



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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AGENDA

Disability and Communication Access Board Legislative Committee Meeting

Location: Virtual Location Via Zoom

Date: February 5, 2021

Time: 12:00 p.m.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of December 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- IV. New Business
 - A. Proposed Rule on Time Limits on Public Testimony/Comments During Legislative Committee Meetings
 - Testimony or comments presented by members of the public during Legislative Committee Meetings shall be limited to one minute per agenda item. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a reasonable amount of additional time shall be afforded to persons with a communication disability to present testimony or comments, if needed. Any person who needs additional time to present testimony or comments is encouraged to contact the DCAB Office in advance of the meeting.
 - B. Proposed Rule on Public Participation During Legislative Committee Meetings
 - Members of the public may present comment or testimony during Legislative Committee meetings on each agenda item. Public comment or testimony, if any, shall be presented on each agenda item before the Legislative Committee deliberates on the item. After all public comment or

testimony is presented, the Legislative Committee shall deliberate on the agenda item without further comment or testimony from the public, unless further public comment or testimony is requested by the Legislative Committee.

C. Parking for Persons with Disabilities

- HB 700 – Relating to Parking for Disabled Persons. Requires the disability and communications access board to establish within the disability and communications access board special fund an accessible parking special account. Authorizes the use of moneys in the special account to cover the costs to administer the statewide parking program for persons with disabilities. Increases the annual vehicle registration fee for vehicles and motor vehicles other than electric and alternative fuel vehicles. Requires that \$1 of the annual vehicle registration fee be deposited into the special account.
- HB 989/SB 1143 – Relating to Funding for Parking for Disabled Persons. Creates an accessible parking special account within the disability and communication access board special fund. Increases the state vehicle registration fee by \$1, to be deposited into the accessible parking special account. Requires all costs associated with the statewide parking program for persons with disabilities to be appropriated from the accessible parking special account beginning July 1, 2022.

D. Nondiscrimination Against Persons with Disabilities/Civil Rights

- HB 19/SB 544 – Relating to Discrimination. Establishes provisions relating to civil remedies for discriminatory reporting to a law enforcement officer. Provides that a person who summons or reports to a law enforcement officer, without reason to suspect a crime, offense, or imminent danger has occurred or is occurring, because of that person's belief or perception involving a member of a protected class shall be civilly liable.
- HB 241 – Relating to Discrimination. Prohibits certain discriminatory practices based on an individual's invasive medical test status or vaccination status.
- SB 739 – Relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Requires all places of public accommodation to comply with accessibility guidelines established under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

E. Communication Access

- HB 837/SB 536 – Relating to Telecommunications Access for Individuals with Print Disabilities. Requires the use of the public utilities commission's universal service fund to provide free telecommunications access to information for individuals with print disabilities.

- HB 840/SB 537 – Relating to American Sign Language. Recognizes American Sign Language as a fully developed, autonomous, natural language with its own grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and cultural heritage.
- HB 986/SB 1140 – Newborn Hearing Screening. Amends the newborn hearing screening statute to mandate reporting of diagnostic audiologic evaluation results to improve hearing follow-up of infants. Updates definitions and terminology.
- SCR 7/SR 5 – Requesting the Disability and Communication Access Board, in collaboration with the Office of Enterprise Technology Services, to convene a working group on accessible government documents.

F. Service Animals for Persons with Disabilities

G. Building Code/Design

H. Community Based Services and Employment for Persons with Disabilities

- HB 582 – Relating to Preferences Under the Procurement Code. Establishes a preference under the procurement code for employers who pledge to hire individuals with disabilities when contracting for goods, services, or construction through competitive sealed bidding, competitive sealed proposals, or both.
- HB 603/SB 793 – Relating to the Minimum Wage. Repeals the exemption of persons with disabilities from minimum wage requirements. Takes effect on 1/1/2022.
- HB 1112/SB 1233 – Relating to the Vending Facilities Program. Allows persons with a mental illness to participate in the vending facilities program. Limits vending facilities owned or operated by persons with mental health disorders to only those state or county public buildings not currently occupied by blind or visually handicapped vendors.
- SCR 6/SR 6 – Urging the Department of Education to develop and implement a program to recruit and employ qualified blind persons to serve as orientation and mobility instructors and in other positions as teachers of visually impaired students.

I. Transportation and Mobility

J. Emergency Preparedness

- SB 553 – Relating to Smoking. Allows the governor to order mitigating measures including prohibiting smoking in multi-unit residences during an emergency order to stay at home.

K. Administrative

- L. Other
- V. Open Forum: Public comment on issues not on the agenda, but to be considered for placement on a future Committee meeting agenda.
- VI. Next Meeting
- VII. Adjournment

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