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State Stuck in Budget Gridlock



The July 20 recess bell is quickly approaching and State Legislators and Governor Schwarzenegger are still not done with their budget lesson. Sure, they all completed their individual assignments, but finishing the group project remains an elusive goal.

The Assembly Budget Committee announced its proposed budget on July 3, which contained a few key differences from the Governor's recommendations. It did reject the latter's proposal to freeze cost of living increases for SSI/SSP recipients, but also shifts \$551 million in gas tax revenue away from public transit and into the general fund.

On the legislation front, several bills of interest continue to progress. AB 1113, which increases the numbers eligible for Medi-Cal moved to the Senate Committee on Health, as did AB 1410, which relates to people with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). AB 238, which allows In-Home Support Service workers to provide

Better Training Needed for Airport Workers

SEIU Local 1877, which represents passenger service workers at California airports, is seeking support. They are appealing to the Department of Transportation for increased training for these workers so they can better assist passengers who have disabilities. Contact Kevin Rudiger at (213) 673-2246 or rudigerk@seiulocal1877.org for information on how to do support these efforts.

reading services for blind care recipients, is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Two bills that would allow criminal background checks for certain home care providers both advanced as well. SB 692 would let the costs for criminal background checks be passed on to care providers or recipients while SB 868 would not allow those costs to be passed on. Both bills are currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Be sure to let your elected officials know how you feel about these issues or give TCIL a call if you need more information about them.

Speak Out for Your Rights!

Are you interested in speaking up for your rights? Do you want to help create a more fair, equal, integrated community?



Consider getting involved in TCIL's Consumer Disability Action Network. We are speaking out in on issues that affect our daily lives, such as maintaining public transit/paratransit routes, better funding for in-home care, safe and accessible sidewalks, and other issues.

For more information contact Cindy Calderon at (707) 445-8404 or email her at cynthia@tilinet.org.

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- *Independence*



This is what the **Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)**, signed into law on **July 26, 1990**, stands for to the thousands of individuals with a disability in Humboldt County. Come celebrate this landmark legislation at Tri-County Independent Living's
Open House:

WHERE: 955 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday,
July 27

For more information
call (707) 445-8404 or
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Local Happenings

July 17, 6:30 p.m., Eureka City Council meeting, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Eureka City Hall, 531 K Street. The Council will issue a proclamation recognizing next week as the anniversary of the signing of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

July 26 is the anniversary of the signing of the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**. Check out the Humboldt County Library in Eureka this month for a display about the ADA.

July 27, see ad on this page.

Oct. 5, 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tri-County Independent Living's 4th Assistive Technology & Respect for Abilities Fair, Adorni Center, Eureka.

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