



CARA's 2016 Priority Bills, Revised August 4, 2016

Healthcare

<u>AB 2079</u>	Calderon	Stuck in Senate Appropriations Suspense File, where it could die. Call Senate Appropriations Committee members, tell them to rescue it.	Increasing staffing levels in nursing homes	AB 2029 mandates a staff to patient ratio that would improve quality of care for patients and working conditions for nursing home workers, particularly Certified Nursing Assistants. It mandates US Congress-recommended 4.1 hours of care per resident per day in Skilled Nursing Facilities.
<u>SB 1076</u>	Hernández	On Assembly Floor, vote expected soon! Tell your Assembly member, vote yes!	Hospital Observation Units	SB 1076 regulates Hospitals' use of Observation Areas; requiring inpatient staffing levels, patient information and notices in designated Observation Areas, and reporting of Observation Area usage to a the State.

SSI/SSP

<u>AB 1584</u>	Brown/ Thurmond	Stuck in Senate Appropriations Suspense File, where it could die. Call Senate Appropriations Committee members, tell them to rescue it.	Increasing SSI/SSP grants and COLA	AB 1584 is an incremental step toward full restoration of recession-era cuts to the SSI/SSP program, which awards monthly grants to seniors and other disabled adults who get no or minimal Social Security benefits.
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Domestic Workers

<u>SB 1015</u>	Leyva	Assembly Appropriations Committee Hearing Wed, Aug 10, 9 AM, Rm 4202. Call Committee before Aug 10, and all Assembly members after Aug 10: Yes on SB 1015!	Reauthorize the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights	SB 1015 continues the success from AB 241 (2013) — which granted overtime protections to California's privately hired domestic workers — by removing the 2017 sunset provision and making the law's provisions permanent.
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Housing Rights

<u>SB 1150</u>	Leno	On Assembly Floor, vote expected soon! Tell your Assembly member, vote yes!	Rights of Surviving Homeowners	Co-sponsored by CARA, SB 1150 clarifies the responsibilities of a lender when a borrower dies and leaves surviving homeowner spouses, children or other heirs who wish to assume the loan, giving them a fair chance to take responsibility for the mortgage loan attached to their home.
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