

FACTSHEET: SB 1118 (Caballero) - Expanding Disability Inclusive Housing

Background Information:

California faces a historic housing crisis, and people with disabilities are disproportionately impacted. California is also responsible for developing sufficient numbers and types of community-based housing for people with developmental and other disabilities who use home and community based services (HCBS), so there are alternatives to homelessness or living in institutional and segregated settings. People who receive these services count housing as their greatest need and only 11% of them own or rent their own homes¹.

By 2022, California is required to be in full compliance with the Federal HCBS Settings Rule that mandates integrated, community-based living options for people with disabilities.² If California does not comply, 40 to 65% of governing federal funds for MediCal and MediCare could be in jeopardy. Despite this deadline, the primary barrier to individuals moving out of segregated settings, including expensive and unnecessary institutional care, is the lack of community-based, integrated, affordable, accessible housing.

SB 3 (Beall) led to the funding of the largest statewide housing program, Multifamily Housing Program (MHP), calling for: “Investment in existing and successful housing programs to expand the state’s housing stock to benefit California’s homeless and low-income earners, as well as some of the state’s most vulnerable populations, including... with developmental and physical disabilities.” Yet, the CA Department of Housing and Community Development’s MHP guidelines have not supported the production of community-based, integrated, affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities.

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Guidelines and priorities for the MHP program must address the housing needs of all people with disabilities and do so in a way that supports accessible, integrated communities where people can receive the services they need to thrive. SB 1118 would amend the existing MHP criteria to ensure this program can be used to fund community-based, integrated, affordable, accessible housing for people with disabilities. Specifically, MHP would provide points to projects that include 25% of homes for people who use services, specifically Regional Center services or IHSS. This amendment would support the implementation of California’s state plan to comply with the HCBS Settings Rule.

Sponsors:



¹ Residential Information Systems Project (2020) <https://risp.umn.edu/viz>

² <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Documents/CASTP-11Jan2018ADA.pdf>

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