

Health & Human Services Track Priorities

Legislation

AB 1737 (Eng) - Would align state-collected health, social services, labor, and civil rights data on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders with ethnic groups reported by the U.S. Census.

SB 836 (Oropeza) – Would restore the Every Woman Counts program which provides access to free breast cancer screening and diagnostic services to low-income women.

SB 900 (Alquist) - Would establish the California Health Insurance Exchange within the California Health and Human Services Agency to make health coverage available and create the California Health Insurance Exchange Fund to be governed by a board appointed by the Legislature.

Budget

Prevent the elimination of critical assistance for immigrants: Oppose the Governor's proposals to terminate life-saving programs for lawful immigrants, including the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI), the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) and services provided to immigrants under the Medi-Cal and CalWORKs programs.

Preserve vital services for older adults: Reject proposals that threaten living assistance under SSI/SSP and CAPI and eliminate the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program.

Protect struggling families: Oppose Governor Schwarzenegger's plans to eliminate living assistance under CalWORKs, reduce Medi-Cal services while increasing out-of-pocket costs and terminate the Healthy Families program.

Long-term solutions to help resolve California's crisis: Support balanced approaches that reform our broken budget system and boost revenue to decrease the state's rampant budget deficit and protect vulnerable Asians and Pacific Islanders from hunger and homelessness.