

**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: June 5, 2018

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso  Council File No: 18-0002-S40
Chief Legislative Analyst Assignment No: 18-04-0370

SUBJECT: Caregiver resource centers volunteer workforce.

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Blumenfield – Ryu) to include in the City’s 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2101 (Acosta – Garcia) which would establish a pilot program, administered by the Director of Health Care Services, pursuant to which the caregiver resource centers (CRCs) would select, train, and place volunteers to provide care to persons who are at least 65 years of age, or who have a cognitive impairment and meet specified criteria.

SUMMARY

AB 2101 (Acosta – Garcia) would create a pilot program to provide a volunteer workforce to provide respite care to persons who are at least 65 years of age or have a cognitive impairment and who need in-home care. This program is intended to incentivize high school and college students to volunteer to provide in-home respite care and to expand the current in-home care workforce by providing a stipend and an educational award to program participants.

The Resolution recommends support of AB 2101 (Acosta – Garcia), which would establish a “caregiver corps” pilot program for the elderly by incentivizing young adults to go into the healthcare field through the provision of educational benefits, and working with CRCs to provide respite care to those in need of in-home care.

BACKGROUND

Currently, there are more than 4 million unpaid family caregivers in California. The PPIC has estimated that by 2030, the number of seniors in need of in-home care services will have doubled to over 900,000.

Existing law requires the Director of Health Care Services to, among other things, maintain or enter into contracts directly with nonprofit CRCs to provide direct services to caregivers of cognitively impaired adults, as defined, throughout the state. These services include, but are not limited to, specialized information, family consultation, respite care, short-term counseling, and support groups.

California was the first state to establish a statewide network of support organizations for caregivers. CRCs are nonprofit entities throughout California that provide respite care or financial assistance for the delivery of care to those requiring assistance with in-home support and care. AB

2101 (Acosta – Garcia) would establish a pilot program, until January 1, 2024, where CRCs could select high school and college volunteers to assist caregivers and provide care to individuals that need it.

The pilot program that would be established by AB 2101 would feature an eight week training program, followed by up to two 12-month periods of full-time service. The training program would begin with a 40-hour week of training modules developed by the CRC, and weeks two through eight would require the prospective volunteer to shadow a family caregiver. If prospective volunteers are well-rated, they will begin their 12-month service period, with certain provisions. While serving, they will be given a \$1,250 stipend each month.

Upon completion, volunteers will receive a \$6,000 educational award, or \$10,000 if they are seeking to complete a degree, a certificate, or training in a health care profession, or in a social services profession related to the delivery of long-term services and support to older adults and people with disabilities or to their caregivers. These amounts can be increased to a maximum of \$12,000 or \$20,000, respectively, upon the completion of two 12-month periods of service.

BILL STATUS

02/08/18 Introduced.
03/19/18 Referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.
03/21/18 Amended and re-referred to Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care.
04/18/18 Passed and re-referred to Committee on Appropriations (Ayes 6. Noes 0.)
05/25/18 In Committee. Held under suspension.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED:

Aging



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Analyst

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Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, California was the first state to establish a statewide network of support organizations for caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the Caregiver Resource Centers (CRC) are nonprofit entities throughout California that provide respite care or financial assistance for the delivery of care to those requiring assistance with in-home support and care; and

WHEREAS, there are eleven CRCs located throughout California; and

WHEREAS, currently, the resource centers provide in-house training to caregivers and track all respite care being provided; and

WHEREAS, AB 2101 (Acosta) would establish, until January 1, 2024, a pilot program, administered by the Director of Health Care Services, where CRCs would select, train and place volunteers to provide care to persons who are at least 65 years of age or who have a cognitive impairment and meet specified criteria; and

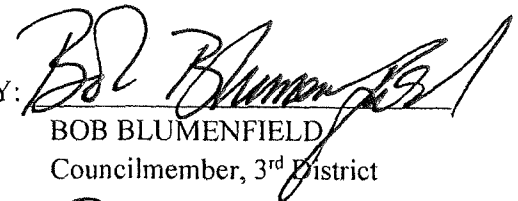
WHEREAS, the legislation would establish selection criteria for prospective volunteers and specified training requirements; and

WHEREAS, AB 2101 would require CRCs to provide a stipend and an educational award to volunteers; and

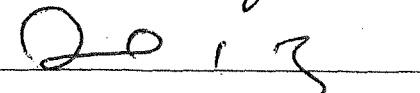
WHEREAS, the legislation would require the Director of Health Care Services to appoint an advisory council and would require the Director and the advisory council to evaluate the program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, with the concurrence of the Mayor, the City of Los Angeles hereby, includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 2101 (Acosta), which would establish a workforce for the elderly by incentivizing young adults to go into the healthcare field through the provision of educational benefits, and working with Caregiver Resource Centers to provide respite care to those in need of in-home care.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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