

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-134-79

TO: County Welfare Directors GAC Child Care
District Attorneys State Foster Parent Association
Staff Development Officers County Welfare Directors Association
Universities/Colleges Chancellor's Office, Gene Antone

SUBJECT:

REFERENCE:

This letter is to request your ^{assistance} (assistance in urging the passage of HR 3434, the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1979.)

HR 3434 will provide the impetus to significantly improve services to dependent children and will provide federal funding for nonwelfare child support enforcement activities retroactive to October 1, 1978. The State is especially pleased with the provisions for (1) preventive services to children who are at risk of removal from their homes, (2) permanency planning for children in foster care, (3) establishment of an adoption assistance program, (4) the expansion of Title IV-A to provide federal matching funds for payments made on behalf of children placed in publicly operated child care institutions which care for 25 or fewer children, and (5) forward funding provision for the IV-B program. This last provision makes financial aid and services available to more children in need of out-of-home care, and also avoids unnecessary and inappropriate adjudications for the sole purpose of establishing eligibility for federal aid.

In addition to the improvement of services to children, the bill places a CAP on Title XX Training. It is important to urge the joint committee (see attached list) to accept the Senate amendment to the bill regarding Title XX Training. The Senate placed a four percent ceiling on Title XX Training while the House placed a three percent ceiling. The Senate version means a \$10 million allocation to California while the House version means an \$8.7 million allocation. It should also be noted that federal funding for nonwelfare child support enforcement activities is a result of Senate amendments.

The hearing on the bill is going to be conducted within several days. It is imperative that the Committee receive comments by December 4, 1979. Please send the Department of Social Services a copy of your comments.

If you have any further questions, please call Jim Gomez or Al Colon at (916) 322-0181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marion J. Woods".

MARION J. WOODS
Director

Attachment

HR 3434 JOINT COMMITTEE

HOUSE

Representative Al Ullman (D OR-2)
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Longworth House Office Building, Room 1136
Washington, DC 20515

Representative James C. Corman (D CA-21)
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2217
Washington, DC 20515

Representative William M. Brodhead (D MI-17)
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Representative Barber B. Conable (R NY-35)
Cannon House Office Building, Room 237
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Representative John H. Roussetot (R CA-26)
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2133
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HR 3434 JOINT COMMITTEE

SENATE

Senator Russell Long (D LA)
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Senator Herman E. Tallmadge (D GA)
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Senator Daniel P. Moynihan (D NY)
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 442
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Robert G. Dole (R KS)
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Senator John H. Heinz (R PA)
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 443
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Senator William V. Roth (R DE)
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 3215
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Senator David L. Boren (D OK)
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 440
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Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff (D CT)
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