

2025-2026 Commission on Aging Legislation Tracker

Number	Number	Title	Sponsors	Committee Assignments	Brief Description	Hearings	Executive Action	COA Policy
AB-176	SB-152	Program Eligibility	Cabral-Guevara Milwaukee County: Drake, Donovan, Tenorio, Madison, Arney	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	Financial eligibility for the Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program	4/23- Hearing held in Senate 5/14- Hearing held in Assembly	5/5-Unanimously approved by Senate Committee 6/5-Unanimously approved by Assembly Committee 6/24-Approved by Senate, concurred by Assembly 6/25-Enrolled as bill and available to Governor for signature 8/8-Signed by the Governor and effective 8/9	Support
AB-163		Redeterminations of eligibility for Medicaid	Penterman	Public Benefit Reform (A)	This bill prohibits DHS from automatically renewing the eligibility of a recipient under Medicaid; DHS would make redeterminations every six months. DHS would be prohibited from using prepopulated forms in redetermination process. Amendment offered: exempts individuals with a developmental disability from these changes.	4/10- Hearing held in Assembly (amendmnt offered)		
AB-272	SB-272	Eligibility for Family Care for individuals who are Deaf-Blind	Spretizer, Roe Milwaukee County: Carpenter, Drake, Madison, Ortiz-Velez, Tenorio	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	This bill grants functional eligibility for Family Care--a program that provides community-based long-term care services--to people who are deaf-blind. Under current law, individuals are only eligible for Family Care if they are 18 y/o, is a frail elder or has a physical or developmental disability, and is both functionally and financially eligible. This bill adds deaf-blind to the functional eligibility qualifications.			
AJR-58	SJR-57	Designating May as Older Americans Month	Drake, Taylor Milwaukee County: Drake, Carpenter, Taylor, Clancy, Madison, Moore Omokunde, Prado, Sinicki	Rules (A) Organization (S)	Designating May as Older Americans Month	N/A		
AB-182	SB-178	Changes to the low- income housing tax credit	Quinn, Armstrong Milwaukee County: Carpenter, Habush Sinykin, Goodwin, Tenorio	Housing and Real Estate (A) Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues, Forestry (S)	Requires that WHEDA allocate at least 35 percent of low-income housing tax credits are allocated each year to rural areas in Wisconsin (not binding if WHEDA does not receive 35% of eligible applications in rural areas) and removes requirement that a qualified low-income housing project be financed with tax-exempt bonds Assembly and Senate Amendment 1 require WHEDA to adopt a qualified allocation plan to administer the low-income housing tax credits on an annual basis	4/17-Hearing held in Senate 5/6-Assembly Amendment 1 introduced (mirrors Senate Amendment 1)	5/9-Senate Amendment 1 adopted unanimously 5/9-Senate Committee approved unanimously 10/8-Assembly Amendment 1 adopted unanimously 10/8-Assembly Committee approved unanimously	
AB-255	SB-262	Assisted living facility referral agencies and providing a penalty	Gundrum, Cabral- Guevara Milwaukee County: Ortiz-Velez	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	Any agency that refers a prospective resident to an assisted living facility must disclose to the resident any relationship the referral agency has with the assisted living facility, any fee that the assisted living facility will pay to the referral agency, and if the referral agency only lists those assisted living facilities that it has a contractual relationship with. Any fee charged by a referral agency to an assisted living facility must be set in advance, consistent with fair market value, and only after a resident confirms in writing that the resident used the referral agency to move into the assisted living facility. Any prospective resident can ask at any time to terminate services with a referral agency, including use of personal information. There are fees imposed for violations.	6/4-Hearing held in Senate		
AB-410	SB-410	Grants for falls prevention awareness and initiatives and making an appropriation	Gundrum, Jacque Milwaukee County: Donovan, Goodwin, Moore Omokunde, Ortiz-Velez, Rodriguez, Sinicki, Habush Sinykin, Larson	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	Establishes a grant program that would provide funding to organizations delivering effective, evidence-based education on falls prevention. This initiative will support efforts to reduce falls, improve quality of life, and lower health care costs in Wisconsin. Allocates \$450,000 in both fiscal years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 for that purpose.	10/22-Hearing held in Senate		Support

