

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

**Sunsetting Outdated Legislative Reporting Language
Fact Sheet**

Proposal:

The Department of Developmental Services (Department) proposes to eliminate outdated statutory reporting requirements. See attachment for details of proposed statutory changes.

Background:

The Department is required by statute to submit periodic reports to the Legislature containing specified information. This proposal would clean up statute to eliminate reports that have become outdated, duplicative or provide limited value in informing current policy or oversight. Additionally, compiling, producing, and reviewing these reports imposes an administrative burden on the Department, diverting staff time and resources from core program activities.

Justification for the change:

Eliminating these reporting requirements would allow the Department to redirect efforts from preparing outdated or redundant reports to providing timely and accessible information through public-facing platforms.

Summary of Arguments in Support:

Transparency and accountability would continue to be supported through existing reporting activities, including regular legislative briefings, responses to data requests, and publicly accessible information available on the Department's website and data dashboards.

Details of Proposed Statutory Changes:**Welfare and Institutions Code 4429**

This reporting requirement is now obsolete. The term "state hospitals for the developmentally disabled" refers to the former legal name for California's developmental centers which have since closed. This provision does not pertain to the Department of State Hospitals. Accordingly, the requirement is no longer applicable and does not require any coordination or action.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4430

This requirement is no longer needed because it was created for the state's former developmental centers which have since closed.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4474.1

This reporting requirement applies only when the Department proposes closing a state developmental center, requiring submission of a detailed closure plan to the Legislature by April 1 prior to the fiscal year. With only the secure treatment program remaining, any future closure would require additional statutory changes, making this reporting requirement no longer necessary.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4474.12

This requirement should be deleted because the developmental centers have closed, and the longitudinal study tied to their closure was completed in 2023.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4474.15

This statute can be deleted because all required updates and reporting tied to developmental center closures have already been completed, and the reporting provisions became inoperative under existing law.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4474.2

This reporting requirement should be deleted because it pertains to activities associated with the transition and closure of the developmental centers, and the related reporting obligations have been completed.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4620.3

This reporting requirement was a one-time report that directed the Department to submit proposed best practices, including how stakeholders were engaged, the expected impacts on individuals, families, and providers, estimated cost savings, and any draft statutory language needed to implement those practices.

Welfare and Institutions Code 4691

This reporting requirement is now outdated. It directs the Department to submit biennial reports to the Legislature, every odd-numbered year on differences between permanent and cost-based rates for day programs, and every even-numbered year on any funding not appropriated to fully reimburse proposed rates. AB 2423 from 2024 now requires reporting on updated rate models for all services within rate reform every two years.

Government Code 14672.9

This reporting requirement is no longer necessary because this same information is already included in the department's annual budget display.

Section 70 of Chapter 758 of the Statutes of 2008

This reporting requirement is no longer necessary because the cost-containment measures it monitored were implemented and evaluated previously.

Section 19 of Chapter 26 of the Statutes of 2016

This reporting requirement is unnecessary because the developmental center units it monitored now are closed.

Section 53 of Chapter 171 of the Statutes of 2001

This reporting requirement is no longer needed because it applied only to the finalized data analyses from the second phase of the Purchase of Services study completed in 2002.