

AAA Committee Recommendation Report

Report to the AAA Board

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From: ☐ Access Committee ☒ Legislative/Advocacy Committee ☐ Nutrition/Wellness Committee

History/Related Actions

At the 1/24/18 Legislative/Advocacy Committee meeting, advocacy supporting federal and state programs was discussed and resulted in the following recommendation:

A motion was made by FRAZIER, seconded by KAUD, to recommend the AAA Board endorse the entire Alzheimer's package of bills being considered by the State Legislature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes 8 DAVIS, FRAZIER, JOSEPHSON, KAUD, MARTIN, MCHONE, OLSON,
SCHUBACH
Absent 2 BUNCK, SCHMIDLKOFER

Upon clarification, the package of bills this motion includes are:

AB 628/SB 517	Silver Alert Referral
AB 629/SB 518	Uniform Adult Guardianship
AB 630	Dementia Specialist Certifications
AB 631/SB 528	Caregiver Tax Credit
AB 632/SB 527	Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Grant
AB 633/SB 548	Palliative Care Advisory Council
AB 643	Virtual Dementia Tour

Upon conferring with Dane County's Lobbyist Mickey Beil, the only bill that is included in the current Dane County Legislative Agenda is the Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Grant. As a result, if the AAA Board votes to endorse the remaining bills, this action will need to be forwarded to the Health & Human Needs Committee and then on to the County Board for final approval.

Financial/Budget/Other Resource Implications (if any)

None

Recommendations

1. To approve the attached draft letter concerning the proposed Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Grant (AB 632/SB 527).
2. To send the remaining proposed bills back to the AAA Legislative/Advocacy Committee for further discussion.

Attachments/Links

Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Grant DRAFT Letter

DRAFT Alzheimer's & Dementia Awareness Grant Bill Letter

*(to be sent to individual Dane County Legislators in State Senate & Assembly
and Joint Committee on Finance Members)*

The Dane County Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors endorses AB 632/SB 527 which will require the Department of Health Services to award grants up to \$500,000 GPR in only FY 2018 to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and dementia in rural and underserved urban areas.

An estimated 6,084 Dane County residents were diagnosed with Dementia in 2010. It is projected this number will increase to over 8,000 in 2020. These diseases can be fatal and put an immense strain on family members, friends, and community resources.

We ask you to approve the Alzheimer's and Dementia Awareness Grant bill.

Sincerely,

Bill Clausius, Chair

cc: The Honorable Scott Walker, Governor, State of Wisconsin
Members, Dane County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Joe Parisi, Dane County Executive
Ms. Lynn Green, Director, Dane County Department of Human Services