AB-384	SB-386	Create 217.12 of the statutes related to virtual currency kiosks	Spaude, Roys Milwaukee County: Goodwin, Clancy, Drake	Financial Institutions (A) Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage (S)	Requires a virtual currency kiosk operator to be licensed as a money transmitter and imposes certain regulatory requirements on virtual currency kiosk operators The bill limits transactions to \$1,000 per customer per day and limits the fees an operator may charge a customer per transaction to the greater of \$5 or 3 percent of the transaction amount The operator must issue a full refund upon customer's request if the customer was fraudulently induced to engage in the transaction and if the customer contacted the operator and a government or law enforcement agency to inform them of the fraudulent nature of the transaction			
AB-536	SB-517	Accessibility training for election officials	Ratcliff, Snodgrass Milwaukee County: Johnson, Andraca, Arney, Clancy, Goodwin, Madison, Moore Omokunde	Government Operations, Labor, and Economic Development (S) Campaigns and Elections (A)	Requires all election officials, including municipal clerks and election registration officials, to attend one hour of training regarding voter accessibility to ensure compliance with current accessibility requirements. Requires Elections Commission to first provide the training before the 2027 spring election.		Support	
AB-535	SB-518	Polling Place Accessibility	Ratcliff, Snodgrass Milwaukee County: Johnson, Larson, Andraca, Arney, Clancy, Madison, Moore Omokunde, Ortiz-Velez	Government Operations, Labor, and Economic Development (S) Campaigns and Elections (A)	Requires the Elections Commission to establish an election day accessibility checklist for an election official to complete at each polling place to assess whether the polling place presents any limitations that may prevent individuals from voting. The election official must immediately notify the chief inspector or municipal clerk of any such limitations. The Commission must establish the checklist before the 2027 spring election. The commission must periodically update the checklist no later than 12 months following the release of the report that the commission must submit to the legislature regarding impediments to voting facted by the elderly and individuals with disabilities.		Support	
AB-599	SB-597	Allowing voters to automatically receive absentee ballots for every election, eliminating the indefinitely confined voter status for receiving absentee ballots, and providing a penalty	Duchow, Tomczyk	Campaigns and Elections (A) Government Operations, Labor, and Economic Development (S)	Eliminates the process for voting as an indefinitely confined voter beginning on January 1, 2029. Allows a voter to file a written application with the municipal clerk of the municipality where the voter resides to request that the clerk automatically send an absentee ballot for every election that is held in the municipality. Requires voter to provide proof of identification in order to automatically receive absentee ballots. Municipal clerk must retain in the statewide voter registration system an electronic copy of the proof of identification received. If the proof of ID expires, the clerk must notify the voter that they need to provide an updated proof of ID to continue receiving ballots. Also allows an authorized disability advocate to assist a voter with a disability in transmitting a copy of the voter's proof of identification to the clerk. An authorized disability advocate is an employee of a nonprofit disability rights organization or a licensed caregiver. If the advocate knowingly transmits a fraudulent proof of ID, they are guilty of a Class I felony.	11/4-Hearing held in Assembly	11/12-Passage by Assembly Committee (5-2)	
AB-595	SB-595	Help America Vote Act Compliance, Citizenship Verification Audit	Krug, Tomczyk Milwaukee County: none	Campaigns and Elections (A) Government Operations, Labor, and Economic Development (S)	1. If the Wisconsin Election Commission receives a complaint that they themselves are violating the Help America Vote Act, they must make a final determination on the merits and issue a decision (goes against WI Supreme Court decision). Final determination must be in writing. Complainant can request a hearing from WEC. 2. Requires WEC Administrator and DOT Secretary to update share information on registered voters and vehicles registration and license information on a more regular basis than under current law. DOT is required to match personally identifiable information with the voter registration list on a daily basis. If information does not match, DOT required to provide that the Commission and indicate whether the individual reported a change of address for purposes of updating records. Bill also requires DHS Office of Vital Records to enter into agreement with WEC to match personally identifiable information from registration list with the death records maintained by OVR. Must conduct matching on a daily basis and notify WEC of any irregularities. Bill requires Department of Corrections to update WEC on a daily basis of those individuals who have lost their voting rights. 3. If a voter who appears on the registration list becomes ineligible to vote, they must be removed from the list and WEC must keep a permanent record of the removal, including the date of and reason for removal. 4. Requires Legislative Audit Bureau to conduct an audit of the official voter registration list to identify registered individuals who are not US citizens by comparing information with that received from DOT, DOC, and OVR. LAB must verify citizenship against database maintained by US Department of Homeland Security. WEC must send notice to each registrant identified as a noncitizen that they are removed from the registration list unless they provide proof of citizenship.	11/4-Hearing held in Assembly 3/3-Hearing held in Senate	11/12-Passage by Assembly Committee (5-2) 11/19-Passage by Assembly 3/11-Passage by Senate	
