



Improving Transparency, Effectiveness and Efficiency in California Government Act of 2026

More Transparency. More Accountability. Better Results for Our Tax Dollars.

Public programs provide much-needed services to children, families and communities throughout our state. We need transparency and trackable progress of state programs, so that we start funding successful outcomes, not failure.

THE ISSUE: Public Programs Should Work Better

Californians care about their communities. We support programs that help children succeed in school, keep families healthy, pave our roads, and lift up our most vulnerable neighbors. These services matter.

But caring isn't enough. We also need to make sure these programs actually deliver on their promises.

Right now, billions of dollars go into programs like homelessness, with too little to show for it. Too often, voters are asked to approve new taxes to fund programs without clear information about what's working and what isn't.

Here's what we're facing:

- Rising costs are stretching family budgets thin
- Important government programs don't provide results they should
- Voters lack independent information when deciding on new taxes
- Without transparency and accountability, even well-funded programs can fall short

We can do better. When we invest in transparency, we create more effective programs that do a better job serving Californians and our communities.

THE SOLUTION: Transparency Empowers Voters

We believe voters deserve the full picture both before making important decisions about public programs – and clear, trackable progress on outcomes.

This measure requires the State Auditor to provide an independent, nonpartisan review of any program seeking new tax funding. Before you vote, you'll know:

- ✓ Is this program reaching the people it's meant to serve?
- ✓ How is the money currently being spent?

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- ✓ Are there ways to improve outcomes?
- ✓ What would additional funding accomplish?

And once voters approve any new programs, ongoing audits by the State Auditor and independent Legislative Analysts Office on:

- If the program is actually achieving its intended goals and outcomes.
- The amount of actual and potential fraud, waste, and abuse in the program.
- how the program could improve effectiveness and cut costs.
- If adequate accountability and oversight are in place.
- Public input on effectiveness and efficiency.

Better information leads to better decisions, and better results.

WHY IT MATTERS: Accountability Strengthens Programs

- **For the People Programs Serve:** Children, families, seniors, and vulnerable Californians deserve programs that truly help them. Accountability ensures these services deliver real support -- not empty promises.
- **For Taxpayers:** You'll have honest, independent information before deciding whether to approve new funding. Your vote will be informed by facts, not just campaign ads.
- **For Our Communities:** When programs are held to clear standards, they improve. Transparency helps us identify what's working so we can do more of it—and fix what isn't.

KEY FACTS: What You Need to Know

- **Investing in What Works:** Californians are generous. We fund programs because we want to help our neighbors. Accountability makes sure that generosity translates into real impact.
- **Good Intentions Aren't Enough:** Even well-funded programs can struggle without proper oversight. The homelessness crisis, for example, has persisted despite significant investment.
- **Voters Deserve Clarity:** Right now, there's no requirement for independent review before voters decide on new program funding. This measure changes that.
- **Strengthening — Not Cutting — Services:** This isn't about reducing support for people in need. It's about making sure programs are set up to succeed and deliver for the communities they serve.

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