



March 26, 2019

Senator Melissa Hurtado
Chair, Committee on Human Services
1020 N Street, Room 521
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 421 (Pan) Children's Cabinet of California
AAP-CA Position: Support

Dear Senator Hurtado:

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAP-CA) representing over 5,000 board-certified pediatrician members of California AAP Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4, strongly supports proposed legislation SB 421 (Pan) to establish the Children's Cabinet of California to ensure all state agencies and programs that touch the lives of children work in a coordinated and comprehensive fashion.

The Children's Cabinet of California would include the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Secretary of California Health and Human Services, and the head of each agency and department within the state that provides services for, or has jurisdiction over the well-being of children. It would promote and implement information sharing, collaboration, increased efficiency, and improved service delivery among and within the state's child-serving agencies, departments, and organizations.

As Californians, we are fortunate to have many state-level organizations that work to improve the lives of children and youth. It is important to promote cooperation and collaboration among them to obtain the best possible outcomes, and to avoid the inefficiencies and waste of resources that can otherwise occur from duplication of efforts.

SB 421 (Pan) would improve the delivery of health, education and child/youth services through interagency collaboration, integrated services, and policies that support stronger communities. Pediatricians across the state of California strongly support SB 421 and urge you to vote AYE. Thank you for your public service and leadership on behalf of the health and well-being of the children, youth, and families of California.

Sincerely,

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cc: AAP-CA Leadership