AB-598	SB-578	Consent to admissions to certain health care facilities by patient representatives without requiring a petition for guardianship or protective placement	Wimberger, Snyder Milwaukee County: Donovan, Goodwin, Prado, Rodriguez, Sinicki, Wittke	Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	The bill allows a patient's representative to consent to an admission of an incapacitated individual from a hospital to a nursing home or community-based residential facility as provided under current law without petitions for guardianship or protective placement of the incapacitated individual being filed if 1) the incapacitated individual is admitted directly from a hospital inpatient unit, 2) the facility to which the incapacitated individual is admitted notifies the corporation counsel for the county in which the incapacitated patient resides of the admission within 72 hours of admission, and 3) the patient's representative signs, subject to penalty of false swearing, a declaration that contains certain information including a written acknowledgment that the patient's representative may make decisions or authorize expenditures as provided under the bill and promptly provides the signed declaration to all of the incapacitated individual's family members that can be reasonably contacted, the discharging hospital and the accepting facility, the corporation counsel for the county in which the incapacitated individual resides, and the adult-at-risk agency for the county in which the incapacitated individual resides. Further, the bill allows a patient's representative to make health care decisions, enroll the incapacitated individual in the Medical Assistance program, and authorize expenditures related to health care without the time limitations that apply to other direct admissions under current law if the patient's representative satisfies the conditions for admission provided under the bill. The authority of a patient's representative to make health care decisions and authorize expenditures related to health care under the bill ends if a court appoints a guardian to make such decisions, the incapacitated individual is discharged to a setting that is not a facility, a health care power of attorney that was not identified at the time that the patient's representative was established is identified, or the individual is determined to no longer be incapacitated.	11/5-Hearing held in Senate 11/12-Hearing held in Assembly	11/11-Passage by Senate Committee (4-1) 1/21-Passage by Assembly Committee (12-3) 2/19-Passage by Assembly (77-18) 3/19-Passage by Senate 3/20-Signed by Governor and enacted into law 2025 Wisconsin Act 115	Oppose

AB-798	SB-795	Caregiver records maintained by DOT	Green, Quinn Milwaukee County: Goodwin, Sinicki	Transportation (A) Transportation and Local Government (S)	This bill requires the Department of Transportation to inquire whether an applicant for an operator's license or identification card wants to provide names and contact information for up to three individuals for whom the applicant is the primary caregiver. If an applicant provides contact information, DOT must record that information in DOT's file for the applicant. DOT must provide a method for a law enforcement agency that identifies a person to electronically request and automatically receive the contact information recorded in the person's file, as well as any emergency contact information recorded in the person's file.	1/20-Hearing held in Senate 2/3-Hearing held in Assembly	2/4-Passage by Senate Committee (5-0) 2/18-Passage by Senate	
AB-984	SB-959	Memory Care	Armstrong, Quinn Milwaukee County: Donovan, Drake	Health, Aging, Long-Term Care (A) Health (S)	This bill provides that, beginning on July 1, 2027, a community-based residential facility (CBRF) may use the designation of "memory care" in its name, advertising, or communications only if the CBRF serves the client group for individuals with irreversible dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, and ensures that, as part of both the initial training and the annual continuing education required for CBRF administrators and resident care staff, the administrator and resident care staff receive training that includes 1) an introduction to dementia, including understanding Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and including causes, progression, symptoms, and the impact on individuals and caregivers; 2) person-centered dementia care; 3) effective communication; 4) behavioral interventions and alternatives to medication; and 5) supporting independence and quality of life, including encouraging dignity, autonomy, and meaningful engagement in daily activities.	2/12-Hearing in Senate	2/17-Passage by Senate Committee (5-0)	Support
