



April 3, 2024

The Honorable Richard Roth  
Chairman, Senate Health Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 7510  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 1238 (Eggman) Lanterman-Petris-Short Act: designated facilities – Co-Sponsor as amended April 1, 2024**

Dear Chairman Roth,

The California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP) is proud to support and co-sponsor SB 1238, which would expand the definition of a “facility designated by the county for evaluation and treatment” or “designated facility”.

SB 1238 would help ensure those who need help can get it by expanding the definition of a “facility designated by the county for evaluation and treatment” or “designated facility” by specifying that it may also include a facility that both has appropriate services, personnel, and security to safely treat individuals being held involuntarily and is licensed or certified as a skilled nursing facility, mental health rehabilitation center, social rehabilitation facility, or as a facility capable of providing treatment at American Society of Addiction Medicine levels of care 3.7 to 4.0, inclusive. SB 1238 would also authorize a county to designate a facility for the purpose of providing one or more specified treatments required by the act. Further, this bill would authorize the State Department of Health Care Services to implement, interpret, or make specific these provisions, in whole or in part, by means of information notices, provider bulletins, or other similar instructions, without taking any further regulatory action.

Ultimately, SB 1238 would allow for licensed professionals to more accurately and comprehensively provide for the needs of individuals experiencing a substantial risk of serious harm due to a mental health or substance use disorder; SB 1238 would help to provide dignity and treatment to those who are the most difficult to reach. Lastly, this bill is in line with other recent legislative actions pertaining to the LPS Act.

For these reasons, CSAP is pleased to support and co-sponsor SB 1238 and respectfully requests your aye vote on this measure.

Sincerely,

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

Paul Yoder  
Legislative Advocate

CC: Members, Senate Health Committee  
The Honorable Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman