

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

California Paraprofessional Study Group

FINDINGS:

California Paraprofessional Study Group, highly unlikely to reach consensus and obtain approvals for pilot program.

- 1) Internal disagreements as to role and scope of new Paraprofessional designation
- 2) Without consensus this study group will have a slow bureaucratic death
- 3) Study group is not recommending experience waivers for LDA's who have not obtained experience by working with a attorney.

OPPORTUNITIES:

CALDA can take the Initiative and Reimagine itself, redefine, regulate, and certify itself without the oversight of the State Bar.

California professional business code 6400 will sunset January 1, 2024 this gives CALDA Aprox 907 days to recreate itself

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CALDA should continue to monitor the study group, and when appropriate make CALDA's position in opposition clear.

CALDA will be supportive of members who want to pursue the Paraprofessional Track with the State Bar.

CALDA will prepare itself for the Sunset of 6400, by drafting and recommending the type of legislation that will upgrade the professionalism of LDA's and create value for a sustainable CALDA.

The CALDA Board will support the strategy of focusing the efforts of the Legislative Committee on the replacement of PBC, 6400. This legislation should be discussed and approved on a preliminary basis at the upcoming CALDA Convention.