Inventory of the California State Assembly Human Services Committee Records

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Title: California State Assembly Human Services Committee Records
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Abstract: The Assembly Human Resources Committee and the Human Services Committee Records consist of 31 cubic feet of textual records and audiovisual materials reflecting the activity of the committee in overseeing legislation and other matters pertaining to public and social services in California. The records cover the years 1976-2006 and are organized into the following series: Bill Files, Hearing Files, and Welfare Reform Deliberation Files. There are multiple files dealing with the welfare reform deliberations that took place in 1997.
Physical location: California State Archives
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
While the majority of the records are open for research, any access restrictions will be noted in the record series descriptions.
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Acquisition and Custodial History
The State Archives received these records in accordance with California Government Code 9080(b) which requires legislative committees to transfer their records to the State Archives when they are no longer needed by the committee.
Committee History
The Assembly Rules Committee created the Assembly Human Resources Committee by way of House Resolution Number 208 on August 31, 1974. On January 12, 1981 the name of the committee changed from Human Resources to Human Services through House Resolution Number 9. The committee reviewed bills concerning various public services including all aspects of welfare distribution which encompassed programs like Assistance to Families with Dependent Children (later renamed Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) and In-Home Support Services.
The committee membership fluctuated between six and ten members throughout the course of its existence under both Human Resources and Human Services. Assemblyman Kenneth Maddy (Rep.) was the first Human Resources chair from 1975-1976. He was replaced by Assemblywoman Teresa Hughes (Dem.) who served as chair from 1977-1978. Serving as the final chair for the Human Resources Committee from 1979-1980 was Assemblyman Richard Alatorre (Dem.). During the 1981-1982 legislative term, the Human Resources Committee became known as the Human Services Committee and the first chair was Assemblyman Bill Lockyer (Dem.). Assemblyman Tom Bates (Dem.) then became chair of the committee, serving from 1983 until 1994. Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro (Rep.) then took over as chair from 1995-1996, but was replaced by Assemblywoman Dion Aroner (Dem.) who chaired the committee from 1997 until 2002. From 2003-2004, Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (Dem.) chaired the committee and was followed by Assemblywoman Noreen Evans (Dem.) who served as chair from 2005-2006.

The Assembly Human Services Committee considered many bills that drew significant public interest because of their focus on welfare services. During the 1995-1996 session, the committee saw several bills on Assistance to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). These bills dealt with eligibility guidelines as well as funding and how much should be granted to the program from the general fund. The major bill regarding welfare came in the fourth extraordinary session of 1996. The bill (AB1XXXX) discussed reductions to AFDC as well as Supplementary Income/State Supplementary Payments (SSI/SSP), Habilitation Programs and Regional Centers.

Scope and Content
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The majority of files pertain to welfare services. While many files focus on aid to children including services from oral health to general requirements for child-care, there are also a significant amount of bills dealing with aid to adults too. Another significant amount of bills pertained to services for the elderly. The Assembly Human Services Committee reviewed bills ranging in topics from Community Care Facilities to In-Home Support Services. Aids in all its various forms were the focus of the majority of the bills reviewed by the committee.

The aid to adults is what generally sparked the most controversy, as welfare seemed to be a key topic during the reform period of 1995-1998. In order to comply with new federal limitations put in place by the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, the Assembly Human Services Committee held numerous hearings, often joined by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and spent over a year compiling information on how to best reform the system.

Accruals
Further accruals are expected.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Social welfare - California
Public welfare - California
Developmentally disabled Care

Related Collections at the California State Archives
Kenneth Maddy Papers
Teresa Hughes Papers
Richard Alatorre Papers
Bill Lockyer Papers
Tom Bates Papers
Tom Bordonaro Papers
Dion Aroner Papers
Senate Health and Human Services Committee Records
Senate Industrial Relations Committee Records

Oral Histories

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Kenneth Maddy, oral history interview conducted 1999 by Donald B. Seney, Center for California Studies, California State University Sacramento, for the California State Archives State Government Oral History Program.

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Physical Description: 709 file folders

Alternative Form of Materials Available
Microfilm copies of bill files are available for the years 1981-1988 where indicated with MF before the LP number.

Arrangement
Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session, then numerically by bill number.

