



Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee

Monday July 13, 2009 3 – 4:30 PM

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Attendees:	Timothy Flynn (Chair.); Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair.); Jeanne Behie; Sharon Brinkworth; Rosemary C. Carmody; Linda Deschenes; Elaina Goldstein; William R. Inlow; Laura Jones; Arthur M. Plitt; Gwendolyn Reeve; Linda Ward; Janet Spinelli; Judy Taylor; Julie DeRosa;
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Absent:	
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Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Tim Flynn Chairperson	5 min.
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Introductions:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented AP/KMcCB passed unanimously

Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Commission's Legislative Package Status	Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary	15 min.

GCD Bills Tally Sheet	
Effective without Governor's signature	1
<i>Commission Neutral now that it has been amended</i>	1
Indefinitely Postponed	1
Postponed by sponsor	1
Signed by Governor	2
<i>Commission Opposes</i>	4
Indefinitely Postponed	1
Signed by Governor	3
<i>Commission Opposes unless amended</i>	4
Held for Further Study or Continued	2
Passed in Concurrence	2
Postponed by sponsor	1
Resolution Adopted	1
Signed by Governor	3
<i>Commission Supports</i>	9
Held for Further Study or Continued	1
Passed and Transferred	1
Signed by Governor	2
<i>Commission Supports as amended</i>	4
Held for Further Study or Continued	2
<i>Commission Supports if amended</i>	2
Effective Notwithstanding the Governor's Veto	1
Effective without Governor's signature	1
Held for Further Study or Continued	16

Indefinitely Postponed	1
Passed	2
Passed and Transferred	6
Passed in Concurrence	1
Recommend Pass in Concurrence	1
Recommitted	1
Referred to Committee	8
Resolution Adopted	1
Transmitted to Governor	1
Vetoed by Governor	1
<i>Committee finds this bill Beneficial</i>	41
Held for Further Study or Continued	8
Passed and Transferred	1
Referred to Committee	2
<i>Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended</i>	11
Held for Further Study or Continued	4
Indefinitely Postponed	2
Withdrawn by sponsor	1
<i>Committee finds this bill Harmful</i>	7
Held for Further Study or Continued	2
Referred to Committee	1
<i>Committee finds this bill Harmful unless amended</i>	3
Signed by Governor	1
<i>Committee recommends Commission Support</i>	1
Held for Further Study or Continued	1
Passed, held on desk	1
<i>Monitor this bill</i>	2
Effective Notwithstanding the Governor's Veto	3
Effective without Governor's signature	4
Held for Further Study or Continued	52
Indefinitely Postponed	7
Passed	3
Passed and Transferred	13
Passed in Concurrence	5
Postponed by sponsor	1
Recommend Pass in Concurrence	1
Recommend Passage	1
Recommitted	3
Referred to Committee	12
Resolution Adopted	4
Signed by Governor	10
Transmitted to Governor	1
Withdrawn by sponsor	3
<i>No Position taken</i>	123
Withdrawn by sponsor	1
<i>Review requested</i>	1
Effective Notwithstanding the Governor's Veto	1
Transmitted to Governor	1
<i>Tabled for more information</i>	2
<i>Total</i>	215
Signed by Governor	<u>Enacted into Law</u>

09 H 5983 Article 05 Sec. 01 (formerly Art. 39) Sub A RELATING TO EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Opposes unless amended**
Sent House Letter 4/7/2009 Sent Senate Letter 4/30/2009 Senate Testimony 4/30/2009

09 H 5983 Article 16 Sec. 01 (formerly Art. 17) Sub A RELATING TO MOTOR FUEL TAX

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Opposes**
Sent House Letter 4/30/2009

09 H 5983 Article 18 (formerly Art. 32) Sub A RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Opposes**
Sent House Letter 5/13/2009 Sent Senate Letter 5/13/2009

09 H 5983 Article 22 (formerly H 5112 Sub A as Amended) Sub A as Amended RELATING TO CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

Rep. Costantino **Commission Supports as amended**
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/2/2009 House Testimony 1/20/2009

