

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
Senator Thomas Umberg, Chair
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AB 2496 (Pellerin)
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SUBJECT

Liability claims: foster family agencies and noncustodial adoption agencies

DIGEST

This bill, as the author has agreed to amend it, provides that a foster family agency (FFA), as defined, shall not indemnify a public entity for harms caused by the entity's own negligent or intentional acts, as specified.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FFAs are nonprofit entities that contract with county placing departments to find placements for children who require more intensive care than a typical foster family home, usually as an alternative to a group home or short-term residential therapeutic program (STRTP). FFAs recruit, certify and train foster parents and provide social workers and other supports to the foster families. By law, an FFA's processes are distinct from the resource family licensing procedures.

FFAs' contracts with counties require FFAs to maintain liability insurance; NIAC, the bill's sponsor, is a state-authorized risk pool for a wide range of nonprofit organizations that insures 90 percent of the FFAs in California. According to NIAC, a recent change in the legal landscape has resulted in several high-value jury verdicts and settlements against FFAs; as a result, NIAC says, it will stop renewing FFA insurance policies unless the Legislature passes legislation to modify FFAs' potential exposure for harms caused by third parties, including foster parents approved by the FFA. The bill, as currently in print, makes significant changes to how a foster child injured in a placement made by an FFA could pursue a claim against an FFA for its failures in the placement process, as well as a claim against an FFA's insurer alleging bad faith. Given the gravity of the situation, the author has agreed to remove most of the portions of the bill so that this bill can proceed and the stakeholders can work out a solution that allows FFAs to continue to operate and that protects foster children's rights.

This bill, as the author has agreed to amend it, provides that an FFA cannot be liable for the injury or damage caused by the public entity, including its officers, employees, or

volunteers, acting in its capacity. The bill requires that the FFA and the public entity each bear the cost of insuring against their respective acts and omissions and shall each bear their own costs of defense. The bill further provides that this provision may not be waived by contract.

This bill is sponsored by the Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC) and is supported by over 391 organizations, including other nonprofits insured by NIAC, insurance brokers, and FFAs, as well as over 400 individuals. This bill is opposed by the Children's Advocacy Institute, the Children's Law Center of California, and Consumer Attorneys of California.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LAW

Existing law:

- 1) Provides that every person is responsible, not only for the result of their willful acts, but also for an injury occasioned to another by their want of ordinary care or skill in the management of their property or person, except so far as the latter has, willfully or by want of ordinary care, brought the injury upon themselves. (Civ. Code, § 1714.)
- 2) Provides that, as a general matter, there is no duty to act to protect others from the acts of third parties. (*Tarasoff v. Regents of University of California* (1976) 17 Cal.3d 425, 435.)
- 3) Provides an exception to the general rule in 3) when the defendant stands in some special relationship to either the person whose conduct needs to be controlled or in a relationship to the foreseeable victim of that conduct. (*Tarasoff, supra*, 17 Cal.3d at p. 435.)
- 4) Provides that, if a special relationship exists between the injured party and the defendant, a departure from the principle in 1) involves the balancing of a number of considerations, including:
 - a) The foreseeability of harm to the plaintiff.
 - b) The degree of certainty that the plaintiff suffered injury.
 - c) The closeness of the connection between the defendant's conduct and the injury suffered.
 - d) The moral blame attached to the defendant's conduct.
 - e) The policy of preventing future harm.
 - f) The extent of the burden to the defendant and consequences to the community of imposing a duty to exercise care with resulting liability for breach.
 - g) The availability, cost, and prevalence of insurance for the risk involved. (*Rowland v. Christian* (1968) 69 Cal.2d 108, 112; *Brown v. USA Taekwondo* (2021) 11 Cal.5th 204, 213.)

- 5) Defines “indemnity” as a contract by which one engages to save another from a legal consequence of the conduct of one of the parties, or of some other person. (Civ. Code, § 2772.)
- 6) Provides that an agreement to indemnify a person against an act thereafter to be done is void if the person committing the act knew it was unlawful at the time of the act. (Civ. Code, § 2773.)
- 7) Provides that one who indemnifies another against an act to be done by the latter, is liable jointly with the person indemnified, and separately, to every person injured by such act. (Civ. Code, § 2777.)

