
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 495

AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND STUDY FOCUS OF THE LONG-TERM CARE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Long-Term Care Planning Committee (LTCPC), within available appropriations, to study (1) state long-term care financing models, including payroll deductions for long-term care; (2) best practices for workforce retention, wages, and standards; and (3) projected federal support for long-term care and solutions for insufficient federal funding.

Current law requires the LTCPC to study various other long-term care related topics, such as available data on average net actual Medicaid nursing home expenditures compared to those for home- and community-based Medicaid waiver recipients who require a nursing home level of care. The bill eliminates the requirement that this study include the number of people served to help in short- and long-term Medicaid expenditure forecasting.

The bill also requires the LTCPC, when annually reporting to the Aging and Human Services committees each January 1, to report on (1) the issues the committee studied as required by the bill and existing law; (2) a list of long-term care supports and services in the community and institutions (for example, nursing homes); and (3) any related recommendations. Current law requires the committee to report on the number of people receiving long-term care supports and services in community and institutional settings.

Current law sets the LTCPC membership, which includes several state agency representatives and the chairpersons and ranking members of the Aging, Human Services, and Public Health committees. The bill makes minor changes for state agency members by specifying that

agency heads or their designees must serve as committee members.

Current law also allows the members to elect any member as a chairperson. The bill instead designates the Office of Policy and Management secretary, or their designee, as a chairperson. It also requires the members to elect a Senate chairperson and a House chairperson from among the committee's legislative members.

Lastly, the bill adds the following three members to the committee's membership: (1) the long-term care ombudsman or her designee and (2) one representative each of a labor organization representing long-term care workers and an organization representing retirees, both appointed by the committee chairpersons.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/19/2026)