



February 16, 2023

Thomas Umberg
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 363 (Eggman) Facilities for Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Crisis: Database – CO-SPONSOR

Dear Chairman Umberg,

The California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP) is proud to co-sponsor SB 363 (Eggman), which would require, by January 1, 2025, a real-time behavioral health bed database to collect, aggregate, and display information about beds in inpatient psychiatric facilities, crisis stabilization units, residential community mental health facilities, and licensed residential alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities. This information would help provide timely access to care and increase coordination between service settings.

A significant roadblock in our fragmented behavioral health continuum is a lack of care coordination between various provider types and a lack of information about which resources are accessible or available in the community. SB 363 would require the database to include a minimum baseline of information, including the contact information for a facility's designated employee, the types of diagnosis or treatments for which the bed is appropriate, and the target populations served at the facility. The database would also have the capacity to enable searches to identify beds that are appropriate for individuals in need of inpatient or residential mental health or substance use disorder treatment.

Furthermore, SB 363 would authorize the State Department of Health Care to impose a plan of correction or assess penalties against a facility that fails to submit data accurately, timely, or as otherwise required and establish a process for facilities to appeal these penalties. It would also create the Available Care for Inpatient and Residential Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Treatment Database Maintenance and Oversight Fund for the receipt of any penalties.

For these reasons, CSAP is pleased to co-sponsor SB 363 (Eggman) and would like to urge your aye vote on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yoder', is placed below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

CC: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator Susan Eggman