

Attn: Assemblyman Alex Lee, Chair
Assembly Human Services Committee
1020 N Street Room 124
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SPONSOR/SUPPORT AB 1808 (Nguyen): Childcare and development services: eligibility.

Dear Chairman Lee,

We the undersigned have come together in strong support of AB 1808 (Nguyen) scheduled to be heard in your committee on April 2, 2024. This bill will provide to all income eligible families the same 24-month certification period for access to stable child care regardless of which door the family entered or where services are accessed.

Currently, families that access subsidized child care outside of the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) program receive 24-months of stable child care once eligibility has been determined. This 24-month timeframe was secured via [SB 1047 \(Limón\) in 2022](#). However, the legislation did not extend this same 24-month eligibility period to families that entered through the doors of the [California's CalWORKs welfare program](#) that gives cash aid and services to eligible families. This separate eligibility timeframe has created processes or seams for families that enter through CalWORKs to comply with 12-month bureaucratic requirements whereas those outside of CalWORKs are treated differently.

In California, the community-based alternative payment programs that administer voucher-based child care and support families enrolling in CalWORKs child care or other arrangements note that the different rules are being applied to the same families. Families struggling with a host of poverty related issues do not also need to deal with bureaucratic inequities based on the door they entered for help.

Thank you for your attention to the above.