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Texas State Legislative Bills Related to Advocacy for Older Adults in 2025

Priority #1 – Protection of Long-Term Care Facility Residents

Texas consistently ranks as one of the worst states in the country when it comes to quality of care for vulnerable and isolated seniors living in long-term care facility residents. There are opportunities in this session to increase support of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, often the only advocates for residents, more rigorous background checks for staff, and increased transparency in nursing home ownership.

HB 2375, HB 2376 Campos – Filed

Establishes a certification system for nursing facilities in Texas that provide care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. It mandates that all such facilities obtain certification. The first bill provides a longer timeline for full certification (2035 vs. 2030), includes a state plan and financial incentives, and applies only to nursing facilities. The second bill has a faster implementation timeline, includes both nursing and personal care facilities, but lacks state planning or financial support for certification.

SB 481, Alvarado, et al – Update: S Referred to Health & Human Services 2/03/2025

Relating to emergency preparedness and response plans, including generators for the continued care and safety of nursing facility and assisted living facility residents.

HB 1199, Manuel – H Referred to Human Services 3/7/2025

Relating to requirements for emergency generators or other power sources for nursing facilities and assisted living facilities.

SB 732, Miles – Update: S Left pending in committee 3/05/2025

Relating to required generators or other power sources for certain housing developments that receive an allocation of low-income housing tax credits with residents 55+.

HB 1467, Lalani - Filed

Relating to emergency preparedness and requirement for backup generators at assisted living facilities; providing civil and administrative penalties.

Priority #2 – Elder Financial Abuse Protection

Elder financial abuse is rampant in Texas and across the country. Older adults lose more than \$36 billion each year to frauds, scams and exploitation. These crimes must be prevented; older adults need to be better protected; and those committing these crimes should be prosecuted. Legislative action that holds perpetrators accountable and strengthens protections for vulnerable older adults is needed.



SB 1283, Parker – Update: S Referred to Health & Human Services 2/28/2025

Relating to resident safety from criminal activity in senior retirement communities with increased transparency and safety measures in senior living communities, as well as improved crime prevention through mandatory background checks and incident reporting.

SB 1734, West - Filed

Relating to status of certain documents or instruments purporting to convey title to or an interest in real property. Creates a streamlined legal process for property owners to challenge fraudulent real estate documents, making it easier for victims of title theft to clear title and protect property rights.

SB 693, West – Update: S Referred to Criminal Justice 2/03/2025

Relating to creating a criminal offense for the use of a notary seal or counterfeit seal on a fraudulent document or instrument.

HB 2603, Campos - Filed

Relating to the provision of assistance to elderly persons in obtaining certain protective orders.

HB 2927, Campos - Filed

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for a peace officer who fails to report the suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability.

HB 2348, Capriglione - Filed

Relating to the video recording of a deposition taken of the testimony of certain elderly or disabled persons in a criminal case.

SB 1379, Flores – Update: S Referred to Criminal Justice 3/06/2025

Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for forgery when committed against an elderly person.

Priority #3 – Family Caregiver Support

Nearly 3.4 million Texans provide unpaid care to family members. The average caregiver spends about 24 hours each week providing care, often balancing employment responsibilities, which can lead to financial, physical and mental health strains. Opportunities to alleviate hardships for caregivers include rescue and recovery legislation that supports law enforcement when family caregivers have an older adult with dementia who is missing; sales and use tax exemptions for expensive adult disposable briefs; and ensuring child-related income follows the child when grandparents or other loved ones are caring for children through kinship caregiving. Funding and support focused on dementia, and those impacted by the disease, are also critically needed.

SB 5, Hoffman – Update: House received from the Senate 3/6/25

Creation of the Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (DPRIT) and endowment with \$3 billion in surplus revenue, in an effort to draw the best and brightest physicians, researchers, and experts in the field of dementia to Texas.



SJR 47, Zaffarini – Update: S Referred to Finance 2/13/25

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the establishment of the Alzheimer's Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, establishing the Alzheimer's Prevention and Research Fund to provide money for research on and prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in this state, and transferring state general revenue to that fund.

HB 2833, Howard - Filed

Relating to sales and use tax exemption for health care supplies, including adult incontinence supplies, wipes and bed pads.

SB 607, West – Update: S Referred to Health & Human Services 2/03/2025

Relating to monetary assistance provided by the Department of Family and Protective Services to certain parental child safety placement caregivers and kinship care support.

HB 836, Lalani – Update: H Referred to Human Services 3/05/2025

Relating to establishing a minimum base wage for certain personal attendants under Medicaid and other programs administered by the Health and Human Services Commission to improve caregiver wages, enhance the quality of care, and reduce workforce shortages by making personal attendant jobs more financially sustainable.

SB 837, Kolkhorst – Update: S Referred to Health & Human Services 2/13/2025

Relating to a family preservation services program and short-term funding to family/caregivers caring for children without a home.

Priority # 4– Food Security for Older Adults/SNAP Provisions

Food insecurity for older adults across the state has only increased during the Covid-19 pandemic. We should be making it easier for older Texans and those with disabilities to access this benefit, not more difficult. For many who are eligible to receive SNAP benefits, the process is so cumbersome and arduous, they simply give up and go without. We must do better and lengthen the eligibility time and simplify the application process.

SB 1031, Blanco & HB 2202, Guillen – Update: HB Filed, SB Referred to Health & Human Services 2/24/2025

Relating to eligibility for and benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program and improvements in eligibility periods and oversight.

Priority # 5 – Affordable and Safe Housing

The need for affordable housing for seniors in Texas is urgent. Older adults who rely on rental housing have seen a sharp increase in housing costs with nearly two-thirds of senior renters spending over 30% of their income on housing. Home repair and code compliance resources can assist seniors who own older homes but need repairs to live safely at home. These efforts, along with supporting eviction legal aid and tenant protections are vitally important in this legislative session.



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SB 208, West – Update S Referred to Local Government Committee 02/03/2025

Establishes the Workforce Housing Capital Investment Fund Program in Texas to support the development of workforce housing for households earning 30–80% of the area median income. It creates a special state fund composed of legislative appropriations, gifts, grants, fees, loan repayments, and interest earnings.

SB 337, Eckhardt & HB 714, Walle – Update: SB 337 S Referred to Local Government Committee 02/03/2025, HB 714 Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs 3/4/25

Relating to the establishment and implementation of the Texas Tenant Readiness and Landlord Incentive Pilot Program by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

HB 1262, Goodwin – Update: H Referred to Intergovernmental Affairs 3/10/2025

Relating to the purpose of and programs administered by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. Providing affordable loans and incentivizing affordable housing units in multifamily units.

SB 368, Eckhardt – Update: S Referred to Local Government 02/03/2025

Relating to certain occupancy preferences given by developments supported with a low-income housing tax credit allocation.

HB 2132, Bhojani - Filed

Relating to the allocation of low-income housing tax credits to projects reserved for elderly persons.

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