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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1586 by Carona (Relating to a waiver of requirements for community-based assisted living services for certain elderly residents.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Subchapter B, Chapter 533, Health and Safety Code by adding Section 533.0435. The section would allow an elderly resident, who qualifies for the assisted living conversion grant program under Section 202b, Housing Act of 1959, to be admitted directly to a facility operating under that program and receive program services while living in the resident's existing community.

The Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) assumes the program services referred to in this bill means Community Based Alternatives (CBA) Medicaid waiver services because, according to DADS, that is the only program that includes assisted living services. DADS assumes that the qualified individuals would be offered existing CBA services slots that would have otherwise been offered to individuals on the CBA interest list, thereby creating no new slots, but placing certain elderly individuals residing in these specific Housing and Urban Development converted apartment units ahead of other individuals who may have already been on the interest list for some period of time.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 539 Department of Aging and Disability Services

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