09 H 5983 Article 23 Sec. 03 - 05 (formerly Art. 28) Sub A RELATING TO THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Supports**
Sent House Letter 4/30/2009

09 H 5983 Article 23 Sec. 06 - 08 (formerly Art. 29) Sub A RELATING TO DIAGNOSIS RELATED GROUPS

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Supports**
Sent House Letter 4/30/2009

09 H 5983 Article 23 Sec. 09 (formerly Art. 30) Sub A RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE SERVICE REFORM FOR MEDICAID ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Opposes unless amended**
Sent House Letter 4/9/2009 Sent Senate Letter 4/30/2009 House Testimony 4/9/2009 Senate Testimony 4/30/2009

09 H 5983 Article 23 Sec. 10 (formerly Art. 34) Sub A RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Supports**
Sent House Letter 4/7/2009

09 H 5983 Article 23 Sec. 11 (formerly Art. 31) Gov Amendment RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND GLOBAL CONSUMER DEMONSTRATION WAIVER

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Opposes unless amended**
Sent House Letter 4/7/2009 Sent Senate Letter 4/30/2009 Senate Testimony 4/30/2009

09 H 5983 Article 23 Sec. 13 (formerly GBA 19) Sub A RELATING TO RITE CARE PROGRAM

Requested by the Department of Human **Committee recommends Commission Support**
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter
7/8/2009

09 H 5112 Sub C RELATING TO CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES WAIVER AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY

Rep. Costantino **Commission Supports as amended**
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 3/2/2009 House Testimony 1/20/2009

Effective Notwithstanding the Governor's Veto

09 H 5449 Sub A RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Rep. Naughton Requested by the Lieutenant Governor **Committee finds this bill Beneficial**
Sent House Letter 3/11/2009 Sent Governor Letter 6/23/2009

Effective without Governor's signature

09 H 5019 Article 02 Sub A RELATING TO INTERFUND BORROWING (formerly GUBERNATORIAL AUTHORITY)

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Commission Neutral now that it has been**
Sent House Letter 1/14/2009 Sent Senate Letter 1/28/2009

09 H 5019 Article 13 (formerly Art.22) Sub A RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor **Committee finds this bill Beneficial**
Sent House Letter 1/14/2009

In the Governor's Office

Transmitted to Governor on 6/30/2009

09 S 0748 Sub A RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - LONG TERM CARE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Sen. Lynch Requested by the Lieutenant Governor **Committee finds this bill Beneficial**
Sent House Letter Sent Senate Letter 5/14/2009 Sent Letter to the Governor 6/23/2009

On the House Desk

Vetoed by Governor

09 H 5135 RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990

Rep. Walsh **Committee finds this bill Beneficial**
Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

Passed

09 S 0245 Sub B RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Sen. Levesque

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 5/14/2009

Passed in Concurrence

09 S 0162 RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1990

Sen. Connor

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 5/14/2009 Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009

09 S 0783 Sub A as Amended RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Sen. McCaffrey Requested by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Commission Supports

Sent Senate Letter 3/31/2009

Senate Testimony 4/21/2009

On the Senate Desk

Passed

09 H 5415 Sub B RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Rep. Naughton

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Recommend Pass in Concurrence

09 H 5655 RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - HEARING AID DEALERS AND FITTERS

Rep. Naughton

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

Passed in Concurrence

09 H 5949 Sub A RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Rep. Lally Requested by the Governor's Commission on Disabilities Commission Supports

Sent House Letter 3/31/2009 House Testimony 4/29/2009

In the House Corporations Committee

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 H 5149 RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS

Rep. Coderre Requested by Governor's Commission on

Commission Supports

Sent House Letter 2/3/2009 House Testimony 2/3/2009

09 H 5394 RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- TERMINATION OF SERVICE TO PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED OR SERIOUSLY ILL

Rep. Slater

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

09 H 5612 RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Rep. Handy

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

Postponed by sponsor

09 H 5946 RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS - TAXICABS AND LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES

Rep. Coderre

Commission Supports

Sent House Letter 3/16/2009

In the House Finance Committee

Referred to Committee

09 H 5152 RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR FUEL TAX

Rep. Pacheco

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

09 H 5158 RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Rep. Winfield

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

09 H 5987 RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

Rep. Fox

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 4/20/2009

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 H 5210 RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Almeida

