

CARA's 2017 Priority Bills/ Revised June 30, 2017

Healthcare

<u>SB 562</u>	Lara/Atkins	Held up in Assembly Rules Committee by Speaker Rendon. Must pass Health Committee by July 14, Appropriations by Sept 1, whole Assembly by Sept 15. Requires 2/3 passage since funding added.	Healthy CA Act	Establishes a single-payer system of equal, comprehensive, affordable, and accessible healthcare for all in California, including undocumented residents. No out-of-pocket costs. No insurance companies. Private or public healthcare providers would be paid through a single, independent, publicly-accountable Board which pools existing healthcare monies with progressive taxes on people and companies. Board also negotiates payments for health services and drugs.
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Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security

<u>AJR 8</u>	Kalra	Passed both houses. Governor's signature not needed.	Resolution supporting Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security	Calls upon California's Representatives in Congress to vote against cuts to, and proposals to privatize Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid; calls on the President veto any such legislation; calls upon the President and Congress to expand and improve these programs.
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SSI/SSP

<u>AB 796</u>	Kalra/ Thurmond	In Assembly Appropriations, held under submission, basically dead in current form. Author intends to re-introduce bill later. This is a fight in both the legislature and the budget.	Increasing SSI/SSP grants and COLA	Reinstates the SSI/SSP COLA in 2018, bring monthly payments to 100% 2018 poverty level. 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. Current SSI grant puts recipients at 70% of poverty level.
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Pedestrian Safety

<u>AB 342</u>	Chiu	Withdrawn from Assembly Transportation Committee April 24 vote, cannot meet legislative deadline, so now 2-year bill.	Automatic speed camera pilot program	Co-sponsored by CARA. Authorizes a 5-year pilot program of automatic speed-triggered license-plate cameras in San Francisco and San Jose. Fines cannot exceed \$100. Violations would have same status as parking violations, with no DMV consequences if fines are paid.
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Elder Abuse

<u>AB 859</u>	Eggman	Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee, hearing Tues, July 18 1:30 PM, Rm 112.	Elder Abuse in Nursing Homes	Co-sponsored by CARA. In civil court cases alleging physical abuse or neglect, if the defendant has destroyed or tampered with evidence, the burden of proof would be reduced from "clear and convincing" evidence to a more easily-proved "preponderance of evidence."
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