This bill, as the author has agreed to amend it:

- 1) Provides that 2)-6) apply to any claim or lawsuit against an FFA or a noncustodial adoption agency for the acts of their employees, contractors, or volunteers brought by a recipient of those services or on the recipient’s behalf.
- 2) States that it is the public policy of the State of California that FFAs and noncustodial adoption agencies provide necessary services to vulnerable youth throughout the state and are integral to the foster care system, and as such are afforded the rights in 3)-6).
- 3) Defines the following relevant terms:
 - a) “FFA” means a foster family agency or a noncustodial adoption agency, as those terms are defined in Health and Safety Code section 1502.
 - b) “Public entity” includes the state, the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University and the California State University, a county, city, district, public authority, public agency, and any other political subdivision or public corporation in the State.
- 4) Provides that an FFA may be held liable for injury or damage caused by the negligence of the FFA but not for the injury or damage caused by the public entity, including its officers, employees, or volunteers, acting in its capacity.
 - a) The FFA and the public entity shall each bear the cost of insuring against their own respective acts and omissions.
 - b) The entity and the FFA shall each bear the costs of defending itself against claims arising from its own risks.
- 5) Provides that 4) shall not be waived or suspended by any court, and that any provision in a nongovernmental organization contract for child, youth, and family services in which a public entity is indemnified, held harmless, or insured for damages, claims, losses, or expenses arising from injury or damage caused by or resulting from a public entity’s negligence or intentional conduct, in whole or in part, shall be void as against public policy and unenforceable.

- 6) Provides that 4) does not limit or affect the immunity provided by any other law that would otherwise be an available defense to either party.

COMMENTS

1. Author's comment

According to the author:

AB 2496, the Foster Family Agencies Accountability Act, is necessary to assure that the 9,000 foster children presently in resource homes across California remain in those homes with continued placement and monitoring by nonprofit Foster Family Agencies (FFAs). Without AB 2496, there will be no insurance for FFAs who approve and support these resource families. Without insurance, nonprofit FFAs will be unable to continue this important work because they will be unable to meet County contract requirements to have liability insurance.

2. Background on FFAs and NIAC

FFAs are nonprofit entities that contract with county placing departments to find placements for children who require more intensive care than a typical foster family home, usually as an alternative to a group home or a STRTP. FFAs recruit, certify and train foster parents and provide social workers and other supports to the foster families. By law, an FFA's processes are distinct from the resource family licensing procedures: homes and families certified by an FFA are not simultaneously licensed or approved by the county or the state, and an FFA-approved home must forfeit its county- or state--issued license upon being approved by the FFA.¹

As of April 1, 2024, 8,161 children in foster care in California were in FFA placements, which is just under 20 percent of the state's total foster care population.²

FFAs' contracts with counties require FFAs to maintain liability insurance. Supporters of the bill report that commercial insurers will no longer provide property or casualty insurance to FFAs. NIAC, the bill's sponsor, is a state-authorized risk pool for a wide range of nonprofit organizations. NIAC insures 90 percent of the FFAs in California.

NIAC states that, over the past several years, there has been a significant change in courts' interpretation of the law regarding when an actor is responsible for the wrongful acts of third parties – such as when an FFA could be liable to a child when an FFA-approved foster parent abuses the child. NIAC also states that some FFAs' contracts

¹ Health & Saf. Code, §§ 1506.5, 1506.6.

² California Child Welfare Indicators Project, University of California at Berkeley, Report: Children in Care – Point in Time Count, CWS/CMS 2024 Quarter 1 Extract (retrieved Jun. 27, 2024), available at <https://ccwip.berkeley.edu/childwelfare/reports/PIT/MTSG/r/ab636/s> (link current as of June 27, 2024).

with counties require FFAs to indemnify county actors, essentially holding FFAs responsible for county wrongdoing. As a result, NIAC says, it can no longer insure FFAs in the state:

It is not hyperbole to say that the continuing availability of resource homes for 9,000 foster children in California is wholly dependent on the passage of AB 2496, Foster Family Agency Accountability Act, by the end of 2024. Without this clarification to the law, Nonprofits Insurance Alliance of California (NIAC), which insures 90% of foster family agencies in California, will be forced to nonrenew policies for foster family agencies.

3. This bill, as the author has agreed to amend it, prohibits an FFA from indemnifying a public entity for the harms caused by the public entity

The author has agreed to amend the bill to delete all of the bill's substantive provisions except for those set forth on page 5, lines 3-22, and the relevant definitions. As amended, this bill provides that an FFA cannot be liable for the injury or damage caused by the public entity, including its officers, employees, or volunteers, acting in its capacity. The bill requires that the FFA and the public entity each bear the cost of insuring against their respective acts and omissions and shall each bear their own costs of defense. The bill further provides that this provision may not be waived by contract.

