

Legislative and Public Policy Committee Meeting

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Overview

- 2025 Bill Update
- Budget Update
- 2025 5th Annual There Should Be A Law Contest
- 2026 Policy Priorities
- 2026 Policy Theme

2025 Bill Update

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2025 Bill Update

- Positions taken on 19 bills
- SCDD supported 18 bills and opposed 1
- Of the 18 SCDD supported bills, 7 were signed into law
- The one SCDD opposed died in committee
- The remainder may be acted upon as 2-year bills
- Included: The Bill Summary Chart

Budget Update

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2026 Legislative Planning

Agenda Item 7

Overview – Item 7

- a. 2025 “There Should Be a Law Contest” Report
- b. 2026 Policy Priorities
- c. 2026 Policy Theme 2026

2025 There Should Be A Law Contest Report

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2025 There Should Be A Law Contest Report

- Fifth annual contest
- The contest encourages everyone to participate by proposing changes to the law to improve daily life for people with disabilities
 - Bill ideas will be shared with legislators and advocated for if a legislator will champion it
- Report is available on the LPPC webpage

2025 There Should Be A Law Contest Report

- 150+ bill ideas were submitted
- Timing was a little different – due in July
 - Based on when ideas must be presented to bill authors
- Topics with the most ideas: human services, education, health, and civil rights

2026 Legislative and Policy Ideas

- The council approved legislative and policy ideas and authorized staff to work on them. They are:
 - Clarify the authorized representative process
 - Plain language materials from government agencies
 - Protected, paid leave for sibling bonding
 - Fingerprinting of personnel at off-campus school worksites
 - Chronic absenteeism in schools
 - Marriage penalty (SSI)

2026 Policy Priorities

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2026 Policy Priorities

- Council has approved priorities by subject and authorized staff to advocate for them
- Periodically reviewed to ensure they're relevant, timely, and inclusive of emergent issues
- For this reason, a new section was added to the document, “Ensuring Federal Policies and Laws Advance Inclusion and Self-Determination”
- Staff are requesting LPPC consider the document and recommend its adoption to Council for the November meeting

2026 Policy Theme

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Discussion: Select Theme for the Year

- 2025 Theme: Taking Charge: Who's in Charge? We're in Charge!
 - Themes to consider for 2026:
 - Better, Stronger, Together (discussed at August 2025 LPPC meeting)
 - Opportunity Is for All
 - Community Is for All
 - Together Is Our Superpower
 - Together We Are a Collective Force
 - Strength in Collective Action
 - Staff are requesting LPPC recommend a theme to Council for its adoption
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THANK YOU!

Questions or
Discussion?

