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## SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON OLDER LGBTQ+ CALIFORNIANS

SENATOR JOHN LAIRD, CHAIR



April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026

3:00 p.m or upon adjournment of session

1021 O Street Room 2200

### Supporting the Generation That Built the Movement:

### Addressing the Healthcare and Support Needs of LGBTQ+ Older Adults

## AGENDA

### I. Opening Remarks

- a. Senator John Laird, Chair, Select Committee on Older LGBTQ+ Californians
- b. *Select Committee Members invited to provide remarks*

### II. PANEL 1: Healthcare and Support Landscape for LGBTQ+ Older Adults

- a. **Justice in Aging – Denny Chan, Managing Director, Equity Advocacy**
  - i. State-funded services and supports for seniors
  - ii. Federal threats
- b. **California Health and Human Services Agency – Brian Kaplun, Deputy Secretary for Policy and Strategic Planning**
  - i. Overview of CalHHS
- c. **Department of Aging – Sarah Steenhausen, Deputy Director of Policy, Research, and Engagement**
  - i. Survey on LGBTQ+ Older Adults
  - ii. Master Plan on Aging
  - iii. Federal threats
- d. **Aging And HIV Institute – Jax Kelly, Founder & CEO**
  - i. Coordination across health and aging services
  - ii. Data gaps and communication barriers
  - iii. The broader national policy landscape and federal threats affecting LGBTQ+ older adults

**III. PANEL 2 – Healthcare for Seniors Living HIV**

- a. **Ageing Services – Paul Aguilar, Long Term Survivor Community Liaison**
- b. **Department of Aging – Sarah Steenhausen, Deputy Director of Policy, Research, and Engagement**
  - i. SB 258 (Chapter 132, Statutes of 2021) Implementation
- c. **Department of Public Health – Jessica Heskin, Assistant Division Chief for CDPH’s Office of AIDS**
  - i. ADAP Funded Senior Supports
  - ii. Ryan White Program & HOPWA
  - iii. Coordination with HIV and Aging Services
- d. **Sunburst Projects – Michael Jentes, Senior Medical Case Manager**

**IV. PANEL 3 – Healthcare and Supports for TGI Seniors**

- a. **Department of Social Services – Claire Ramsey – Chief Deputy Director**
  - i. SB 219 (Chapter 483, Statutes of 2017) Implementation
  - ii. Safe and Affirming Long Term Care Facilities
  - iii. IHSS Supports
- b. **Department of Public Health – Heather Chamizo, Chief of Field Operations Division (North) for CDPH’s Center for Health Care Quality**
  - i. SB 219 (Chapter 483, Statutes of 2017) Implementation
  - ii. Safe and Affirming Long Term Care Facilities
- c. **The TransLatin@ Coalition – Bamby Salcedo, President and CEO**