
Inventory of the California State Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: California State Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee Records

Dates: 1971-2002

Collection number: See series descriptions for LP numbers

Creator: Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee

Collection Size: 29 cubic feet

Repository: California State Archives
Sacramento, California

Abstract: This record group consists of 29 cubic feet of records of the Joint Committee on Aging, Special Subcommittee on Aging, Assembly Committee on Aging, and Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care. The majority of the records were created between 1976 and 1990, however, a significant amount of records were created before 1976 and after 1990. The record group is organized into four series: bill files, hearing files, subject files, and chronological correspondence files.

Physical location: California State Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition History

The California State Archives acquired the Assembly Aging and Long Term Care Committee records according to state law.

Committee History

The Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care has undergone significant name changes throughout its existence. From 1971 until 1976, the committee was called the Joint Committee on Aging. From 1977 until 1979, it was referred to as the Special Subcommittee on Aging. The committee achieved permanent standing in 1979 and was named the Assembly Committee on Aging. Finally, the committee was renamed to its current name of the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care in 1983.

The Joint Committee on Aging was originally created in 1971 by Assembly Concurrent Resolutions (ACR) 48 and 93. The original committee consisted of three members from the Senate and three members from the Assembly. The committee was originally intended to remain an interim committee expiring in 1973. However, in 1973, ACR 83 extended the existence of the Joint Committee on Aging until July 31, 1974. Subsequently, ACR 97 was passed on July 1, 1974, which extended the existence of the Joint Committee on Aging until July 31, 1975. Finally, on June 30, 1975, ACR 66 was passed, extending the existence of the Joint Committee on Aging until July 31, 1976.

In 1977, the Joint Committee on Aging was established as a General Research Committee of the Assembly and was renamed as the Special Subcommittee on Aging. The Special Subcommittee on Aging consisted of six members, including the chair. In 1979, Assembly Resolution 39 established the Assembly Committee on Aging as a permanent standing committee consisting of 12 members. The Assembly Standing Committee on Aging and Long Term Care was established in 1983 with the passage of Assembly Resolution 11 and consisted of 12 members, including the chair and vice chair.

By the 1985-1986 legislative session, the number of committee members had changed from 12 to 10. During the 1989-1990 legislative session, the number of committee members was further reduced from ten to eight, and the position of vice chair was eliminated. After the 1989-1990 legislative session, the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care was decommissioned and was not reactivated until the 1999-2000 legislative session. During the 1999-2000 session, the number of committee members was reduced to five, with the inclusion of a chair and vice chair. The 2001-2002 legislative session increased the number of committee members to six, including the chair and vice chair. The latter-mentioned composition has remained the same as of April 2007.

The overall scope and responsibilities of the committee have essentially remained the same since its inception, focusing primarily on issues related to aging and the elderly. The primary jurisdiction of the Assembly Committee on Aging and Long Term Care includes: Area Agencies on Aging, the California Department of Aging, long-term care services, issues relating to the Older Americans Act and the Older Californians Act, senior citizen advocacy issues and interests, the California Senior Legislature, the State Commission on Aging, and services to seniors in both day and residential settings.

The chairpersons of this committee from 1976-1990 and 1999-2002 were as follows: Thurmon, John E. (Dem.), 1976-1977; Chel, Fred W. (Dem.), 1977-1978; Waters, Norman S. (Dem.), 1979-1980; Felando, Gerald N. (Rep.), 1981-1982; Moorhead (Duffy), Jean M. (Dem.), 1983-1986; Connelly, Lloyd G. (Dem.), 1987-1990; Alquist, Elaine W. (Dem.), 1999-2000; Cohn, Rebecca (Dem.), 2001-2002.

Scope and Content

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Because of the size and complexity of issues relating to aging, senior citizens, and long-term care, the subjects covered in this collection vary widely. Significant topics and legislation include: adult day health care legislation, Alzheimer's research and funding, California Department of Aging funding and oversight, elder and dependent abuse, long term care facilities, Medi-Cal, Medi-Care, nursing home care, multi-purpose senior services projects, the Older Americans Act, the Older Californians Act, preadmission screening, the Senior Citizen Legislature, senior employment, senior housing, senior nutrition projects (relief funds, etc.), and senior transportation.

Indexing Terms

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

California. Legislature. Assembly. Committee on Aging and Long-term Care

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Aging and old age

Related Material

Note to researchers

Researchers interested in this committee are advised to check the papers of its Chairs. Committee Chairs often kept materials relating to committee operations among their personal files. For Chair papers available at the California State Archives or other repositories, this information can be found in the committee history.

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Series 1 Bill Files 1973-1978 1981-1990 1999-2002**Physical Description:** 162 file folders**Arrangement**

Bill files are arranged chronologically by legislative session then numerically by bill number within legislative house.

Scope and Content Note

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. Of particular interest are those bills relating to adult day health care, elder and dependent abuse, Medi-Care, Medi-Cal, multipurpose senior service programs, nursing home care, preadmission screening, senior housing, senior nutrition projects, preadmission screening, and respite care services.

Legislative Joint Aging Committee, 1973-1976

1973-1974: AB1600-AB 2263 (3ff) LP368:1-3

1975-1976: AB1442-AB4009 (3ff) LP368:4-5

Assembly Special Aging Subcommittee, 1977-1978

1977-1978: AB998-AB3598; AJR69-AJR71 (12ff) LP368:7-18

Assembly Aging Committee, 1981-1982

1981-1982: AB1608-AB3076; ACR89-ACR91; AJR95 (9ff) LP368:19-27

Assembly Aging and Long-Term Care Committee, 1983-2002

1983-1984: AB3860 (1ff) LP368:28

1985-1986: AB4035-AB4141 (11ff) LP368:29-39

1987-1988: AB108-AB4399; ACR7-ACR114; SB49-SB2861 (55ff) LP368:40-94

1989-1990: AB210-AB4299; ACA40; ACR28-ACR143; SB150-SB2871; SJR5 (50ff) LP368:95-144

1999-2000: AB1753-AB2588; SB1113-SB2180 (9ff) LP368:145-153

2001-2002: AB20-AB3054; SB370-SB1982 (9ff) LP368:154-162

LP368:163-355

Series 2 Hearing Files 1972-2000**Physical Description:** 193 file folders**Arrangement**

Hearing files are arranged chronologically by hearing date.

Scope and Content Note

Hearing types include informational hearings, joint informational hearings, and round tables. Files may contain agendas, testimony, transcripts, reports, and background material. Seventeen audiocassettes have been separated from the files and are stored separately for preservation purposes. A separation sheet is placed in the folders to alert researchers to the existence of such material. For a complete list of hearing dates and subjects see Appendix A in the master finding aid at the California State Archives.

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673-674**Series 3 Subject Files 1971-1989****Physical Description:** 175 file folders**Arrangement**

Subject files are arranged alphabetically by subject title.

Scope and Content Note

Subject files created by the various Aging Committees include correspondence, background materials, notes, reports, newspaper clippings, and subcommittee information. Of particular interest are those files related to the California Department of Aging, Older Americans Act, and the Older Californians Act. Researchers may also be interested in files related to general health care and dependent abuse. For an alphabetical list of subject files, see Appendix B in the master finding aid at the California State Archives.

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Series 4 Chronological Correspondence Files 1987-1991

Physical Description: 31 file folders

Arrangement

Chronological correspondence files are arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note

The chronological correspondence files are mostly related to committee and bill issues and are from committee members, constituents, lobbyists, legislative analysts, department heads, and other state employees.