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AFSCME Urges your support of SB 226

SB 226 creates a task force to look at client and staff safety for the Stabilization and Crisis Unit homes run by the Department of Human Services.

Over the last five years, the needs of a small population of individuals experiencing Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities served by the former State Operated Community Program, now Stabilization and Crisis Unit, have changed. This task force will allow all stakeholders to come together to make recommendations about program design that best meets the needs of clients.

The task force includes a broad make up of people who know and understand the needs of the individuals that are in and could come to the Stabilization and Crisis Unit homes. The list includes staff of the homes, advocates, experts in providing supports, and community providers as well as the agency leaders. Their recommendations will help guide any legislative changes that may be needed to help the state provide better safety and living conditions in the SACU homes.

This session, we have made investments in the Stabilization and Crisis Unit to provide a better staffing structure, but more needs to be done to improve the conditions for the clients and staff.

Please vote YES on SB 226 for the creation of the Client and Staff Safety in the Stabilization and Crisis Unit homes.

