



2026 Legislative Priorities

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Assembly Bill 96 (Jackson)

SUMMARY

Eliminates the minimum educational standard (possession of a high school diploma or equivalent degree) for a person applying for a certification as a Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist (PSS).

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Cal Voices, CBHDA

CONNECTION

The Commission has supported the integration of peers into more settings to help address the workforce shortage in the behavioral health system.

Assembly Bill 1540 (González)

SUMMARY

Restores the “Press 3” LGBTQ+ Youth Crisis Hotline routing option available through the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by requiring the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) to ensure technology allows for automatic routing.

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Equality California, California Alliance of Child and Family Services, Sacramento LGBTQ+ Center

CONNECTION

The Commission’s report, "Striving for Zero," emphasizes the need for specific guidance for at-risk groups like LGBTQ+ individuals. The Commission is also a member of the 988 Advisory Group.

Proposed Budget Cuts to Medi-Cal Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

SUMMARY

Changes the Mobile Crisis Benefit from a statewide mandatory Medi-Cal benefit to a county-option benefit thereby shifting the non-federal share of costs of the Medi-Cal benefit to the counties that opt to provide it.

CONNECTION

Prior to amendments to the Mental Health Wellness Act, the Commission's grant focused on funding mobile crisis units.

Motion 1

AB 96 (JACKSON)

That the Commission supports AB 96 (Jackson) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.

Motion 2

AB 1540 (GONZÁLEZ)

That the Commission support AB 1540 (González) and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.

Motion 3

MOBILE CRISIS BUDGET ITEM

That the Commission opposes the proposed budget cut to the mobile crisis benefit and directs staff to communicate its position to the Legislature and the Governor.