These provisions are intended to override terms in a contract between an FFA and the county that require the FFA to indemnify the county for its own negligence. According to the author and sponsor, FFAs are regularly held responsible for injuries caused by the county, such as when a county fails to disclose background information about a child that leads to an unfit placement.

The bill currently in print, sponsored by NIAC, is a gut and amend that was amended on June 10, 2024. Because of the scope of the bill and its serious implications for children in foster care, the author has agreed to remove the most drastic portions of the bill and instead move this bill as a vehicle for a possible negotiated solution. The author, sponsor, and stakeholders – including executive-branch departments that have not yet weighed in on the issue – will continue discussions throughout July.

4. Arguments in support

According to the bill' sponsor, NIAC:

NIAC is a state-authorized risk pool governed by our member-nonprofits, presently insuring more than 12,000 nonprofits across California. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that exists because commercial insurance carriers are inconsistent in their willingness to provide insurance to many types of nonprofits. It is common for commercial insurance companies to cycle in and out of providing insurance to certain classes of nonprofits. To provide stability,

NIAC has successfully and consistently insured nonprofits, including foster family agencies, for 35 years. However, the present environment for foster family agencies is unprecedented. We have never seen commercial carriers all but completely abandon a sector like they have in the case of foster family agencies...

Over the past year, we have watched as one commercial insurance company after another has nonrenewed their property/casualty policies for foster family agencies. Even NIAC, whose entire mission is to assure a stable insurance market for California nonprofits, has now reached the point where it can no longer continue to insure the risks presented by foster family agencies...

AB 2496 is not tort reform. It is codifying into law well-established case law to make sure that when a foster family agency, through its own negligence, causes harm to a child, the process focuses on the child's needs instead of an expensive and uncertain litigation process. This bill will ensure that available insurance proceeds get to the injured children as soon as possible...

Foster family agencies do important and difficult work on behalf of the most vulnerable children in California. Having insured these risks for 35 years, we can attest that, while the entire foster care system is far from perfect, the vast majority of foster family agencies do this work incredibly well. Their commitment to doing the best for children has not changed, nor has their attention to child safety. What has changed is a demonstrated willingness of some judges and juries to hold foster family agencies responsible for the negligent and criminal actions of others over which foster family agencies had no ability to see or prevent. That is simply not an insurable risk.

5. Arguments in opposition

According to the Children's Law Center of California:

We understand that AB 2496 is intended to address ongoing challenges foster family agencies are experiencing in maintaining liability insurance. However, AB 2496 substantially alters current law and practice without a thorough examination of the potential repercussions to our most vulnerable population, children who have experienced maltreatment and harm while in foster care.

This issue needs a thoughtful and comprehensive response that ensures adequate protections are put in place for these children, including a thorough examination of what additional safeguards may need to be added to regulations and state licensing laws to promote better oversight of the agencies' employees, volunteers, and contractors in order to keep children safe. While there can be no true compensation for child abuse, especially when perpetrated by those entrusted to provide care and protection, empty verdicts resulting in judgements that can only be collected from the abusive foster parent further damage the child and perpetuate injustice...

We agree that FFAs provide a substantial benefit to many of the youth and children in the foster care system. We welcome the opportunity to work with Assemblymember Pellerin and other stakeholders to ensure that FFAs can continue to provide services in a way that does not leave children more vulnerable to abuse and neglect within the very homes the counties have placed them.

6. Statement of concern

The County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) did not take a formal position on the bill, but wrote in with a statement of concern:

CWDA is deeply concerned that uncertainty and rising premium costs in the insurance market for FFAs may cause them to lose insurance coverage and place their licensure in doubt. Sponsors indicate that this bill is necessary in order for FFAs to be able to keep their doors open and continue serving children and families. We support that goal but are concerned that the solution proposed by this bill will provide only short-term relief and does not address the underlying problems. We believe a careful balance must be struck between the ongoing viability of foster family agencies and the rights of foster children who are served in these settings.

CWDA strongly urges that the Legislature engage with the Administration and specifically, the Department of Social Services and the Department of Insurance, to work with all parties to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to address liability concerns for the sponsors and FFAs. State leadership is necessary to effectively address the underlying insurance market disruption that looms over FFAs beyond the current legislative cycle.