Commission Supports if amended

House Testimony 3/10/2009

09 H 5546 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM

Rep. Slater

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

09 H 5638 RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS

Rep. Naughton

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009 House Testimony 5/6/2009

09 H 5806 RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN FIDUCIARY

Rep. Ajello

Committee finds this bill Harmful unless

Sent House Letter 3/16/2009

09 H 5978 RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT

Rep. Ajello

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 4/20/2009

Indefinitely Postponed

09 H 5019 Article 06 RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FUND – LOANS AND INTEREST

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Committee finds this bill Harmful

Sent House Letter 1/14/2009 Sent Senate Letter 1/28/2009

09 H 5019 Article 23 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS - SCHOOL NURSES

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 1/14/2009

09 H 5019 Gov New Article Gov Amendment RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ASSESSMENT ACT

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Committee finds this bill Harmful

Sent House Letter 1/14/2009 Sent Senate Letter 1/28/2009

09 H 5983 Article 15 RELATING TO PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ELDERLY

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Commission Opposes unless amended

Sent House Letter 5/13/2009 Sent Senate Letter 5/13/2009 House Testimony 4/8/2009

09 H 5983 Article 40 RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DENTAL BENEFITS

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Commission Opposes

Sent House Letter 4/30/2009

Withdrawn by sponsor

09 H 5019 Article 36 RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Rep. Watson Requested by the Governor

Committee finds this bill Harmful

Sent House Letter 1/14/2009

Recommitted

09 H 5264 Section 10 Sub A RELATING TO TAXATION

Rep. Costantino

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 4/20/2009

Passed and Transferred

09 S 0053 Sub A as Amended STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID REFORM ACT

Sen. DaPonte

Commission Supports as amended

Sent House Letter 3/2/2009 Senate Testimony 1/21/2009

Postponed by sponsor

09 H 5641 RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. Slater

Commission Opposes

Sent House Letter 3/10/2009

In the House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

Referred to Committee

09 H 6087 RELATING TO INSURANCE -INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Rep. Wasylyk

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 4/20/2009

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 H 5038 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - CHILDREN'S PRODUCT SAFETY ACT

Rep. Rice

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

09 H 5132 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - BANNING HARMFUL TOXINS - BISPHENOL A (BPA) FROM CONTAINERS THAT CONTACT BABY FOOD

Rep. Pollard

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

09 H 5217 RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MANDATES

Rep. DaSilva

Committee finds this bill Harmful

Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

09 H 5287 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Rep. Palumbo

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

09 H 5358 RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Rep. Silva

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 3/31/2009

09 H 5601 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS

Rep. Jacquard
Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

09 H 5647 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--LONG-TERM CARE AND FINANCE REFORM

Rep. Sullivan

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 6/9/2009

09 H 5656 RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PATIENT PROTECTION

Rep. Naughton

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

09 H 5852 RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2009

Rep. Ferri

Committee finds this bill Harmful

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

09 H 5980 RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN

Rep. Gemma

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 4/20/2009

09 H 6153 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC MOLD PROTECTION ACT

Rep. Lima

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Sent House Letter 5/14/2009

Withdrawn by sponsor

09 H 5652 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Rep. Shallcross Smith

Review requested

Passed and Transferred

09 S 0242 Sub A as Amended RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE--LONG-TERM CARE AND FINANCE REFORM

Sen. Perry

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Sent House Letter 6/9/2009

In the House Judiciary Committee

Referred to Committee

09 H 5494 RELATING TO PROPERTY -RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PROTECTION ACT

Rep. Segal

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 3/16/2009

09 H 6021 RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES

Rep. Marcello

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 4/20/2009

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 H 5431 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - MENTAL HEALTH, RETARDATION, AND HOSPITALS

Rep. Slater

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

09 H 5570 RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Rep. Handy

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

09 H 5932 RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Rep. Ucci

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

House Testimony 3/24/2009

09 H 5935 RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - CIVIL RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Rep. Naughton

