



Legislative Platform

A statewide coalition of disability and ally organizations that prioritize the rights of people with disabilities

SB 354 (Portantino): Special education: individualized education programs: translation services

An Individualized Education Plan states the student's goals and services needed in school. Students and parents have a right to be involved in the IEP meeting. It is hard for parents to be involved if they can't understand what is being said or the IEP paperwork is not in their native language, but only English. **We support SB 354** and do not agree with the change to extend the 30 day IEP translation requirement to 45 days.

SB 562 (Lara): The Healthy California Act

We believe that health care for every person is a right. A single payer healthcare system allows the government to run a health insurance plan for all people in California. SB 562 increases long-term services and supports for people with disabilities and seniors. This bill will also allow the state to bring down costs for medications. **We support SB 562.**

AB 1379 (Thurmond): Certified access specialist program: funding

The Certified Access Specialist (CASp) program is the law. Certified Access Specialists inspect buildings for access violations. AB 1379 gives more money to local building inspectors to learn the access laws so they can pass the state CASp test. The bill raises fees by \$1 this year. On January 1, 2018, the fees would be raised by another \$4. This money will be used to train more building inspectors to become CASps and help people with disabilities. **We support AB 1379.**

AB 384 (Irwin): The Qualified ABLE Program: tax-advantaged savings accounts

The Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 (ABLE Act), lets people with disabilities have a savings account with up to \$100,000 in it while on benefits. This account can be used to help with their disability and independence needs. California started the ABLE program in 2015. To open an ABLE account, the state law says a person must live in California. This makes it hard for people with disabilities to set up an account. AB 384 will make it easier to set up an ABLE fund and join the ABLE program in California by saying you do not have to live here. **We support AB 384.**

AB 763 (Salas): Independent Living Centers: funding

California has 28 Independent Living Centers (ILCs) that provide programs & services to people with all types of disabilities. They help them to live, learn, and work in their own communities. ILCs have not gotten a state increase in funding for over 15 years. Three ILCs in California receive no state funding to provide services. AB 763 would make sure that all ILC in California receive funding from the state. **We support AB 763.**