




Care Court

Compassionate Care or a Major End Run on Individual
Rights and the MHSA?



Bill Initiated in CA Senate

- Authored by Sens. Eggman and Umberg
 - Intended primarily to help the homeless mentally ill and those with substance abuse disorders get housing and treatment, even if involuntary
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Says it is client-centered

- Allows for client input on treatment plan.
- Includes the provision of a public defender.
- Provides no new \$ for any service.
- Services for the mentally ill will be provided by existing MHSA \$
- No provision for those with substance abuse disorders



Raises both legal and Civil Rights Concerns

Will homelessness become criminalized behavior?

Is the plan likely to withstand court scrutiny?

Will the trends toward the over-policing of minority communities result in racially-skewed outcomes?

