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SB 1273 (Moorlach) OPPOSE – An act to amend Section 5813.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Mental Illness

The California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations (CAMHPRO) is a nonprofit statewide organization consisting of consumer-run organizations and programs. CAMHPRO's mission is to transform communities and the mental health system throughout California to empower, support, and ensure the rights of consumers, eliminate stigma, and advance self-determination for all those affected by mental health issues by championing the work of consumer-run organizations.

Senate Bill 1273 would clarify that counties may use Mental Health Services Fund moneys to provide crisis stabilization services, including temporary commitment. Specifically, this bill seeks to add Section 5813.5(f)(2) *When included in county plans pursuant to Section 5847, funds may be used for the provision of crisis stabilization services, including temporary commitment pursuant to 5150.*

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) states that services, "Be designed for voluntary participation," per the California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Rehabilitative and Development Services, Department of Mental Health.

To use MHSA funding for temporary commitment pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 is in direct conflict with the intent of the (MHSA) to treat the whole person using client-centered, family focused, community-based, integrated services that are voluntary and based on the recovery model.

Please uphold the regulations and the intent of the Mental Health Services Act and OPPOSE SB 1273.



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Sincerely,

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cc: Honorable Members, Senate Committee on Health
Honorable Senator Moorlach