

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness and Housing
From: HomeBase
Re: A Status Update of State Bills being Supported or Opposed by Housing California and the RSC.
Date: July 7, 2006

Background:

At the March 2006 RSC meeting, HomeBase introduced a series of bills being passed through the State legislative process. RSC members considered the factors, implications, and effects of many of those bills and determined which should be opposed or supported. HomeBase then passed this information on to Housing California in order to assist them in determining what positions to take on the legislature. Below is an update on the status of the bills the RSC felt were most important, including what positions Housing California took.

- KEY BILLS -

[AB 2763](#) (Nava) Farmworker housing. (1-02/24/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Current Location: 06/21/2006-S APPR

Status:	From committee:	Do	Position of	Position of	Subject
<i>pass, and re-refer to Com. On APPR. (Ayes 3. Noes 2)</i>	HCA		RSC		Farmworker Housing
		Support		Support	

This bill allows growers to place movable housing (i.e. mobile or manufactured homes), during the harvest season, on land zoned for agricultural use without permits currently required. Although it must be moved after harvest season, growers would be able to provide housing for farmworkers during the harvest season without the time and expense of the permit process.

*Sponsor: Western Growers, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation CRLA
Staff: Maria Garcia (916) 319-2035*

[SB 1802](#) (Ducheny) Farmworker housing. (1-02/24/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Current Location: 06/28/2006- A CONSENT CALENDAR

Status:	From committee:	Do	Position of	Position of	Subject
<i>pass as amended. To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 16. Noes 0)</i>	HCA		RSC		Farmworker Housing
		Support		Support	

Local governments can deny affordable housing developments on five different bases. This bill provides exemptions for farmworker housing to two of the five criterion:

- 1. Exempts farm worker development projects from being denied if the development is surrounded by at least two sides being used for agricultural or resource preservation purposes.*
- 2. Exempts farm worker development projects from being denied even if the development is inconsistent with both the jurisdictions zoning ordinances and general planned land use designation.*

This bill would also expand the maximum number of beds allowed in farmworker group quarters from 12 to 24.

Sponsor: Western Growers, Western Center on Law Poverty, and CRLA
Staff: Pedro Salcido (916)651-4040

AB 2674 (Villines) Portable emergency temporary shelters. (I-02/24/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Current Location: 03/14/2006-S. APPR

Status: Referred to Com. On ED.	Position of HCA Support	Position of RSC Oppose	Subject Homeless
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Global Portable Buildings Inc. designs and manufactures a "steel housing container with windows and doors" that could be used as portable emergency shelters. They are engineered to meet all codes and standards for housing, but are not recognized by the Department of Housing in current code.

This, currently a spot bill, would authorize the use of these temporary, portable emergency shelters, by including their definition in the health and safety code.

Sponsor:
Staff: Juliana Thomas (916) 319-2029

AB 2961 (Nunez) CalWORKs: nonrecurring special needs: homeless assistance. (I-02/24/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Current Location: 06/28/2006-S APPR

Status: From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. On APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 4. Noes 1)	Position of HCA Support	Position of RSC Support	Subject Homeless
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This bill allows families to receive one time CalWORKS assistance before they lose their housing to pay rent arrearages; this change would help prevent family homelessness by helping families to keep their homes.

Sponsor: San Francisco, Los Angeles, California Welfare Directors Association
Staff: Sumi Sousa (916) 319-2046

AB 1835 (Lieber) Minimum wage. (I-01/10/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Current Location: 06/28/2006-S APPR

Status: From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. On APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 4. Noes 1)	Position of HCA Support	Position of RSC Support	Subject Wage and income
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This bill would raise the minimum wage from \$6.75 per hour to \$7.25 on or after July 1, 2007 and to \$7.75 per hour on or after July 1, 2008. The bill would also provide for an annual adjustment for inflation.

Sponsor: California Labor Federation ad Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante
Staff: Brian Augusta (916) 319-2022

SB 1318 (Cedillo) Controlled substances: sales near drug treatment center or homeless shelter. (I-02/16/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Current Location: 06/28/2006-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Status: From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Suspense file.	Position of HCA Watch	Position of RSC Oppose	Subject Homelessness Prevention
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A conviction for selling or conspiring to sell illegal drugs within 1,000 feet of a drug treatment center, detoxification facility, or homeless shelter would result in the punishment imposed for the conviction PLUS two years to be served in a state prison.

Staff: Eric Giero (916)445-3456
Sponsor: author

SB 1322 (Cedillo) **Housing: use by right.** (I-02/16/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))
Current Location: 06/28/2006-A APPR

Status: From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APR. Re-referred (Ayes 5. Noes 2)	Position of HCA Support	Position of RSC No position	Subject Land Use
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Adds residential mental health and drug rehab. services to the types of housing that must be accommodated under the housing element. Specifically, the measure requires the housing element to:

- 1. Include an analysis of the needs of community members for such residential services.*
- 2. Identify building sites that currently have appropriate zoning and development standards for residential services.*
- 3. If sufficient sites cannot be identified, the element must identify other sites that will be rezoned to allow residential services and emergency shelters to be built without a conditional use permit or other discretionary local government review or approval.*

This is essentially an anti-NIMBY law, so that shelters and residential mental health, alcohol and drug treatment facilities can be sited without conditional use permits.

Staff: Nadia Leal (916) 651-4022
Sponsor:

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AB 1981 (Bass) **Anti-Recidivism Grants** (I-02/09/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/25/2006- In committee. Set for second hearing. Held under submission
Location: 05/25/2006-ASM APPROPRIATIONS.

Summary:

Existing law provides for the confinement of persons in county jails sentenced to imprisonment therein, and provides that a sheriff or other officials in charge of a county correctional facility may provide for the vocational training and rehabilitation of prisoners, and may also enter into an agreement with the governing board of a school district for maintenance, by the district, of adult education classes for the prisoners, as specified.

Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to provide financial assistance to community-based organizations to implement collaborative programs with law-enforcement that establish and operate reentry services for local jail inmates. Services and supports provided through these grants are intended to reduce recidivism and increase the potential of community integration of former inmates.

Staff: Nate Masadon 319-2047
Goal: To reduce recidivism and aid re-entry.

AB 2084 (Karnette) **Domestic violence shelter-based programs.** (I-02/16/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/22/2006-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to the Committee on Appropriations

Location: 06/27/2006-S JUD.

Summary:

Background: Existing law provides for the funding of county programs to assist victims of domestic violence. Under existing law, a portion of each fee paid at the time of issuance of a marriage license and of authorization for the performance of a marriage is required to be collected for deposit into the county domestic violence programs special fund. Existing law requires the fees collected in the special fund to be disbursed to approved domestic violence programs on a yearly or more frequent basis. Existing law sets forth the requirements applicable to counties distributing funds to these programs, and also sets forth eligibility, operation, and reporting requirements for the domestic violence programs and centers to which funding is provided. When a county lacks sufficient funds in the county domestic violence programs special fund to finance basic domestic violence shelter services, and community resources are not available, existing law authorizes the county to finance one or more of those basic services. By revising the duties applicable to counties providing funding to domestic violence shelter-based programs, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement. This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

[AB 2968](#) (Leno) Medi-Cal: community-living support benefit. (1-02/24/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 06/29 /2006-Read second time. To third reading

Location: 06/29/2006-SEN SECOND READING

Summary:

This bill would require the Department of Health Services, to the extent that federal financial participation is available, to implement a program to provide a community-living support benefit to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The benefit would include residence in community-based housing sites and access to certain community-living support services provided or coordinated at those sites. Eligibility for the benefit would be based upon specified factors, including eligibility for Medi-Cal and membership in the targeted population under the California Statewide Supportive Housing Initiative Act.

Sponsor:

Staff: Liz Mooney (916)319-2013

[SB 1570](#) (Alquist) Foster care: residentially based services: group homes. (1-02/23/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/25/2006-Set, first hearing. Held in committee and under submission

Location: 05/25/2006-S APPR.

Summary:

Existing law provides for child welfare services, which are public social services directed toward, among other purposes, protecting and promoting the welfare of all children, including those in foster care placement. Existing law provides for the placement of children in foster care in various settings, including group homes, by foster placement agencies, under the oversight of the State Department of Social Services. This bill would require the State Interagency Team for Children and Youth, within the California Health and Human Services Agency, to develop a plan for transforming the current system of group care for foster children or youth and for children with serious emotional disorders into a system of residentially based services. The bill would require that the plan contain specified elements, including elements relating to the services required to be offered by residentially based programs, administrative oversight of programs, the placement and assessment of children and youth in those programs, the use of available funding, agreements to test alternative program design and funding models, and the issuance by the State Department of Social Services of waivers with respect to statutory or regulatory provisions to implement those agreements. The bill would require that the plan be submitted to the Legislature by July 1, 2008. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Public Assistance

[SB 1289](#) (**[Cedillo](#)**) **Foster children: transitional housing and services.** (I-02/14/2006 [html](#) [pdf](#))

Status: 05/25/2006-Set, first hearing. Held in committee and under submission.

Location: 05/25 /2006-S APPR.

Summary:

Background: Existing law provides for programs, such as the Transitional Housing Placement Program and the Supportive Transitional Emancipation Program (STEP), to provide services for foster children making the transition to independent living. This is a spot bill. The current language reflects the intended goal, but will be revised.

Goal: To extend foster care on a voluntary basis from age 18 to age 21 for foster children attending school or a vocational program to assist with the transition between foster care and independent living.

Staff: Nichole Miller 445-3456

Sponsors: Cedillo