SUPPORT

NIAC (sponsor)
3greenassistance
A Better Way Inc.
A Coming of Age to Childhood, Inc.
A Greater Hope
A Greater Hope Foundation for Children
A Greater Love
A More Balanced World
A New Beginning Foster Family Agency
ABLED
Acrisure
Advanced Healthcare Administration
Adventure Risk Challenge
Agape Villages Foster Family Agency
Agri-Center Insurance Agency, Inc.

Agroecology Commons
AHA Projects
Alba Care Services
Aldea
Allied Brokers Insurance Agency Inc.
Allies for Every Child
Alpha Treatment Centers
Altadena Community Garden
Alternative Family Services
Alum Rock Counseling Center, Inc.
American Indian Child Resource Center
Anaheim Fall Festival
Anaheim Public Library Festival
Andreini & Company
Andrew Musilli Insurance Agency, LLC
Angels Foster Care of Santa Barbara
Angels Foster Family Network
Animal Care & Adoption Network
Anova Family Services
Apex Professional Services, Inc. dba Harmony Homes Foster Agency
Apex Risk & Insurance Services
Araujo Business Insurance Agency Inc.
Arc of Butte County
Ark Homes FFA
ARM Multi-Insurance Services, Inc.
Arroyo Insurance Services, Inc.
Art Escape
artworxLA
Aspiranet
Assistance League of Orange California
Association of Community Human Service Agencies
Association of Foster Family Agencies
Aviva Family & Children's Services
Bay Area Theatresports dba BATS Improv
Berggruen Institute
Beta Foster Care FFA
Bettis Insurance Services, Inc.
Big Bear Valley Education Trust
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bay Area
Bounce Back Generation Inc.
Bright Horizons FFA
Brookdise Edu., Inc.
Building Bridges
Business Professional Insurance Associates
Butte Valley Museum and Historical Society

Buttes Insurance Agency
CAL Insurance
Cal-Valley Insurance
California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Coalition for Youth
California Family Life Center
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Pit Bull Rescue
California Revels
Camping Unlimited for the Developmentally Disabled
Carmel Insurance Agency, Inc.
CASA of Mendocino and Lake Counties
CASA of Ventura County
Center for Empowering Refugees and Immigrants
Central Valley Children's Services Network
Ceres Community Project
CDG Insurance
Champions Recovery Alternative Programs, Inc.
Child Advocates of Placer County
Child Parent Institute
Childhelp
ChildNet Youth and Family Services, Inc.
Children First FFA
Children Rising
Children's Bureau of Southern California
Children's Hope Foster Family Agency
Children's Legacy Center
Children's Plus Foster Family Agency
Circle of Life
City of Orange
Coastal Seniors
Collaborating Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort
College Park Friends Educational Association
Colossus Insurance Agency
Community Alliance for Healthy Minds
Community Housing Developers
Concilio Child Care Centers
Cook, Disharoon & Greathouse, Inc.
Cordova Lancers Leaders and Legends
Corneal Dystrophy Foundation
Cosumnes Culture and WaterWays
Creative Alternatives
Creative Solutions for Kids & Families
Crittenton Services for Children and Families
Cummins Insurance Agency, Inc.

California Youth Connection
Dance Ranch Palm Springs
David & Margaret Home, Inc. Foster Family Agency
David M. Kulawiak, Inc.
Del Norte Senior Center – Community Action Partnership of Del Norte
DHW Insurance Brokers, LLC
DiBuduo & DeFendis Insurance Brokers LLC
Digital Insurance – Leap/Carpenter/Kemps
Diverse Journeys Inc.
Dovetail Learning
Dream Catchers EDH
East Bay Korean American Senior Services Center
East Valley CHARLEE, Inc.
Ecumenical Peace Institute
Edgewood Partners Insurance Center
Education Francaise de Sacramento
Eggleston Family Services
Emotional Health Association
Empire Company Insurance Services
Encompass Youth
EPIC Insurance Brokers
Escuela de la Raza Unida
Eth-Noh-Tec
Excelsure Insurance
Expressions of Hope
Extraordinary Families
Families Uniting Families
Family Builders by Adoption
Family Care Network, Inc.
Family Health & Support Network
Finegold Trust
Firefighters Burn Institute
Five Acres
Following Francis
Food for People
FosterHope Sacramento
Friends of Big Band Jazz
Friends of the Geneva Office Building and Power House
Friends of the Mt. Shasta Library
Friends of the San Diego Public Library
Futuro Infantil Hispano, FFA
G F Brown Insurance Services LLC
Gamaty Insurance Agency, LLC
Golden State Family Services
Goodwill Central Coast

Gracious Heart Resource Family Agency
Grassroots Power Project
Greater Hope Foundation for Children, Inc.
Greenhouse Family Services
Grosslight Ins a Division of PCF Insurance Services
Guardians of Love Foster Family Agency
Guiding Light
H N Christensen Insurance Brokers LLC
Happy Children Resource Center FFA
Haven Family Services
Healing Partners of the Central Coast
Heffernan Insurance Brokers
Heroes Deserve Help
High Desert Community Foundation
Hillsides
Holmes Murphy
Homeless Action Sonoma Inc.
Homeless Animal Rescue Team
House of Acts Substance Abuse Program
Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment
HUB International
Huggins/Dreckman Insurance Agency, Inc.
Humboldt Neurohealth Therapeutic Services
Hutchins Street Square Foundation
Inland Valley Council of Churches dba Inland Valley Hope Partners
Inland Valley Recovery Services
Inner Circle Foster Family Agency, Inc.
Insurance One Agency, LC
Interfaith Counseling Center
InterWest Insurance Services, LLC
IOA Insurance Services
Italian American Heritage Foundation
James G Parker Associates
Jimmy Miller Memorial Foundation
June Lake Loop Performing Arts Association
Kamali'i Foster Family Agency
Kateri Tekekwitha Fund
Keep Youth Doing Something, Inc.
KFAM
Kids & Families Together
Kids Charities
Kingdom Kidz
Kings Beach Friends of the Library
Kinship Center
Knauf Maxwell Insurance Services

Knotts Family Agency
Koinonia Family Services
Kulchin Ross Insurance Services, LLC
Lady Bug Ministry, Inc.
Lamb Insurance Services, LLC
Land of Medicine Buddha
Lassen Family Services
Latino Family Institute
Learning to Learn, Inc.
Leavitt United Insurance Services
Leon Morehead Insurance
Liberty Company Insurance Brokers
LifeLine Community Development Corp.
Lifetime Adoption Foundation
Linked Foundation
Litehouse Children & Family Services
Literacy Partners Menlo Park
Little Children's Development Center
Living Unlimited
Loma Prieta Community Foundation
Los Angeles Christian Health Centers
LP Insurance Services
Main-Begg Farmhouse
Manion/Bell Insurance Associates
Marin Agricultural Land Trust
Marsh McLennan Insurance Agency LLC
McGriff
McKinley
McSherry & Hudson
Me-One
Mendoza Insurance Brokers
Menorah Park
Merriweather & Williams Insurance Services
Mia's Homes FFA
Miner Financial & Insurance
Ministry Pacific Financial Insurance Services, LLC
MMA
Modab Insurance Services
Modoc Insurance Services
Momentous Insurance Brokerage
Montage Insurance Solutions
Monterey Peace and Justice Center
Morningstar Insurance Brokers
Mountain Homeless Coalition
Mountain Valley Child And Family Services Inc.

MVCFS

NAIC

Nancy Bond Insurance Services, Inc.

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. East Oakland-Hayward

NCCDI

Network Insurance Services, Inc.

Nevada County Citizens for Choice

Nevada County Concert Band

New Dimensions Foster Family Agency

New Life Community Services

New Life FFA

New Way

Newfront

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

Nielsen & Associates

Niswa Association, Inc.

No Easy Props

None

Northern California Bluegrass Society

Nueva Amanecer Latino Children's Services

Oakland Museum Women's Board

OCA San Mateo Chapter

Oceanside Ivey Ranch Park Association

Office of Samoan Affairs of California, Inc.

Olson Duncan Insurance

Omni Youth Programs

On The Rise, Inc.

One Connect Insurance Solutions

Onstad's Insurance

Open Door Insurance Services

Optimist Youth Homes & Family Services

Pacific Youth Alliance

Palm Springs International Film Society

Palos Verdes Insurance Agency

Panorama Insurance Associates, Inc.

Parents by Choice

Parks California

Parson's Nose Theater

Pathway Family Services

Pauli-Shaw Insurance Agency

Paws In Need

PCF Insurance Services Inc.