Scope and Content Note
Bills relating to human and social services including welfare issues, the foster care system, general child-care, In-Home Support Services, and homelessness are generally referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee for analysis. Most bill files include all or some of the following items: bill analyses, amendments and resolutions, author's statements, testimony, press releases, newspaper clippings, correspondence, roll calls, records of votes, and committee statements. Some of the more significant bills included legislation on Guide Dogs for the disabled (AB567, 1991-1992). The committee also saw numerous bills on Assistance to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), and one that drew considerable public interest was AB1XXXX (1995-1996). This bill dealt specifically with cuts to the AFDC program in order to comply with new federal guidelines to welfare programs. Another bill that drew significant public interest was AB373 (1999-2000) that sought to expand the Lanterman Developmental Center in Southern California and then to transfer developmentally disabled forensic or severe behavior patients to the center.

Assembly Human Resources Committee, 1977-1978
1977-1978 AB138-AB3838; ACR69; AJR27-AJR76 (22ff) LP188:1-22

Assembly Human Services Committee, 1981-2006
1981-1982 AB35-AB802; ACA15-ACA69; ACR44-ACR78; AJR7-AJR114; AB2X; AB3X (20ff) MF LP216:99, LP259:100-118
1981-1982 SB14-SB1679; SJR10-SJR48 (7ff) MF LP259:119-125
1983-1984 AB59-AB4039; ACR34-ACR114; AJR5-AJR136 (23ff) MF LP216:76-98
1983-1984 SB63-SB2275; SCR6-SCR15; SJR1-SJR49 (12ff) MF LP216:100-111
1985-1986 AB17-AB4411; ACR9-ACR132; AJR41 (25ff) MF LP264:139-163
1985-1986 SB15-SB2531 (12ff) MF LP264:164-174
1987-1988 AB80-AB4649; ACR74-ACR94; AJR47-AJR93; HR16 (14ff) MF LP271:61-84
1989-1990 SB19-SB2907; SCR48-SCR81; SJR56 (28ff) LP404:49-76
1991-1992 AB59-AB3805; ACR37-ACR117; AJR12-AJR89; AB6X (47ff) LP404:77-123
1993-1994 AB88-AB3829; ACR52-ACR88; AJR60 (51ff) LP404:149-199
1997-1998 AB2-AB2774; ACR24; AJR2-AJR13 (49ff) LP404:294-342
1997-1998 SB121-SB2199; SCR17-SCR27 (21ff) LP404:343-363
1999-2000 AB11-AB2921; AJR17 (51ff) LP404:364-414
2001-2002 AB18-AB3047; ACR169; AJR53 (24ff) LP404:437-460
2001-2002 SB87-SB1650; SJR42 (9ff) LP404:461-468
2003-2004 AB22-AB3056; ACR34; AJR12 (33ff) LP404:469-501
2003-2004 SB211-SB1897; SCR52; SJR3-SJR15 (14ff) LP404:502-515
2005-2006 AB107-AB3048; ACR15-ACR58; AJR10 (23ff) LP404:516-538
2005-2006 SB113-SB1825; SCR115 (12ff) LP404:539-550

See Appendix A for LP numbers.


Physical Description: 128 file folders

Arrangement
Hearing files are arranged chronologically by date of hearing.

Access Information
Access to audiovisual material requires the production of use copies.

Scope and Content Note
Hearing files may contain agendas, audiocassette tape recordings of hearings, transcripts, testimony, background reports, and working files for regular session hearings, interim hearings, and some joint hearings. Audiocassette tapes have been moved to a cold-storage vault for preservation purposes and separation sheets are in the appropriate files to alert the researcher to the existence of such tapes.

When complete, hearings files can provide in-depth analysis of issues of concern to the committee and California's human services issues. The committee often held joint hearings with the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. While many hearings were on various bills pertaining to the committee, there were numerous hearings on topics ranging from residential care facilities to issues of the foster care system to general welfare reform deliberations. The hearings with specific subjects encompassed numerous topics including welfare issues, the foster care system, general child-care, In-Home Support Services, and homelessness.

For a list of hearing dates and topics, see Appendix A in Additional Series Information.

Additional Series Information
Appendix A: List of Hearing Files


Physical Description: 25 file folders

Arrangement
Welfare Reform Deliberation Files are arranged chronologically by date.

Scope and Content Note
Welfare Reform Deliberation Files contain studies, correspondence with county agencies and interest groups, press clippings, and reports that concern the debate over welfare reform in California. The push for welfare reform came as a result of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 which eliminated Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). AFDC was renamed Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and now had work requirements and time limits on welfare. States would now only receive block grants of aid instead of receiving matching funds based on caseloads. As a result, California had to undergo numerous reforms to the system in order to adhere to the new federal system put in place. Included is a hearing conducted by the Attorney General on disability. The hearing took place on May 25, 26, and 30 as well as September 9, 1988.

For a list of Welfare Reform Deliberation headings, see Appendix B in Additional Series Information.

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Appendix B: List of Welfare Reform Deliberation Files

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