

SUPPORT AB 2325 (L. Rivas)

CA Coordinated Homelessness Response Act

WHAT WOULD AB 2325 DO?

AB 2325 would build on recent efforts to enhance coordination among the agencies that fund homelessness programs by establishing the Office of the Interagency Council on Homelessness under the lead of a Director reporting directly to the Governor. AB 2325 also establishes a funders workgroup within the Office, which would be tasked with arriving at a shared funding strategy, working to align definitions and streamline programs where possible, ensuring people are not exiting state-funded institutional settings (like our prisons and nursing homes) into homelessness, and partnering with philanthropy to seed innovations.

WHY IS AB 2325 NECESSARY?

Homelessness is one of the most pressing crises facing California. Continued state investments and improvements to how California oversees, coordinates, and delivers homelessness programs are essential to ensuring that the State is using taxpayer resources as effectively as possible. Even with recent progress toward coordination through the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, programs in different agencies operate independently from one another, creating tremendous administrative burdens on local providers and jurisdictions who must navigate different and at times conflicting funding applications, implementation guidelines, and reporting requirements. Because the Council is currently located in just one agency, it has no authority over other agencies' programs. AB 2325 further enhances California's ability to effectively respond to the homelessness crisis. AB 2325 seeks to align standards for housing and services, working to prevent people from leaving our institutional settings into homelessness, and aligning administration of California's homelessness programs and services. By placing the Council within a new Office within the Governor's Office under the leadership of a Director, the Council will have authority to coordinate State agency and department actions and hold the State accountable for its response to homelessness.

KEY FACTS

- There are at least 10 state agencies and departments administering 30 or more different programs related to homelessness.
- Various analysts have noted California's fragmented and bureaucratically complex response to homelessness, from the Little Hoover Commission (1989), the State Auditor (2017), and the [Legislative Analyst's Office \(2020\)](#).
- California voters consistently cite the homelessness crisis as a top concern and a majority are dissatisfied with the state's response to homelessness.

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