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for the deaf and the hard of hearing

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Week of January 29, 2021

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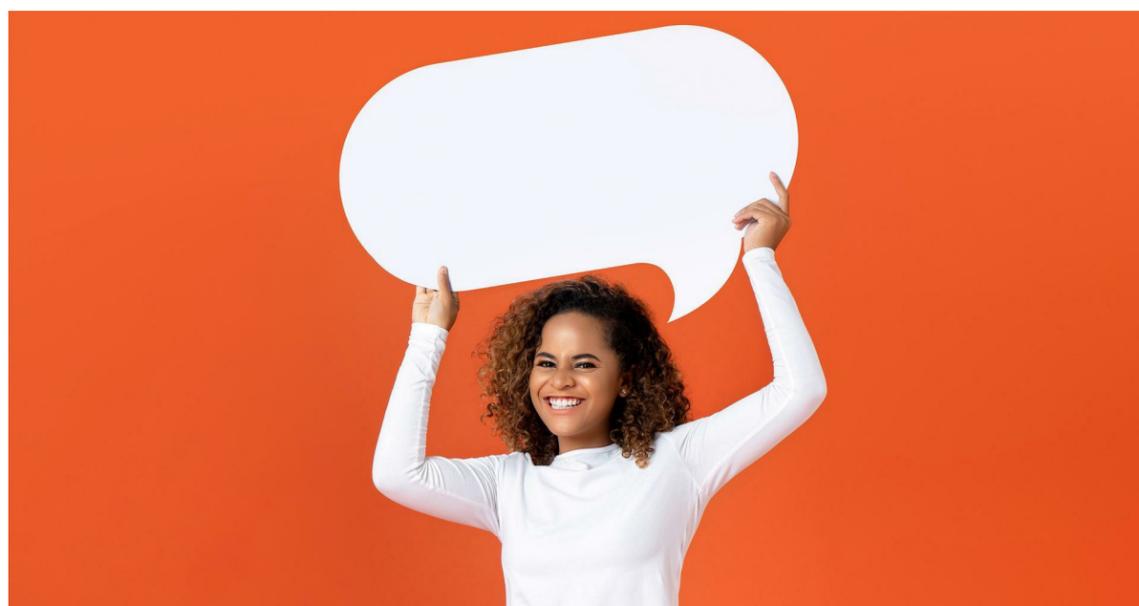
**Week Three of Session Summary**

Only one week left before the final deadline for all bills to be introduced by Legislative members. Many are the same bills as last year that never made it through due to legislative session ending early.

Some of these bills are taking a priority and are being fast tracked through the legislative process by having a companion bill also known as a twin bill in each chamber. We will see these bills move quickly. So far, none of these bills have a direct impact on the deaf, hard of hearing or deafblind communities.

ACDHH caused some buzz this week! As SB 1092 was heard in the Senate Health and Human Services committee this past Wednesday, everyone saw firsthand effective communication and accessibility live in the committee hearing via Zoom. It had Twitter a tweeting!

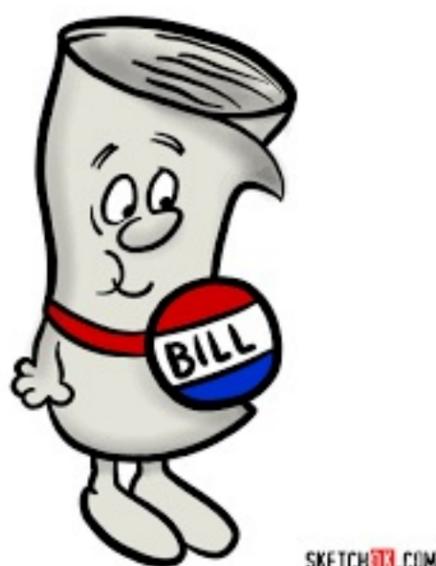
We appreciate the Senate staff taking the time and working with our office and figuring out the technology to make it happen. ACDHH thanks the community members who testified in support of the SB 1092!



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## **BILLS TO WATCH**

Bill count: 1350 Days of Session: 19

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**SB 1092: Deaf; Hard of Hearing; DeafBlind**

*Adds duties to the Commission to include issues and services related to the DeafBlind and includes making recommendations to the Legislature on assessment standards for language acquisition and literacy development.*

Heard in Senate Health & Human Services committee 1/27/21. Will be heard in Rules Committee on 2/1/21

**SB 1028: Alternative Assessment; Special Education**

*Establishes a 13 member assessment study committee to discuss alternative assessment and related issues for students enrolled in a special education program.*

Senate Committee of the Whole as amended, passed Senate 28-1, ready to be transmitted to the House

**SB 1069: Permanent Early Voting List; Eligibility**

*Requires the county recorder to remove voter from permanent early voting list and will no longer receive an early ballot if the voter failed to vote an early ballot in both primary and general election for two consecutive primary and general elections.*

Passed Senate Government Committee with an amendment. Will be heard in Senate Rules Committee on 2/1/21

**SB 1206: Health Care Insurance; Hearing Aids**

*Requires Department of Insurance to establish minimum coverage rates and limits for adult and child hearing aids for each ear, which would allow for at least 100% coverage of reasonable and customary hearing aids.*

Referred to Senate Finance.

**SB 1316: Hearing Evaluations; Preschools**

*Requires Department of Health Services to expand hearing evaluation services to include students in public or private preschools.*

Referred to Senate Education.

**SB 1458: Speech-Language Pathologists; Assistants**

*Various changes to licensure of hearing aid dispensers, audiologists and speech language pathologists. Makes changes to supervisory hours of speech pathology assistants. Makes changes to which committee reviews and examines applications for a hearing aid dispenser license. Requires DHS to create an awareness campaign for hearing aid dispensers and post on its website bill of sale notice requirements.*

Referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**SB 1374: Crisis Standards of Care; Requirements**

*If DHS adopts or establishes a crisis standard of care plan to address resource allocations when demand for health care needs exceeds supply of resources, requirements applied to the plan include requiring individual assessments made on best available medical evidence. Cannot be based on several factors, including stereotypes, person's age, or whether or not person has a disability (seen or invisible). Also requires reasonable accommodations, including communication to ensure equal access of care.*

Referred to Senate Health and Human Services.

**HB 2128: State Licensing; Fee Waiver**

*Requires state agencies to waive initial license fees to active military duty service members and the member's spouse and any veteran.*

Referred to House Military Affairs-Public Safety Committee. Will be heard in committee on 2/1/21.

**HB 2358: Voter Registration Update; Address Change**

*Requires county recorder in each county to use the national change of address system of the US Postal System to identify whose addresses may changed, and update the voter registration records. If voter has changed counties, the county recorder is required to cancel registration in previous county and no longer required to provide information how the person can continue to be eligible to vote.*

Referred to House Government- Elections Committee. Will be heard in committee on 2/3/21.

**HB 2529: Early Ballots: Address; Return**

*Requires the entity who bears responsibility of preparing ballots for any election to state on the early ballot envelope that if the envelope was received in error by someone is not addressed to, the person is required to mark the outside of the up opened envelope Return to Sender and place it back in the mail.*

Referred to House Government- Elections Committee. Will be heard in committee on 2/3/21.

**HB 2454: Telehealth; Health Care Providers; Requirements**

*Requires health and disability insurers to cover telehealth services. Expanded telehealth to include audio-only telephone appointments between patient and provider. Certain conditions must be met. Requires health care provider to make good faith effort to use best practices of using telehealth or in person. Establishes Telehealth Advisory Committee on Telehealth Best Practices.*

Referred to House Health and Human Services Committee. Will be heard in committee on 2/1/2021.

**HB 2369: Early Ballots; Notarization; Identification**

*Requires a voter signature on early ballot return envelope to be notarized. Also removes family member or household member from dropping or mailing off early ballot on behalf of voter.*

Referred to House Government-Elections committee.

**HB 2560: Removal; Permanent Early Voting List**

*The county recorder would be required to remove a voter from the permanent early voting list if the voter does vote their early ballot in a general election race where there was a federal race on the ballot.*

Referred to House Government-Elections Committee.

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