Commission Supports as amended

Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

09 H 5989 RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES

Rep. Baldelli-Hunt

Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Sent House Letter 4/20/2009

Passed and Transferred

09 S 0383 As Amended RELATING TO ELECTIONS

Sen. Walaska

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent Senate Letter 3/11/2009

In the Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee

Referred to Committee

09 S 0170 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER EVALUATION AND TREATMENT ACT

Sen. Doyle

Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009

Passed and Transferred

09 H 5600 Sub A RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES
Rep. Naughton
Sent House Letter 4/20/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

09 H 5654 As Amended JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ESTABLISH HEALTH CARE REFORM MODELS TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE AND TO DECREASE HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS
Rep. Dennigan
Sent Senate Letter 5/7/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

09 H 6073 Sub A as Amended RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES-REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES-BREAST CANCER SUPPORT LICENSE PLATES
Rep. Gemma
Sent House Letter 4/20/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

In the Senate Corporations Committee

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 S 0172 RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS
Sen. Walaska
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Commission Supports

In the Senate Education Committee

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 S 0060 RELATING TO EDUCATION - - MANDATES
Sen. Blais
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Committee finds this bill Harmful

09 S 0173 RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS
Sen. Walaska
Sent Senate Letter 3/11/2009
Committee finds this bill Harmful

In the Senate Finance Committee

Referred to Committee

09 S 0030 RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION FEES
Sen. Tassoni By Request
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Committee finds this bill Harmful unless

09 S 0075 RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - MOTOR FUEL TAX
Sen. Tassoni By Request
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 S 0032 RELATING TO TAXATION - PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION
Sen. Tassoni
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

09 S 0036 RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY
Sen. Blais
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

09 S 0116 RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE
Sen. Metts
Sent Senate Letter 3/16/2009
Commission Supports if amended

09 S 0775 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM
Sen. Ciccone
Sent Senate Letter 3/11/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

In the Senate Health and Human Services Committee

Referred to Committee

09 S 0056 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RIGHTS OF NURSING HOME PATIENTS
Sen. Lanzi
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

09 S 0538 RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RIGHTS OF BLIND AND DEAF PERSONS
Sen. Walaska
Sent Senate Letter 3/16/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial if amended

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 S 0126 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT
Sen. Fogarty
Sent Senate Letter 2/10/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

09 S 0533 RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- TOXIC MOLD PROTECTION ACT
Sen. Lanzi
Sent Senate Letter 3/11/2009
Committee finds this bill Beneficial

Passed and Transferred

09 H 5266 Sub A RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE RHODE ISLAND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER EVALUATION AND TREATMENT ACT

Rep. Palumbo
Sent House Letter 2/10/2009

Committee finds this bill **Beneficial**

In the Senate Judiciary Committee

Held for Further Study or Continued

09 S 0327 RELATING TO ELECTIONS - CAMPAIGN FIDUCIARY

Sen. Perry
Sent Senate Letter 3/16/2009

Committee finds this bill **Harmful unless**

Passed and Transferred

09 H 5175 RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT

Rep. Savage
Sent House Letter 3/11/2009

Committee finds this bill **Beneficial**

- **Inlow** suggested followup on S 0748 (Governor’s desk) and H 5449 (enacted); seemingly identical bills in two different locations
- **McCarthy-Barnett** suggested **Flynn** keep an eye on these bills in Cooper’s absence
- **Goldstein** gave updated on her perspective of the **global waiver taskforce**

2. Public Forum Planning

Tim Flynn

65 min.

Checklist for Forums

GCD Commissioner/Staff/Fellow will:

1. Set up sign-in table (next to room entrance)
2. Bring & set up Assistive Listening Transmitter at the front of the room, Give out and collect the Assistive Listening Receivers as requested
3. Ask attendees to sign in
4. Distribute the Forum handout to attendees
5. Provide the host with the initial sign in sheet at the start of the meeting and subsequent sign in sheets as needed

Host will:

