



AB 695 (Arambula) – HomeSAFE Expansion

What is AB 695, and why do we need it?

AB 695 (Arambula)- HomeSAFE (funding for services to help folks get/stay housed - decrease age for APS to 60 years)

AB 695 would expand and enhance the Adult Protective Services (APS) program. It changes the definition of an elder as a person from 65 years of age or older to 60 years of age or older and a dependent adult as an adult between 18 and 59 years of age who has specific limitations. APS would now cover a person with traumatic brain injuries or cognitive impairments.

AB 695 provides for \$100 million in additional funding to expand coverage as indicated. Plus, \$30 million of that would be allocated to build the Home Safe Program, to add counties, assist those who have become homeless or who need longer-term housing supports. (Reference: Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act.)

AB 695 would expand the list of housing-related supports and services to include services to support housing transitions.

This bill would provide that County grantees are not required to match any funding provided that is above the base level of funding provided in the Budget Act of 2020.

APS is an effective program, responding to 206,668 reports of abuse in 2019-2020. The older adult population in California is rapidly growing, and is increasingly homeless. 50% of homeless individuals are over age 50. Plus, racism, ageism, and sexism persist for older adults.

Where is AB 695 in the legislative process?

AB 695 is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, no hearing date set yet.