

AB-2680

Alzheimer's Disease



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Executive Summary

Assembly Bill No. 2680 (AB 2680), introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry during the 2023-2024 Regular Session of the California Legislature, aims to enhance the support for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related conditions in California. The bill proposes significant updates to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Committee, ensuring it can better serve the needs of affected individuals and their families.

AB 2680 seeks to rename the advisory committee to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee and expand its membership from 14 to between 21 and 25 members. This expansion ensures a more comprehensive representation, including individuals from various fields such as medical research, mental health, and legal expertise, as well as those directly affected by Alzheimer's and related conditions.

The bill emphasizes the importance of diverse representation by including members who have professional, lived, or academic expertise in aging-related areas. This diverse makeup aims to ensure the committee can effectively address the complex needs of the Alzheimer's community in California.

The revised duties of the committee include providing ongoing advice to the administration and Legislature, updating policy recommendations, and actively participating in the development of the State Plan on Aging. The committee will also meet quarterly to study and make recommendations on issues affecting individuals with Alzheimer's and related conditions.

AB 2680 further ensures that the committee's recommendations consider cultural and linguistic factors impacting diverse populations and include stakeholders such as family caregivers, community-based providers, and researchers. This approach aims to create more inclusive and effective support systems for those living with Alzheimer's disease and related conditions.

The bill also modernizes the committee's operations by clarifying its status as an "advisory commission" under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, subject to teleconferencing provisions. This change promotes transparency and accessibility, allowing the public to participate in the committee's work.

In summary, AB 2680 is a crucial measure to modernize and expand the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee. By increasing membership, diversifying expertise, and enhancing transparency, the bill aims to better support individuals with Alzheimer's and their families. Elderly Care Everywhere supports AB 2680 as it aligns with our mission to advocate for older adults' health and well-being, ensuring they receive the necessary services to live with dignity and respect.



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Our Position

Assembly Bill No. 2680 (AB 2680), introduced by Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry during the 2023-2024 Regular Session of the California Legislature, seeks to modernize and expand the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee. This bill aims to enhance the committee's structure, diversify its membership, and improve its operational transparency to better serve individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and related conditions, as well as their families.

Elderly Care Everywhere strongly supports AB 2680 because it aligns with our mission to advocate for the health, welfare, and dignity of older adults. By expanding the committee's membership to at least 21, but not more than 25 members, and including diverse expertise in areas such as health, behavioral health, and caregiving, AB 2680 ensures a more comprehensive and effective advisory body that can address the complex needs of California's aging population.

AB 2680 proposes renaming the committee to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee, reflecting a broader scope that includes all related conditions. This change, along with the expansion of committee members, promotes inclusivity and ensures that a wide range of perspectives and expertise are considered in policy and plan recommendations.

The bill also clarifies the committee's status as an "advisory commission" under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, subject to teleconferencing provisions. This supports transparency and accessibility, ensuring the committee's work is open to public scrutiny and participation.

AB 2680 revises the committee's duties, emphasizing the importance of consulting with a broad range of stakeholders, including those living with Alzheimer's, their families, and caregivers. The committee will also consider cultural and linguistic factors that impact these populations, ensuring that recommendations are inclusive and reflective of California's diverse communities.

Furthermore, the bill requires the committee to meet quarterly, allowing regular opportunities to address emerging issues and update recommendations. This ensures the committee remains proactive and responsive to the evolving needs of individuals with Alzheimer's and related conditions.

In summary, AB 2680 updates and broadens the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Conditions Advisory Committee. By adding members, varying expertise, and boosting openness, the bill better aids people with Alzheimer's and their families. Elderly Care Everywhere backs AB 2680 as it fits with our mission to support older adults' well-being, ensuring they get the services and help needed to live with dignity and respect.



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Letter of Support for AB-2680

June 2, 2024

The Honorable Richard D. Roth, Chair
Senate Health Committee
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for AB 2680

Dear Senator Roth and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

On behalf of Elderly Care Everywhere, I write in strong support of AB 2680, which aims to expand and improve services for Alzheimer's disease, a condition that disproportionately affects senior citizens.

AB 2680 proposes significant enhancements to support those suffering from Alzheimer's disease by increasing funding for research, providing better access to diagnostic services, and ensuring that caregivers receive the necessary training and resources. This bill is particularly vital given that Alzheimer's disease is a leading cause of death among seniors and affects approximately 670,000 Californians aged 65 and older, with numbers expected to rise significantly in the coming years.

Expanding Alzheimer's support services aligns with our mission to improve the quality of life for seniors. By investing in research and providing comprehensive care, AB 2680 will help address the complex needs of those living with Alzheimer's and their families, many of whom struggle with the emotional, physical, and financial burdens of this disease. Moreover, enhancing caregiver training and resources will ensure that those who care for Alzheimer's patients are better equipped to provide high-quality, compassionate care.

We strongly urge you to vote in favor of AB 2680 and support this critical initiative to enhance the care and treatment of Alzheimer's disease, which will benefit thousands of seniors across California.

Sincerely,
Aakrisht Mehra
Founder/CEO
Elderly Care Everywhere



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About Elderly Care Everywhere

Elderly Care Everywhere is a transformative nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of senior citizens. Since its inception, the organization has positively impacted over 40,000 seniors through a variety of programs aimed at enhancing their quality of life.

Elderly Care Everywhere has been instrumental in alleviating hundreds of thousands of dollars in medical debt, ensuring that seniors have access to the healthcare they need without the burden of financial stress. With more than 20 chapters across the United States, the organization extends its reach and resources to numerous communities, providing support and advocacy on a national scale.

Beyond U.S. borders, Elderly Care Everywhere has established flood relief camps in India, showcasing its commitment to global humanitarian efforts. The organization's impactful work has been recognized by the government of New Delhi, further highlighting its significant contributions to senior care and welfare. Through these efforts, Elderly Care Everywhere continues to lead the way in senior advocacy, ensuring that the elderly are treated with dignity and respect worldwide.

Thank you for your support of AB-2680. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at connect@elderlycareeverywhere.org