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**AGENDA ITEM 7a.****LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE SUMMARY**

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***Date of Meeting***

January 17, 2023

***Meeting's Focus***

The Legislative and Public Policy Committee met on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting's focus was to review the legislative process for new committee members, discuss a priority strategy for this legislative season, hear highlights from the 639 report and an update on the 2022 Bill Idea Contest submissions.

In the afternoon members heard from Eden Rosales from the Department of Aging. Ms. Rosales works in the Long-Term Care Ombuds Program and provided the committee with an informative overview of the role of their office and how issues of persons with disabilities and the aging are interconnected. Ms. Rosales also talked about her role with Silence = Violence, a network of organizations, state departments and advocates that focuses on raising awareness of violence and exploitation of the elderly and people with I/DD. Following her presentation, members requested that Silence = Violence be invited to present at the March meeting.

***Future Meeting Dates***

March 16<sup>th</sup>, September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>