



STATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

10:00am – 12:00pm

City Hall, Room 288

OVERVIEW

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MEMBERS

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Controller's Office -- Hannah Kohanzadeh

Treasurer's Office -- Eric Manke

AGENDA

- I. **ROLL CALL**
- II. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action Item).** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes from the meeting on January 29, 2025.
- III. **STATE LOBBYIST OVERVIEW AND UPDATE (Discussion Item).** The City's state lobbyist will present to the Committee an update on State legislative matters.

IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION (Discussion and Action). Discussion and possible action item: the Committee will review and discuss state legislation affecting the City and County of San Francisco. Items are listed by Department, then by bill number.

New Business

Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector

Presenter: Eric Manke

AB 418 (Wilson): Property taxation: tax-defaulted property.

Recommended Position: Support

California's county tax collectors, with the approval of their Boards of Supervisors, must offer for sale properties that have been tax-defaulted for a total of nine years. This measure impacts a Chapter 8 sale, which is a negotiated sale price with public agencies for public use or non-profit organizations to build affordable housing.

This measure establishes a process that California's county tax collectors will follow when utilizing the Chapter 8 tax sale process, to ensure that the property is sold in a way that is transparent and affords property owners an administrative remedy if the property owner disputes the price set at a Chapter 8 tax sale. These additional steps still preserve the tax collector's informed discretion to utilize options to manage those properties for which appraisals are not financially logical.

Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

Presenter: Hailey Gil

AB 315 (Bonta): Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternatives Waiver.

Recommended Position: Support

AB 315, among other provisions, would expand the availability of the Home and Community Based Alternatives (HCBA) waiver to enroll all eligible individuals currently on the waiting list. HSH and community partners leverage HCBA waivers to provide in-home care to residents of permanent supportive housing (PSH) with intensive medical needs.

Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs

Presenter: Jorge Rivas

AB 91 (Harabedian): State and local agencies: demographic data.

Recommended Position: Support

AB 91 proposes that state and local agencies collecting demographic data on Californians' ancestry or ethnic origin should include distinct categories for Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) communities. This means that groups such as Afghans, Iranians, Egyptians, and Moroccans would be recognized separately in

demographic reports starting January 1, 2026. The bill aims to ensure that MENA communities are accurately represented in government data while maintaining privacy protections.

Support the AB 91 because:

1. Better Representation: MENA communities are often categorized as "White" in demographic data, leading to underrepresentation and lack of visibility in policymaking and resource allocation.
2. Improved Access to Services: More precise data helps ensure that MENA individuals receive fair access to healthcare, education, economic programs, and other essential services.
3. Data-Driven Equity: By disaggregating data, policymakers and researchers can better identify disparities and address the unique needs of MENA populations.
4. Inclusion & Recognition: Acknowledging MENA communities in official records strengthens identity and ensures being counted in decision-making processes.

Human Services Agency (The Department of Disability and Aging Services)

Presenter: Susie Smith

SB 23 (Valladares and Ochoa Bogh): Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.

Recommended Position: Support

SB 23 would provide a \$175,298 property tax exemption for the assessed value of the principal residence of 100% disabled veterans and their eligible spouses. This exemption would be available for property tax lien dates occurring between January 1, 2025, and January 1, 2035.

Human Services Agency (The Department of Disability and Aging Services)

Presenter: Susie Smith

AB 53 (Ramos and Pacheco): Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.

Recommended Position: Support

AB 53 will provide a 100% state personal tax exemption for retired members of the Armed Forces and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuitants beginning in tax year 2027. The goal of the legislation is to prevent the departure of retiring service members to other states where their retirement income might go farther, as California is the only state that taxes this income. When retiring service members leave, the State loses the talent and skills these individuals bring, along with the other sources of revenue they might contribute to this economy. If passed, the first year AB53 provides a full personal tax exclusion is 2027.

Human Services Agency (The Department of Disability and Aging Services)

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SB 56 (Seyarto): Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: household income.

Recommended Position: Support

SB-56 removes a disabled Veteran's disability pay from the personal income calculation when determining their qualification for the Low Income Exclusion of the Disabled Veterans' Property Tax Exemption.

Department of Public Health

Presenters: Max Gara and Sneha Patil

AB 602 (Haney): Health care coverage: antiretroviral drugs.

Recommended Position: Sponsor

To improve access to Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and postexposure prophylaxis (PEP), key HIV medications, this bill will require health plans to provide coverage, without any cost-sharing or utilization review requirements, for antiretroviral drugs such as PrEP and PEP, either approved by the FDA or recommended by the CDC for the prevention of AIDS/HIV, including new long acting formularies.

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