BILLS

AB 614 (Limón) – Area Agencies on Aging
This bill would require each Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) to maintain an Alzheimer's and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families. Specifically, AB 614 would require each AAA to:

1. Maintain an Alzheimer's and dementia specialist to provide information, assistance, referrals, and options counseling to families.
2. Develop an evidence-based or evidence-informed core training program relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia and any additional training based on local needs. This effort is to be undertaken in consultation with the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association or other community stakeholders with expertise in Alzheimer’s research or care, including universities, caregiver organizations, and health care systems.

Further, if the AAA lacks the capacity to maintain an Alzheimer’s specialist, AB 614 would permit the AAA to contract with a qualified local entity to provide the service.

As amended in order to clear the Assembly Appropriations Committee, AB 614 now conditions the implementation of the measure on an appropriation by the Legislature.

Support: California Association of Area Agencies on Aging (C4A); California Commission on Aging; National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter (NASW-CA); Sonoma County Area Agency on Aging; Agency on Aging/Area 4

Opposition: None

County Position: No position.

Status: Passed Senate on 5/31/2017; it is now in Senate awaiting referral to policy committee.