

**Department of Developmental Services
Proposed Trailer Bill Legislation
Fiscal Year 2026-27**

**State-Operated Community-Based Facility Purchases
FACT SHEET**

1. Proposal:

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) proposes amending the Welfare and Institutions Code to add a purchase exemption that authorizes purchases of essential goods and services necessary for facilities operated by the Department.

2. Background:

The Department operates a range of facilities that provide services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This includes the Stabilization Training Assistance Reintegration (STAR) program, Canyon Springs Community Facility, and Porterville Developmental Center.

The STAR Program provides short-term, person-centered, and trauma-informed crisis stabilization services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities whose medical or behavioral needs cannot be met through community resources. The program provides enhanced staffing and integrated service delivery with continuity of care and comprehensive support. The Canyon Springs Community Facility is a state-operated residential program that provides 24-hour care and treatment for individuals with developmental disabilities who require a secure environment and specialized behavioral supports. Porterville Developmental Center provides secure 24/7 care for up to 200 forensically involved, or civilly committed, individuals pending court competency restoration or community reintegration.

The facilities must follow an extensive procurement process when purchasing household goods, supplies, and furniture. Staff at these facilities currently use the state Cal-Card for direct-care needs and prepare exemption memos and supplemental documentation to justify deviations from standard procurement practices. This process causes delays in sustaining home-like, person-centered care. These locations require timely, low-dollar, point-of-sale purchases.

3. Justification for the Change:

This proposal supports efficiency and responsiveness by exempting the Department's essential purchases for facilities from standard procurement requirements, enabling timely acquisition of goods and services critical to individuals served while maintaining appropriate internal controls and reporting transparency.

4. Summary of Arguments in Support:

This proposal maintains strong accountability through a required written policy and procedures manual that includes oversight, internal controls, and transparency measures. Public reporting through Fi\$Cal or similar systems will provide fiscal visibility.

5. BCP or Estimate Issue # and Title: DDS Estimate, K-4 through K-11, inclusive.