

Legislative Update Che Silvert



Health Survey

SB755

Relating to Health Disparity

Introducer: Sen. Kanuha

Died: (H) Finance

Companion: None

- Hawai'i needs data surrounding the social determinates of health for people with developmental disabilities
- Social determinants
 - Economic stability, Education access, Health care access, Enviornment, Social community
- Specifically helps with understanding our dispartieis on zip-code

Hawai'i ABLE

(HB1263)

Relating to the Hawai'i ABLE Savings Program

Introducer: Rep. Sayama

Died: Conference

Companion: SB672 Died (S) WAM

- Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE)
- Allows people with disabilities a tax advantage saving account that also allows them to save money without impacting poverty based systems they may be on (SSI, Medicaid, ect)
- Hawai'i enacted ABLE accounts in 2016*
- Over 58,000 people in Hawai'i are eligible but, currently only X amount have one

Personal Needs Allowance HB916

Relating to Social Service

Introducer: Rep. Mizuno

Died: (H) FIN

Companion: SB849, Died at (S) HHS

- Individuals that live in a long-term care facility get a monthly allowance.
- The allowance's intent is to increase the individuals independence and personal choices.
- Currently the allowance is \$50 a month and has no been increased since 2007.
- Also clarifies the personal items that care homes must provide without charge (toilet paper, food, linen)

Adult Changing Tables HB1145

Relating to Equity

Introducer: Rep. Matsumoto

Died: (S) CPN/WAM

Companion: SB389 Died at (H) FIN

- All new spaces of public accommodations after 12/31/24 will have to have universal changing accommodations
- Universal changing accommodations means powered, height adjustable, adult changing tables
- Hawai'i pushes for individuals with developmental disabilities to be a part of the community and these changing tables increase the dignity and integration of people with disabilities into our communities

Guardianship Uniform Law

HB1440

Introducer: Rep. Hashimoto (now Sen.)

Died: (H) Judiciary

- Uniform Law: Created by the Uniform Law Commission who create proposed laws by working with national experts.
- Overhauls the entire Guardianship and Conservator process in Hawai'i
- Currently hosting this working group to work through the proposed measure with local stakeholders and the judiciary.

Office on Hawaiian Affairs

OHA Resolution

- OHA has informed us that they will be putting in a resolution to encourage our state to support individuals with disabilities, especially our Hawaiian community members with disabilities.

Mahalo!