AB-972	SB-970	Financial Exploitation	Snyder, Quinn Milwaukee County: Taylor, Ortiz-Velez, Sinicki	Financial Institutions (A) Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage (S)	This bill allows financial service providers to refuse or delay financial transactions when financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult is suspected. The bill authorizes financial service providers to take certain other actions to prevent or detect financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.	2/5-Hearing held in Assembly	2/11-Passage by Assembly Committee (9-0) 2/18-Passage by Assembly	
AB-968	SB-975	Crypto Kiosks	Snyder, James Milwaukee County: Taylor, Donovan, Ortiz-Velez, Sinicki, Andraca, Moore Omokunde, Arney	Financial Institutions (A) Utilities, Technology, Tourism (S)	This bill requires a virtual currency kiosk operator to be licensed as a money transmitter and imposes certain regulatory requirements on virtual currency kiosk operators in addition to those that apply to money transmitters. The bill also includes customer identification requirements. The bill limits virtual currency kiosk transactions to \$500 per customer per day. The bill also limits the fees a virtual currency kiosk operator may charge a customer per transaction to the greater of \$5 or 3 percent of the transaction amount. The bill requires a virtual currency kiosk operator to provide customer service during hours in which its virtual currency kiosks are operable and to display a toll-free telephone number for customer service on the exterior or a screen of the virtual currency kiosk. A virtual currency kiosk operator must also provide a physical and electronic receipt containing specified information upon completion of a transaction. A virtual currency kiosk operator must take reasonable steps to detect and prevent fraud and must establish and maintain an antifraud policy. The bill requires a virtual currency kiosk operator to provide notice to law enforcement of the location of each virtual currency kiosk before the first transaction at that location. The bill also prohibits a virtual currency kiosk operator from locating a virtual currency kiosk within five feet of, or operating a virtual currency kiosk that also functions as, an automated teller machine.	2/5-Hearing held in Assembly 2/25-Hearing held in Senate	2/11-Passage by Assembly Committee (7-1) 2/18-Passage by Assembly 3/13-Passage by Senate Committee (5-0) 3/17-Passage by Senate (33-0)	Support
AB-970	SB-976	Grants for falls prevention awareness	Snyder, James Milwaukee County: Taylor, Donovan, Ortiz-Velez, Vining, Madison, Sinicki, Moore Omokunde	Health, Aging, and Long- Term Care (A) Transportation and Local Government (S)	The bill also directs DHS to award a grant in the amount of \$200,000 in both fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 to the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging for the purpose of statewide falls prevention awareness and initiatives and appropriates \$200,000 in both fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for that purpose. Amendment requires falls prevention grants are given to community EMT programs created in bill.	2/4-Hearing held in Assembly 2/19-Hearing in Senate	2/11-Passage by Assembly Committee (14-0) 2/17-Passage by Assembly (97-0) 3/12-Passage by Senate Committee (4-1)	Support
AB-973	SB-977	Economic Support Specialists	Novak, James Milwaukee County: Clancy, Taylor, Ortiz- Velez, Sinicki, Clancym Madison, Moore Omokunde	Health, Aging, and Long- Term Care (A) Transportation and Local Government (S)	This bill requires the Department of Health Services to award grants to 10 counties to fund an economic support specialist position in the aging and disability resource center (ADRC) that serves the county. DHS must give preference in awarding six of the grants to two rural, two suburban, and two urban counties. The bill provides \$1,000,000 for the grants.	2/4-Hearing held in Assembly 2/19-Hearing in Senate	2/11-Passage by Assembly Committee (14-0) 2/18-Passage by Assembly (97-0) 3/12-Passage by Senate Committee (4-1)	Support
AB-971	SB-974	Community EMTs	Snyder, James Milwaukee County: Taylor, Sinicki	Health, Aging, and Long- Term Care (A) Transportation and Local Government (S)	The task force recommends LRB-5995, which expands the program created under Act 35 to include reimbursement of an individual or his or her employer for the cost of tuition and materials incurred in completing a program to qualify for DHS approval as a community paramedic or community EMS practitioner. Specifically, the bill draft provides that the Higher Educational Aids Board may provide reimbursement for an individual who has completed a DHS-approved training program and received DHS approval as a community paramedic or community EMS practitioner.	2/4-Hearing held in Assembly	2/11-Passage by Assembly Committee (14-0) 2/18-Passage by Assembly 3/12-Passage by Senate Committee (5-0)	Support

