



**Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Legislative Workgroup (LWG)
Meeting Notes
Friday, February 3, 2023
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

Topic: Legislative Workgroup

Time: February 3, 2023, 09:00 AM

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1. **Meeting Notes.** Marsha motioned that the January 13, 2023, meeting notes be approved as written and Amy seconded. All voted to approve, and the motion was carried.
2. **Update on NAUWU.** HB 1541, companion bill SB 5616. Kristin said we are focusing on the House Bill right now. It is currently in the state government and tribal issues committee. The hearing started at 8:00 am this morning and we had seven people on our pro-panel testifying. It was emphasized that this bill is not just for those with disabilities.

We want to ramp up the inclusion of parents of those with developmental disabilities and other groups who aren't aware that they are also being offered representation on working groups by this bill and don't realize it. Some groups are trying to change the intent.

If the bill moves forward, there may be time to strategize educate communicate and plan better before next steps.

The vote on whether it will advance should happen in about a week. It was introduced with 38 sponsors from both sides of the isle, so chances are good it will make it into appropriations which is the next committee.

Marsha says law makers do pay attention to how many people sign in pro and con, but we are not currently tracking or publicizing this number.

Elizabeth says an amendment is needed to address a concern held by some parties that the Office of Equity shouldn't be involved in appointing people to commissions, and that this might be out of their scope. If this wording is changed it could help to get others on board with supporting the bill.

Some parents are concerned that people who have total care needs not get lumped in with those who can make their own choices.

3. Discussion of tier one priorities for this legislative session:

The current bill tracking sheet is attached to the minutes. Committee members have three more business days to submit and prioritize bills for our LWG to emphasize and work on as a group so that we can choose our top five for this session.

Action Items:

- Kristen will send her one page talking points document, and a template she created to reach different groups on this and other bills that can be customized as needed.
- All of us will send our top bill priorities to Elizabeth if they aren't listed here.
- Elizabeth will investigate how to track and notify GCDE about levels of bill support so we can get broader participation on priorities.

Next LWG Meeting: Friday, February 24, 2023 at 9:00 am