

Bills We Are Following - 2006 Session

Health

SB427 Booster Seat Bill. Requires children 4 to 8 years to use booster seats for child passenger safety.

HB2083 Makes appropriation for school-based substance abuse treatment programs for adolescents.

HB2045 and SB2132 Perinatal clinic for women with history of substance abuse.

HB2261 Relating to violent video games.

HB3154 Prohibits the use of mercury-containing vaccines. The "CAN" bill.

SB2341 and HB2378 Related to the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council. AAP-Hawaii Chapter is added as a representative.

SB2340 and HB2377 Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Health for Early Intervention Services. Request for the Early Intervention.

SB2347 and HB2384 Making an Emergency Appropriation to the Department of Health for the Family Health Services Division. Healthy Start request.

Education

SB3101 Establishes an early learning authority within the DOE.

HB2081 and HB3237 Develops the infrastructure for an early education system including training of professionals for the system.

Welfare

HB3116 Provides health insurance for children in the "gap group", those not eligible by income for medicaid but unable to afford private health insurance.

Access

HB2321 and SB2284 "Tort reform" bill to lower medical malpractice insurance premiums

Comment

This list is a selection of bills which were followed in the 2006 Session. They cover the three major categories; health, education and welfare. Several of these bills will reappear in the 2007 Session with new bill numbers, House or Senate. New bills may be added. The 2007 list will be posted on this website in January, 2007 prior to the beginning of the Session.

You may choose a bill from the 2007 list which addresses your area of interest. This can be the bill you will follow and on which you will submit testimony.

Sample testimony can be found on the HAAP website or may be derived from the text of the bill, itself, and from your clinical experience. Statistics and policy statements are of value for your testimony. However, keep in mind that your clinical experience is also significant. It tells how the bill will affect your patient who is also the Legislator's constituent.

This is what the legislators want to hear.

The basic websites you will need in order to follow bills and submit testimony are:

HAAP website: www.hawaii.aap.org

Capitol website: www.capitol.hawaii.gov

AAP website: www.aap.org

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