

Legislative Committee Report

May 5-6, 2015



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Important activities since January



- Participated in Key Campaign
- Participated in Anchorage Caucus Meeting
- Participated in Weekly Trust Advocacy Calls (Fri)
- Officially support Medicaid expansion and reform
- Wrote letters to legislators for:
 - Support SB 49/HB "Establishing Civil Legal Services Fund"
 - SB 26/HB 71 "Capital Budget" specific to support for Denali Deaf Community Center and Coordinated Transportation Funding (AMC priority)
 - Oppose HB 99 "Voluntary Termination of Life"

What happened to our legislative priorities



- HB 76: "Remove word "gifted" from Council's enabling statute. Passed House 37-0
- HB 161: Medicaid reuse and recycling program for durable medical equipment. Passed unanimously; awaiting Governor's signature
- HB 77: Disability Training and ID bill
- SB 78/HB148: Medicaid Expansion and Reform
- Capital project support - Denali Deaf Center (\$995,000) was not included.



Other bills we are following

- Capital and Operating Budget Bills
- SB 74/HB 148: Medicaid Expansion and Reform
- HB 102: Residential Psychiatric Education Funding
- HB 99: Voluntary Termination of Life



Next steps

- Bills we will follow going into next session:
 - ✓ HB 27/28: PCA Services
 - ✓ SB 78/HB 148: Medicaid Expansion and Reform
 - ✓ HB 77: Disability Training and ID Bill
 - ✓ HB 154: Civil Legal Services Appropriations
 - ✓ HB 99: Voluntary Termination of Life
 - ✓ HB 85: Repealing College and Career Readiness Assessments
 - ✓ HB 89: Graduation Requirements
 - ✓ HB 102: Residential Psychiatric Education Funding

National advocacy issues

- Disability Policy Seminar, April 12-14
 - Prepared Congressional Policy Packets
 - Trained LEND Fellows
- ESEA Reauthorization
 - Reviewed language of new draft
 - Provided comment to Sen. Murkowski per her request
 - Introduced NACDD Policy staffer to Sen. Murkowski

Discussion & Selection of FY16 Priorities

