



Advocacy Matters Newsletter
Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire
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Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

This has been quite a week . **HB 2**, the budget trailer bill, is causing all sorts of issues for multiple industries and disciplines. This is not unusual in the budget process and also legislative process. The budget is the only place where the Governor really gets to try to make policy and boy has he tried this year in HB 2. He's making real changes across the board. And he seems so far quite dug in to his positions. I guess he's looking for a final track record as he begins his run for national office. The hearing on **HB 2** is scheduled on Monday, March 13th at 2:00 pm in Representatives Hall. It will be packed and could go to midnight. Not sure where this is all going as it still really fluid and will be for a while.

HHS Committee is still working on a number of bills we have been watching, **HB 608; HB 642; HB 317**. They will probably wrap up next week.

HB 222, seat belts for all, did not get voted on yesterday. It should be up this week for the full House. It looks like **HB 238**, the bill to require DHHS to reach out to the developmental disabilities quality control council for input looks like it will pass the Committee with an amendment.

SB 85, dealing with emergency behavioral services is up for a vote to pass it with amendment next week in the Senate as well as **SB 86**, dealing with workforce development and increasing the Medicaid provider rates. **SB 86** should pass unanimously.

The House yesterday was totally different than the week before. The Republicans showed up and stayed until after 6 on Thursday night and the Dems were missing numbers. So most of the no recommendation bills and there were a ton, went the Republican way. We'll see what next week brings. The Senate is really boring compared to the theatre in the House.

My best, Teresa

Brain Injury Public Policy Meeting Invitation

The next Brain Injury Public Policy Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th at 4:30 pm, *all are welcome to attend.*

ZOOM Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86858047776?pwd=QzVxSFR6MWkxQ0M1T0gvRXRYTDZiZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 5804 7776

Passcode: 796391

Brain Injury Legislative Status Report

Attached find the most recent Brain Injury Legislative Status Report for your review.

Take care,

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