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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### AB 450 (Carrillo) - Public social services: support for older and aging immigrants

**Version:** July 9, 2025

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 18, 2025

**Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 4 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Agnes Lee

**Bill Summary:** AB 450 would require the California Department of Aging (CDA), in conjunction with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), to oversee a stakeholder process to support the development of findings and recommendations on how to best support older and aging immigrants, regardless of their immigration status.

#### Fiscal Impact:

- The CDA estimates one-time General Fund costs of \$662,000 in 2026-27 and \$162,000 in 2027-28 for state operations. This includes \$500,000 for a consultant to facilitate meetings by assisting in the development of the workgroup's findings and recommendations and drafting the workgroup's report to the Legislature.
- The CDSS estimates one-time General Fund costs of \$207,000 in 2025-26, \$201,000 in 2026-27, and \$201,000 in 2027-28 for state operations. This includes costs for staffing resources to coordinate with the CDA to oversee the stakeholder process, any potential contracts that arise from soliciting input from academic research entities, and support for the work of the panel.

**Background:** The CDA administers programs that serve older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers, and residents in long-term care facilities throughout the state. CDA contracts with a network of 33 Area Agencies on Aging, which directly manage a wide array of federal and state-funded services that provide meals, help find employment, assist older individuals to live as independently as possible, promote healthy aging and community involvement, and support family caregivers.

The CDSS oversees various social services programs that serve older adults, including In-Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, CalFresh, California Food Assistance Program, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP), and the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants.

In January of 2021, the Governor released a Master Plan for Aging. The plan prioritizes the health and well-being of older Californians and the need for policies that promote healthy aging. The plan serves as a blueprint for state government, local government, the private sector, and philanthropy to prepare the state for the coming demographic changes.

**Proposed Law:** Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Require CDA, in conjunction with the CDSS, to oversee a stakeholder process to support the development of findings and recommendations on how to best support older and aging immigrants, regardless of their immigration status, in California.
- Require CDA and CDSS to jointly establish a panel, as specified.
- Require the panel to invite stakeholders and subject matter experts, including clinics, researchers, housing advocates, and nonprofit organizations to participate in the stakeholder process; and provide that, as appropriate, the costs of the panel and the stakeholder process may be reduced by in-kind or other contributions from third parties.
- Require the first meeting of the stakeholder process to be held no later than 90 days after the funding becomes available for these purposes.
- Allow CDA and CDSS to contract with academic research entities to commission expert research and testimony to supplement the stakeholder process and support the development of findings and recommendations.
- Require, upon completion of the stakeholder process, but by no later than July 1, 2028, the panel to issue findings and recommendations to the CDA and CDSS on the most effective ways to implement policies and programs to support older and aging immigrants, regardless of immigration status, in California.
- Require, on or before December 31, 2028, the CDA and CDSS to jointly present a report to the Legislature.
- Require CDA and CDSS to jointly provide any policy recommendations made by the panel to the California Health and Human Services Agency to be included in the Master Plan for Aging.
- State that the bill's provisions are to be implemented upon appropriation by the Legislature.
- Repeal the bill's provisions on January 1, 2029.

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