



August 22, 2024

The Honorable Mike Gipson  
1021 O Street, Suite 6210  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 2975 (Gipson) — Neutral**

Dear Assemblymember Gipson:

Providing a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for patients, staff, and visitors is a priority that California hospitals take seriously. In addition to complying with all workplace safety laws and regulations, California hospitals recognize the importance of addressing and implementing preventative measures aimed at reducing violent behavior in our hospitals.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2975 (Gipson, D-Gardena) directs the Cal/OSHA Standards Board to amend the existing Workplace Violence Prevention in Health Care standards to require weapons detection screening devices at specified entrances. As amended, AB 2975 will provide hospitals with the flexibility and discretion they need to develop and implement a weapons detection screen policy that responds to each hospital's unique safety needs. We appreciate the productive discussions with your office and the sponsor, as well as the most recent amendments to the bill.

**For these reasons, the California Hospital Association, on behalf of more than 400 hospitals and health systems, is now neutral on AB 2975, pending forthcoming amendments.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kalyn Dean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kalyn Dean  
Vice President, State Advocacy

cc: John Schaeffer, Legislative Aide, Assemblymember Mike Gipson  
Alma Perez, Consultant, Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee