have a critical role to play in responding to our vulnerable neighbors and community members in crisis. Many situations involving those who are unhoused, facing mental health challenges, have been exposed to violence, or are experiencing substance use issues may be better addressed with resources and pathways for long-term healing rather than a punitive approach. We must also address the reality that people of color and other marginalized members of our communities are disproportionately harmed by interactions with law enforcement, too often in instances where a badge and a gun are unnecessary. The underlying goal of this legislation is important and implementing an effective solution will help our communities. Unfortunately, OES is not the appropriate location for the pilot program proposed in this legislation. My Administration will work with the Legislature and stakeholders during the next legislative session on an implementable solution. Should a grant program be the consensus, such a pilot should be established through the State Budget process. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Community  
Safety

**[AB 2112](#) ([Ramos](#) D) Suicide prevention.**

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Community  
Safety

**[AB 2644](#) ([Wood](#) D) Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting.**

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Community  
Safety,  
Health

**[SB 1207](#) ([Jackson D](#)) Skilled nursing facilities: backup power system.**

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Senate: I am returning Senate Bill 1207 without my signature. SB 1207 would require Skilled Nursing Facilities to have an alternative source of power for no less than 96 hours during any type of power outage. Skilled Nursing Facilities are a central part of our system of care for vulnerable individuals. As such, it is important that they have sufficient emergency backup power in the event of a power interruption. However, this bill relies on an unclear federal standard as justification. Moreover, the timeline for implementing this bill is unfeasible given the need for significant renovations that facilities would need to complete to comply with this bill. I am directing the California Department of Public Health and the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to convene a stakeholder group to ensure that relevant experts can fully assess alternatives and develop recommendations to appropriately address resident and staff safety in the event of a power shut-off by April 1, 2021. This approach will identify recommendations regarding an emergency power standard that protects patients and allows facilities to make necessary upgrades in a timely manner. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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**Health**

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**[AB 713](#) ([Mullin D](#)) California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018.**

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Health

**[AB 826](#) ([Santiago D](#)) Emergency food assistance: COVID-19.**

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 826 without my signature. This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to contract with a Feeding America partner state organization or other appropriate nonprofit entity to provide a food assistance benefit to those who self-attest that they are eligible for state or federal nutrition assistance or immigration legal services. It has been my firm commitment that my Administration would support all Californians during the COVID-19 crisis. To that end, my Administration has advanced efforts to provide relief that is both inclusive of and directed to undocumented Californians. As we continue to address the needs of Californians during the pandemic, it is prudent to consider the most appropriate and responsible means to offer support to those in need. Given the significant General Fund impact annually that this bill would have, I am unable to sign this measure. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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Support

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Health

**[AB 2276](#) ([Reyes D](#)) Childhood lead poisoning: screening and prevention.**

**Position**

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Support

Health

[AB 2644](#) ([Wood](#) D) **Skilled nursing facilities: deaths: reporting.**

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[SB 86](#) ([Durazo](#) D) **Department of Pesticide Regulation: chlorpyrifos: quarterly reports.**

**Position**  
Support

**Subject**  
Health

[SB 653](#) ([Chang](#) R) **Dental hygienists: registered dental hygienist in alternative practice: scope of practice.**

**Position**  
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## Mental Health

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[SB 855](#) ([Wiener](#) D) **Health coverage: mental health or substance use disorders.**

**Position**  
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Mental  
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## RC/Provider Operations

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[AB 2377](#) ([Chiu](#) D) **Residential facilities.**

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**AB 3216 (Kalra D) Unemployment: rehiring and retention: state of emergency.**

**Governor's Message:** To the Members of the California State Assembly: I am returning Assembly Bill 3216 without my signature. This bill would provide a right of recall and retention for specified employees previously laid-off due to a local, state, or federal declaration of a public health-related state of emergency. It would require specified employers to offer the same or similar jobs to laid off employees or those which the laid off employee could be trained to do, based on seniority. The bill additionally would require employers who hire an individual other than a laid-off employee to provide that laid-off employee with the name of the individual who was hired and all the reasons for that decision. It would also require successor employers in these specified industries, regardless of the existence of a state of emergency, to give preference in hiring to employees of the incumbent employer by seniority. I recognize the real problem this bill is trying to fix-to ensure that workers who have been laid off due to the COVID19 pandemic have certainty about their rehiring and job security. But, as drafted, its prescriptive provisions would take effect during any state of emergency for all layoffs, including those that may be unrelated to such emergency. Tying the bill's provisions to a state of emergency will create a confusing patchwork of requirements in different counties at different times. The bill also risks the sharing of too much personal information of hired employees. There must be more reasonable tools to effectively enforce the recall provisions. Finally, the hospitality industry and its employees have been hit hard by the economic impacts of the pandemic. I believe the requirements of this bill place too onerous a burden on employers navigating these tough challenges, and I would encourage the legislature to consider other approaches to ensure workers are not left behind. Sincerely, Gavin Newsom

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