



SB 1108, Hueso, Prevent Senior & Disability Victimization

What is SB 1108, and why do we need it?

SB 1108 mandates law enforcement agencies to adopt policies, including officer training and mandatory investigations of every incident report, developing cooperative interagency plans for responding to victimization, directing the DOJ to collect statistical information from law enforcement agencies on compliance, and so forth. Previous legislation established this as optional, but CARA has moved to make this required.

California currently has almost 8 million older adults or persons with disabilities; by 2030, more than one million older adults in California will require some assistance with self-care. One in five people will be 65 or older. This bill is one step to wrestle with problems where abuse affecting a growing demographic has not been adequately addressed.

On or before January 1, 2022, local law enforcement agencies must adopt a policy regarding senior and disability victimization. Each county, as directed by the local District Attorney, will have that amount of time to establish a plan for a cooperative, multidisciplinary approach to preventing and responding to victimization. Progress reports would be required of each District Attorney on January 1 and July 1 each year.

SB 1108 establishes the California Commission on Aging and the Department of Justice as recipients of plans, reports and updates on the policies implemented by any District Attorney.

Peace Officers, who will need training, will be provided with materials from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST), an optional program now that will become a mandate under SB 1108. The POST course of instruction would cover senior and disability victimization issues, including elder and dependent adult abuse and interaction with persons with mental disabilities or developmental disorders. SB 1108 also mandates ongoing improvements to the course of training, in consultation with subject matter experts.

Finally, establishing these programs as State mandates puts the funding of the program squarely under review by the Commission on State Mandates, to determine what the State shall need to fund.

Where is SB 1108 in the legislative process?

SB 1108 is in the Senate Public Safety Committee (2/27). Hearing: Tuesday, March 31st, 9:30 AM, in Room 3191.

What Can You Do to Help Pass SB 1108?

(1) Please get your organization to officially support SB 1108.

Contact: senator.hueso@senate.ca.gov

(2) Please tell members of the Senate Public Safety Committee YES on SB 1108. Tell them:

- By 2030, over one million older adults in California will need assistance with self-care. Incidents of abuse are bound to rise.
- Police must have proper training and instruction to make any victimization program work on the local level, and the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is equipped to make a program work by July 1, 2022.
- The bill establishes that this program is a mandate from the State and that funding needs by local government should be borne by the State budget.
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(3) Finally, if you, or a family member, or friend, would like to share a story about suffering from the poorly handled abuse and complaints or uncoordinated services; or the challenge of advocating for someone else on such a matter, please email jreid.cara@gmail.com or call us at (510) 663-4086. Your story could motivate others to join our cause or help open legislators' eyes on the need for action on long-term supports and services.