Peninsula Harmony Chorus, Inc.

Penny Lane Centers

People First of Santa Cruz County

PIASC Insurance Services Inc.
Poms & Associates Insurance Brokers
PREFund.org
Propel Insurance
Public Works Group
Pulse Arts
R.L. Milsner, Inc. Insurance Brokerage
Rancho Mesa Insurance Services, Inc.
Rebuilding Lives
Redding City Ballet
Redwood Community Services
Rescue-A-Life Foundation
Resonance Collective
RFP Insurance Agency Inc.
Rimovision Group
Rise Up! 94965 Foundation
Riskguard Insurance Solutions, Inc.
River Otter Ecology Project
S & L Foster Family Agency
Safe Place for Youth
Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Roseville Area Conference, Inc.
San Carlos Community Garden
San Diego Center for the Blind
San Diego Women's Club Foundation
San Francisco Music Mission Corporation
San Buenaventura Symphony Orchestra
SBCFAN
SCCCC Rebuilding Lives Foster Family Agency
Seneca Family of Agencies
Sentencing Alternatives
Serenity Home, Inc. Foster Family Agency
SF African American Historical and Cultural Society
Sheen Educational Foundation dba Sheenway School and Culture Center
Shining Star Consulting
Sibling Care, FFA
Siskiyou Insurance Services
Small Potatoes Foundation
SNAP Cats
Social Vocational Services
Sol Treasures
Solana Beach Civic and Historical Society
Solano Pride Center
SolMateo
Spay4LA
St. Anne's Family Services

Stacy Hope Rescue
Stanford Sierra Youth 7 Families
Starshine Treatment Center
Steady Studios, Inc.
Streams in the Desert Foundation, Inc.
Sulia's Hope
Summit Partners Insurance
Sunrise Horizon FFA
Survivor Leader Network San Diego
Sycamores
Symphony Risk Solutions
Syngap Research Fund
Tahoe Youth and Family Services
Temple Beth Hillel
The Alternative Sexualities Health Research Alliance
The Artists' Collective
The Body Positive
The Coptic Foundation for Social Justice dba The Good Shepherd Family Services
The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency
The Hummingbird Project
The Muselli Agency
The STAR Foundation
The Upjohn California Fund
The Village Family Services
The Wallace Insurance Agency
There is Hope
THELOSTCHURCH.ORG, INC.
Three Girls Theatre Company
TLC Child and Family Services
Travelers Aid of the Inland Empire
Triad Family Services
Tribal Oak Tree Foster Family Agency
Trinity Youth Services
Truman Christ Insurance Agency
United Connections Foster Family Agency
Urban Social Services And Advocacy
USI Insurance Services
UWIB Risk & Insurance Solutions
Valley Oak Children's Services, Inc.
Valley Teen Ranch
Van Beurden Insurance
Victor Treatment Centers
Village Community Resource Center
Vista Del mar Child and Family Services
Voices for Children

Volunteers for Outdoor California
Walden Environment dba Walden Family Services
Walter Mortensen Insurance - INSURICA
Walter R Reinhardt Insurance Agency
Watershed Preservation Network
Wayfinder Family Services
weCompost2
West Covina FFA dba Sunrise Horizon
Winton-Ireland, Strom & Green Insurance Agency
Woodruff Sawwyer
WTW
Yerba Buena Arts & Events
Yolo Audubon Society
Youth Alliance
Youth Services Bureau
Youth Together Inc.
Zero Emissions Transit
Over 400 individuals

OPPOSITION

Children's Advocacy Institute
Children's Law Center of California
Consumer Attorneys of California

RELATED LEGISLATION

Pending Legislation: None known.

Prior Legislation:

AB 1997 (Stone, Ch. 612, Stats. 2016) was a clean-up of AB 403 (below), which included eliminating the option to extend an FFA license if it failed to obtain accreditation, as specified.

AB 403 (Stone, Ch. 733, Stats. 2015) implemented the Continuum of Care Reform effort to the state's child welfare system, which included sunseting existing licensure, rate-setting, and other provisions for FFAs and implementing new regimes.

PRIOR VOTES:

This bill was gutted and amended on June 10, 2024, while pending in the Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. All of the prior votes are based on the bill before it was gutted and amended.

Assembly Floor (Ayes 73, Noes 0)
Assembly Appropriations Committee (Ayes 14, Noes 0)
Assembly Business and Professions Committee (Ayes 18, Noes 0)
