

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Agenda Items 7 and 8 Review of 2022 and Plan for 2023



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AGENDA ITEM #7a

BILL IDEAS CONTEST

- ▶ “There Should Be a Law” contest is an annual contest by SCDD.
- ▶ The contest encourages everyone to participate by proposing changes to the law to improve daily life for people with disabilities.
- ▶ We will share your bill ideas with legislators and will fight for the bill if a legislator wants to champion it.

Bill Ideas Contest

Update on 2021 Ideas

Three bill ideas from the September 2021 bill idea contest were made into legislation in 2022:

- AB 1663: Conservatorships Reform (passed)
- AB 1092: Fair Hearing Reform (passed in the budget)
- AB 2547: Housing Subsidy (did not pass but will try again in 2023)

Bill Ideas Contest 2022

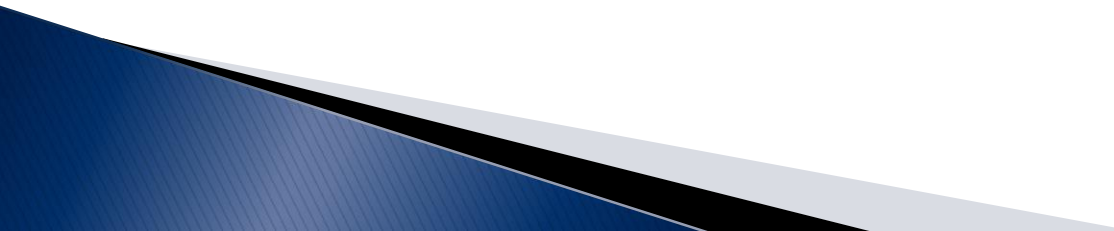
Highlights

- ▶ Over 100 bill ideas submitted from across the state
 - 11 bill ideas submitted in Spanish
- ▶ Ideas were submitted by self-advocates, family members, professionals, and other members of the community
- ▶ Bill ideas fall into policy categories of:
 - Health
 - Education
 - Human Services
 - Safety
 - Transportation

Bill Ideas Contest 2022

Trends

This year bill idea trends include:

- Safety
 - Access to transportation
 - Equal opportunities in higher education & employment
 - Affordable housing
 - Access to services
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QUESTIONS?



AGENDA ITEM #7b SB 639 (Durazo, 2021) Report

Update from the SB 639 Phasing Out
Subminimum Wages Report

SB 639 REPORT UPDATE

- ▶ SB 639 (Durazo) 2021 ends subminimum wages by January 1, 2025
- ▶ SB 639 required a report with SCDD recommendations to phase out subminimum wage through competitive integrated employment (CIE)
- ▶ We are working with Senator Durazo to possibly implement recommendations made in report

QUESTIONS?

AGENDA ITEM #8

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2023

Now we will discuss staff recommendations for this year's priorities.

- ▶ The first recommendation is for LPPC to spend time at each of the 2023 LPPC meetings exploring safety issues and possible bill ideas for us to prioritize in 2024.
- ▶ The second recommendation is to prioritize Employment.

RECOMMENDATION #1

A YEAR OF EXPLORING SAFETY FOR ALL

- ▶ Safety has been a priority for the Council for many years.
- ▶ Over the last several years concerns about safety, abuse and neglect have been increasing.
- ▶ LPPC staff is recommending we spend time during each LPPC meeting in 2023 learning about these concerns and looking for solutions and possibly doing a bill in 2024.

RECOMMENDATION #2

EMPLOYMENT

- ▶ As you will learn later in this presentation, in 2021 the Council sponsored SB 639 which ends subminimum wages by 2025.
- ▶ DDS, DOR, CDE and their agency HHS are doing a lot of work to increase job opportunities for our community because of SB 639.
- ▶ As sponsors of the bill, we should work with the departments and the legislature to ensure the best possible outcomes.

2023 POLITICS AND MONEY

- ▶ Due to several factors, the economy is not as strong this year as it was last year.
- ▶ Many experts predict a recession-this means there may be less money available for bills and budget requests.
 - Less money impacts what the state will pass in the legislature and in the state budget process.
- ▶ There are also many new legislators, which impacts votes and priorities, we need to learn who the new legislators are and if they can be a champion for our community.

QUESTIONS?