1. Determine the order of speakers (divide speakers by amount of time available (leaving time 10-15 minutes for - questions, wrapping up, misc.)
2. Start the meeting on time by welcoming everyone and introducing him/herself
3. Have panel members introduce themselves (name and organization they represent)
4. If the group is small, asking the attendees to introduce themselves and maybe move up closer (even have everyone gather around a table)
5. Remind everyone present to sign the attendance sheet and pickup materials (handouts) available _____
6. Mention that there are Assistive Listening Devices available (direct them to the “greeter”)
 - a. Assistive Listening devices
 - b. Interpreters for the deaf (except in Newport)
7. Mention location of public phone and restrooms and offer refreshments if available

Read - "The purpose of these public forums is to identify the concerns of people with disabilities and their families in order to assist the State develop programs to improve the quality of live of people with disabilities."

Also please announce at the start and half way through the forum “The RI Disability Vote Project’s voter registrars are available to register anyone who is a citizen and not currently registered to vote where they live, to vote. People can also file a change of address, if they moved since that last election

8. Explain that “The public forums will be followed by:
 - a. Posting of the transcripts of the testimony on the Governor’s Commission on Disabilities

website <http://www.disabilities.ri.gov> in about 2 weeks

- b. Later this summer the sponsoring agencies will review the testimony and prepare recommendations, which will also be posted on the website, by the end of the Summer
- c. The recommendations and the transcripts will be printed and sent to state and congressional officials, and to the members of the General Assembly; and
- d. The recommendations will be used to develop policy & legislative initiatives for the next year or until they are accomplished.”

9. Review meeting process with attendees:

- a. “We want to give everyone a chance to speak
- b. The panel members are here to listen and gain an understanding of your concerns (They may ask clarifying questions)
- c. You will be asked to speak in the order on the sign up sheet
- d. You will have at least _____ minutes to share your concern or idea
- e. I will help move the meeting along so we can end by _____ o'clock”

10. At the end of the hearing – “Thank everyone for his or her comments and assistance.”

Panel Members' role (each sponsor should try to arrange to have a panelist at, at least one site):

Listen (and not react to the comments made)
Ask clarifying questions to the speakers and
Make notes of those comments.

Timekeeper (volunteer from the panel)

to advise “host” when each speaker's time has expired and track
Record on the sign up (attendance sheets) the order of speakers in the left column (and in the same column the names of any questioners from the panel) then is needed to match up speakers on the transcripts).

Real-time Captioners

Record what is said – projected onto an overhead screen so people who are hard of hearing and know what is being said and
Provide a transcript of the testimony for the sponsors’ use.

Interpreters

Translate what is being said into American Sign Language, or other language
“Hint” for those who have not used interpreters before – ignore the interpreter and speak directly to the witness – don’t say to the interpreter “Ask her/him to clarify...” rather just ask the witnesses directly
“Please clarify ...”

At the end of the forum the GCD Commissioner/Staff/Fellow will:

- 1. Collect sign in sheets
- 2. Collect the ASCII disk from CART Reporter
- 3. Pick up the Assistive Listening Transmitter and
- 4. Collect the Assistive Listening Receivers & recharge overnight
- 5. Return everything to the Commission for distribution for the next forum

Public Forums To identify the concerns of people with disabilities and their families

Monday July 27, 2009 1:30 – 3 pm

Barrington Public Library’s Gallery Room, 281 County Road, Barrington

Monday July 27, 2009 4 – 6 pm

RI Department of Administration’s 2nd floor Conference Room A, One Capitol Hill, Providence

Tuesday July 28, 2009 3 – 5 pm Warwick Public Library’s Community Room, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick		
Wednesday July 29, 2009 4 to 6 pm Neighborhood Guild, 325 Columbia St, Wakefield, RI		
Thursday July 30, 2009 10 am – Noon Cumberland Public Library’s Hayden Center Rms. 1 & 2, 1464 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland		
Thursday July 30, 2009 3 – 5 pm Middletown Public Library’s Community Room, 700 West Main Road, Middletown		
Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Chairperson	5 min.
At the fall meetings we will review the public forum transcripts to identify common concerns and make recommendations:	Mondays 09/21st; 10/19th	Starting at: 3:00 PM
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:08	
Resource Persons:	Harvey Salvas & Samantha Turner, GCD	