1. **SB 271** (Dodd) – Power Wheelchair Right to Repair.
   SUMMARY: Establishes rules for consumers and independent providers to access parts, tools, and documentation for the repair and maintenance of their powered wheelchairs. Modeled after the Colorado Right to Repair bill enacted in 2022. Supported by CALPIRG, SCDD, CA Senior Legislature, and Consumer Reports. STATUS: 07/10/2023 Pending consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. COSPONSOR

   SUMMARY: Caps the security deposit a property owner could collect from a tenant to one month’s rent for either a furnished or unfurnished rental property, therefore removing a huge barrier to housing access and affordability. Supported by Justice in Aging and Western Center on Law & Poverty STATUS: 06/22/2023 Pending consideration on the Senate Floor. SUPPORT

3. **AB 280** (Holden) – California Mandela Act: Segregated Confinement.
   SUMMARY: Ends the use of solitary confinement for designated populations, including people who are pregnant, 60 years of age or older, or have serious disabilities. Co-sponsored by Disability Rights California STATUS: 07/12/23 Pending consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee. SUPPORT

4. **AB 449** (Ting) – Hate Crimes: Law Enforcement Policies.

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SUMMARY: Requires law enforcement agencies to adopt a hate crimes policy, following specific guidelines when responding to an incident. Supported by CARA, The Arc, and DRC.
STATUS: 06/27/2023 Pending consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee. SUPPORT

SUMMARY: Improves accessibility for voters with disabilities by requiring that all in-person voting locations offer curbside voting, and remove the requirement for voters with disabilities to swear under oath if they need assistance completing a ballot. Sponsored by DRC.

STATUS: 07/03/2023 Pending consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee. SUPPORT

6. **AB 1085** (Maienschein) – Medi-Cal: Housing Support Services
SUMMARY: Improves access to affordable housing and in-home housing support under Medi-Cal.
Cosponsored by WCLP, Supported by DRC and Justice in Aging.
STATUS: 06/14/2023 Pending consideration in the Senate Appropriations Committee. SUPPORT

7. **AB 1157** (Ortega & Wilson) – Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Rehabilitative & Habilitative Services.
SUMMARY: Requires California health plans and insurance policies cover DME as a covered essential health benefit. Sponsored by WCLP and National Health Law Program.
STATUS: 07/13/2023 Pending consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. SUPPORT

8. **SB 17** (Caballero) – Seniors: low-income housing tax credits
SUMMARY: Expands the use of low-income housing tax credits for senior housing developments. Sponsored by Leading Age and PIRS.
STATUS: 07/12/2023 Pending consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. SUPPORT

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9. **SB 311** (Eggman) - Medicare Part A Buy-In (Make Medicare More Affordable for Low-Income Older Adults).
STATUS: 06/13/2023 Pending consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. **SUPPORT**

10. **SB 411** (Portantino) – Open Meetings: Teleconferences: Bodies with Appointed Membership.
SUMMARY: Extends the use of teleconferencing indefinitely at Los Angeles area local government meetings, similar to the emergency provisions created during the pandemic.
STATUS: 07/12/2023 Pending consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. **SUPPORT**

11. **SB 544** (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing at state meetings.
SUMMARY: Requires state government agencies to offer remote audio access, remote observation, and in-person attendance for their teleconferenced public meetings.
STATUS: 07/12/2023 Pending consideration in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. **SUPPORT**

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INACTIVE BILLS

**SB 585** (Niello) – Disability access: construction-related accessibility claims: statutory damages: attorney’s fees and costs.
SUMMARY: Current disabled access laws do not require state inspectors to enforce the law or fine business owners for noncompliance. Disabled people can only enforce disability laws with the use of lawsuits. SB 585 will further limit that access and increase the exclusion of people with disabilities from community life.
STATUS: 06/08/2023 Two-Year Bill in Assembly Judiciary Committee.
OPPOSE

**AB 21** (Gipson) – Peace Officers Training.
SUMMARY: Requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to revise their training for officers on interacting with persons with mental illness or intellectual disabilities to also include instruction on interacting with persons with Alzheimer’s or dementia.
Supported by Alzheimer’s Association (Eric Dowdy – fellow CCLTSS board member) and law enforcement orgs.
STATUS: 05/18/2023 – HELD in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB 222** (Arambula) – Civil Rights Department: Californians with Disabilities Workgroup.
SUMMARY: Authorizes the Civil Rights Department to create a workgroup to study policies related to workforce and employment that affect Californians with disabilities and recommends changes to the state’s laws and policies that would reduce high rates of unemployment among people with disabilities.
Sponsored by DRC, and supported by The Arc, and United Cerebral Palsy California.
STATUS: 05/18/2023 - HELD in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

As of August 4, 2023
**AB 486** (Kalra) – Nursing Home Citation Appeals.
SUMMARY: Increases punishments and fines for nursing home violations that result in the death or probable death of a resident. Sponsored by DRC.
STATUS: 07/11/2023 Held in Senate Judiciary Committee.

**SUPPORT**

**AB 488** (Nguyen) – Skilled Nursing Facilities: Vision Loss.
SUMMARY: Requires staff training and services for residents who are blind or have low vision, to one of the express purposes existing for Medi-Cal funds to be allocated by managed care plans to SNFs. Allowing Medi-Cal funding to enable these facilities to contract for the staff training and services will dramatically improve the lives of residents with low vision.
Sponsored by CA Council of the Blind.
STATUS: **HELD** in Assembly Health Committee. Two-year bill.

**AB 770** (Kalra) – Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly.
SUMMARY: Current law and zoning regulations limit small operators of RCFE’s to only serve and house six or fewer individuals. RCFE’s that have the capacity to expand must go through a process to obtain a conditional use permit, which are rarely issued. [This bill] will eliminate the cap to allow small operating RCFE’s to expand their services and help open more spots for these facilities to offer an affordable housing option to older individuals.
Cosponsored by the CA Commission on Aging.
STATUS: 05/18/2023 – **HELD** in Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SUPPORT**

**AB 846** (Bonta) – Low-Income Housing Credit: Rent Increases
SUMMARY: Prohibits a project assisted by the low-income housing tax credit from increasing rent for a unit in excess of the amount permitted by the program as a result of an increase in the area median gross income, or an unspecified amount, whichever is less.
Cosponsored by WCLP, Supported by DRC and Justice in Aging.
STATUS: 05/25/2023 In Assembly. To Inactive File.

**SUPPORT**

As of August 4, 2023
SB 37 (Caballero) - Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing. 
Follow up to AB 2547 from last year.
SUMMARY: Creates a targeted housing stabilization program that will prevent and solve homelessness for many thousands of older adults and people living with disabilities. Requires DHCS to offer competitive grants to nonprofit community-based organizations, continuums of care, public housing authorities, and area agencies on aging to administer a housing subsidy program.
Sponsored by Justice in Aging, Leading Age CA and SCDD.
STATUS: 05/18/2023 HELD in Senate Appropriations Committee.
SUPPORT