AB-1001	SB-996	Funding for Community Paramedics and Falls Prevention Grants	Snyder, James	Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care (A)	This bill appropriates \$600,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of Health Services for grants for emergency medical services programs to employ a community paramedic or community emergency medical services practitioner, as provided in other legislation. In addition, the bill appropriates \$200,000 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 to DHS for grants to the Wisconsin Institute of Healthy Aging, as provided in the other legislation. If the other legislation is not enacted into law during the 2025 legislative session, the appropriation of the money is void.	2/4-Hearing held in Assembly 2/19-Hearing in Senate	2/11-Passage by Assembly Committee (14-0) 2/18-Passage by Assembly (97-0) 3/12-Passage by Senate Committee (4-1)	Support
AB-1002	SB-997	Funding for Economic Support Specialists	Novak, James	Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care (A)	Funding for grants for economic support specialists and making an appropriation--related to AB-973	2/4-Hearing held in Assembly 2/19-Hearing in Senate	2/11-Passage by Assembly Committee (14-0) 2/18-(Passage by Assembly (97-0) 3/12-Passage by Senate Committee (4-1)	Support
AB-1059	SB-1055	Home-Delivered Meals	Larson, Taylor Milwaukee County: Carpenter, Ortiz-Velez, Clancy, Prado, Goodwin, Sinicki, Madison, Arney	Health (S) Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care (A)	This bill increases by \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 the amount appropriated to DHS for programs for senior citizens for the purpose of increasing the funding available for the home-delivered meals.			Support
AB-1060		Fall Prevention Grants	Taylor, Carpenter Milwaukee County: Arney, Clancy, Goodwin, Kirsch, Madison, Pardo, Sinicki	Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care (A)	This bill directs the Department of Health Services to award a grant in the amount of \$450,000 in both fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 to the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging for the purpose of statewide falls prevention awareness and initiatives and appropriates \$450,000 in both fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27 for the grants.			Support
AB-1089	SB-1054	MA Working Group	Larson, Taylor Milwaukee County: Carpenter, Sinicki, Clancy, Madison	Health (S) Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care (A)	This bill requires the Department of Health Services to convene a working group on statewide coordination of the Medical Assistance program and improving MA recipients' experience with the MA program in light of changes to MA following the passage of Public Law 119-21. The working group must include one representative each from DHS, an aging and disability resource center, and a multicounty consortium or tribal governing body that administers income maintenance programs; one member of the assembly or senate; one health care provider; and one MA recipient. The working group may also include any other person DHS deems necessary. The working group must report its findings and recommendations to DHS and the legislature within six months after the working group first convenes.			Support
AB-1090		Homelessness	Taylor Milwaukee County: Goodwin, Sinicki	Ways and Means (A)	This bill creates a refundable income tax credit equal to the amount of the property taxes paid on the principal dwelling of an individual who is at least 65 years of age that exceeds the amount of the property taxes paid on the individual's principal dwelling in the previous year. Under the bill, the statewide policy must include specific strategies for preventing and ending homelessness among older adults in this state.			
AB-1195		Civil Legal Aid	Clancy, Roys Milwaukee County: Madison, Moore Omokunde, Sinicki, Arney, Goodwin, Tenorio, Larson, Drake	Judiciary (A)	This bill provides a right to the appointment of counsel at state expense for residential tenants in eviction actions. To implement that right, the bill creates an Office of Civil Legal Aid and a Civil Legal Aid Board to oversee that office. Under the bill, an attorney appointed by the director is paid \$100 per hour for time spent on an eviction case. That amount is annually increased by the percentage increase in the consumer price index. The bill also provides travel reimbursement to appointed counsel equal to \$50 per hour for travel outside the county where the attorney is located. Under the bill, the director may appoint counsel only if sufficient funds are available. In addition, the director must prioritize appointing counsel for individuals in the counties in which the most residential evictions occur and to individuals who are disproportionately at risk of eviction.			