

Meeting Notes

LA Regional Policy Committee Meeting

4/18/19 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

1550 W. 8th Street, Los Angeles, CA

Nancy Volpert, Co-Chair called the meeting to order and participants self-introduced. Introductions were followed by report backs on bills from the Bill Chart (those needing access to the bill chart Google Doc, contact nvolpert@jfsla.org)

Pending 2019 Legislation

State

Discussions were held over legislations passed over last month or other bills people felt were important for follow up.

AB12 – Diane reported this appeared to be clean up legislation, which inter alia extended duration up to five years. Continued monitoring appeared appropriate.

AB 24- Amy recommended continuing to monitor. More information should be available at the following website: <https://www.endchildpovertyca.org/author/grace/>

AB61 – Diane reports that this bill is on the CPEDV list. Committee agrees this bill, which expands who may be a GVRO petitioner is worth continued monitoring. Diane provided an explanation of GVROs.

AB67 – Nancy brings this bill to attention of committee as a “gut and amend” bill from its prior iteration. This is a reintroduction of homeless data bill, which does not contain any protections for the data of DV victims, no privacy or safety measures.

AB 164 – Bill has been referred to suspense file, but no objections noted to the bill

AB 196 – Amy reports concerns with this paid family leave bill from Legal Aid at Work, noting that it is a regressive tax what will not help low wage workers because it does not offer job protections. Nor is there any requirement of employer contribution to the disability benefit.

AB 445 – Marci reports no change since last meeting

AB917 – Bill in which local concerns diverge from CPEDV support. Bill is on suspense due to costs exceeding \$50K.

SB 135 – Amy reports on the “good” paid family leave bill, that includes job protections and extends to smaller employers and part time employees.

SB360 – Good discussion was held on the issue of penitential privilege and mandated reporting. Continue to monitor, RJ and Diane volunteered.

Federal

House passed VAWA improvement bill

Local

City DVSO grants will be same as last year; no expected challenges to those numbers, City budget needs to be voted on by May 15 and the State budget by June 15. No significant changes on County funding.

Emerging Issues

AB 1559 Melendez - Diane reported on a bill supported by Riverside Sheriff's Department offering concealed carry firearms to those with reasonable fear of DV/SA. Diane to follow and bill to be added to the bill chart

AB 1449 Garcia – Diane reports on bill to change CalVCB eligibility to deny victims who are perpetrators or who actively interfere with an investigation (as opposed to current restriction for failure to cooperate), bill worth watching. Amy volunteered to report on next time.

SB375 Durazo – Bill would eliminate filing deadlines for CalVCB. Cecelia volunteered to report on next time.

AB 628 – Eve expressed concerns that it will allow abusers time from work for sexual harassment. Bill too broad, Amy and Diane to monitor.

SB435 Moorlach – Technical Family law bill – if anyone is interested FVAP/CPEDV is sponsoring a call this afternoon, materials distributed

SB 144 Mitchell – bill to decriminalize poverty would eliminate DV fines/penalties which could have a negative impact on shelter funding. Continued monitoring is necessary

No matters not on the posted agenda offered.

Public comment: Jerilyn asked about parking gate code and host Thien provided gate code.

Note: next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2019, 10 – 11:30 am.