**Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**

**Statewide Advisory Council Meeting**

**September 9, 2021**

**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participants:**
Commissioner Opeoluwa Sotonwa, MCDHH

**SAC Members:**
Evan Brunell
Brock Cordeiro
Michelle Dardeno
Stephanie Hakulin
Barbara Johnson
Leah McGaughey
Ellen Perkins
Linda Sakin
Lori Seidman

**Attendees from Community:**
Carol AgateMarlene Blackstone, ViAbility
Michelle Cline
Karin Eddy, MCDHH
Darian Gambrell, DEAF, Inc.
Sharon Harrison, MCDHH
Kym Meyer, The Learning Center
Sue Philip

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| **Agenda Topic** | **Discussion** | **Follow up/Person Responsible** |
| Welcome  | * Communication Procedures
* Introductions
* Review of Agenda
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| Review of Minutes from: June 10, 2021 | * Minutes approved.
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| Chairperson’s Report | * Activity: menti.com survey. Goal: focus SAC members and purpose for FY22 meetings. Some of the results from the word cloud: advocacy, advisory, advocate, messenger and partner. Additional topic recommendation: seniors and residents in long-term care.
* Legislative outreach: Michelle Dardeno and Brock Cordeiro will be holding an introductory meeting with [Representative Paul Donato](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PJD1). Goal will be to receive feedback on improving SAC involvement with legislative activities and the importance of consumers sharing their personal stories. Secondary goal: insight and advice for building a relationship with the Speaker of the House.
* Discussion with a Cambridge Firefighter on the growing awareness and incidences of hearing loss within fire departments. Reports of an audiologist focusing specifically with Cambridge and New York firefighters. Recommendation: MCDHH trainings to firefighters, Veterans, police, EMTs, etc. Potential for more outreach and awareness.
 | Result graphics: page 5Goal: late September/early October. |
| Commissioner’s Report | * MCDHH’s 35th Anniversary: [kick-off event](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Fh2DWEwXKI) included remarks from Governor Baker, Secretary Sudders and Commissioner Sotonwa.

Recognition of five award winners:1. BJ Wood Trailblazer Award: Ivy Velez for her grassroots advocacy.
2. Gail Sallop Interpreter Award: Stephanie Hakulin and Diane Stains.
3. MCDHH Lifetime Achievement Award: Terry Malcolm and Congetta “Jett” Koetteritz.
* September: Deaf Awareness Month. [CATTS introductory vlog](https://fb.watch/7OgmEN-jmI/) released.
* FY22 budget: $300,000 for MCDHH to focus on vlog production.
* Hiring Updates:
1. Full-time Case Manager, Western MA: Alysha Nuttall.
2. Chief of Staff: Sharon Harrison.
* Congratulations to Janice Cagan-Teuber, Screening Evaluator on her retirement.
* Vacancies:
1. Case Manager, Boston/Metro
2. Communication Access Services (CAS) Director
3. Screening Evaluator
* Director of Social Services position is under re-evaluation.
* MCDHH plan for Return to Work. Plan includes both remote and in-office work. Guidance, standards and policies are being shared with staff. Safety of staff and visitors will be an ongoing priority and concern.
* Governor Baker will attend a 9/11 remembrance event. Interpreters are confirmed.
* Jury Commission pilot for Deaf or hard of hearing jurors.
 | Commissioner will review the program and provide an update. |
| Legislative Task Force Report | * September 14, 10:30 – 1:30: [virtual hearing](https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/3921) for bills [H3199](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3199), [S2040](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2040), and [S2032](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2032). Deadline for registering to testify is September 10th. Deadline for written/video testimony due on September 24th at 5 pm.
 | Bills of Interest at end of document (page 6 - 15.)Feedback can be provided to: Brock Cordeiro.  |
| Announcements  | * September 18: MSAD conference. Commissioner Sotonwa will be the keynote. Theme: future of MSAD.
* September 19: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Day at Fenway.
* September 22: conference for OneCare, Commonwealth Care Alliance and Tufts Unity. Interpreters and CART confirmed. ([registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckduCrqzIjH9ebgC7fnYCH9GsMxGCkMSUa))
* September 30: [Boston Center for Independent Living](https://bostoncil.org/) (BCIL) will host a discussion related to vaccinations. Interpreters and CART confirmed.
* October 1 – 3: [National Deaf People of Color conference](https://www.facebook.com/NDPCConfer/).
* MyOmbudsman will be renovating their [Deaf Services](https://www.myombudsman.org/deaf-services) web page.
* Officer Bulgar of the Bristol County Sherriff’s office has been working to provide UbiDuo3 as an accommodation tool for hard of hearing inmates. Concerns:
1. Not a suitable accommodation for culturally Deaf inmates. Cultural, linguistic and fluency aspects of ASL would be lost using English based communication.
2. Accommodations cannot be a “one size fits all” solution.

Recommendations:1. [National Association of the Deaf](https://www.nad.org/resources/justice/) is focusing on services for justice and access.
2. [HEARD](https://behearddc.org/) is focusing on [prison advocacy](https://behearddc.org/prison-advocacy/).
3. FCC white paper for focusing on prison communication access.
4. Devote MCDHH staff person on state compliance. Provide training on sensitivity, compliance, etc.

Feedback:1. Bristol County has received MCDHH Communication, Access, Training and Technology department trainings on accessibility.
2. Bristol County staff members will be trained on using the UbiDuo3.
3. MCDHH is working to coordinate training with Sheriff departments.
4. UbiDuo3 is one tool used for communication access.
5. The Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) works to ensure that people with disabilities can equally participate in all aspects of life in Massachusetts. MOD serves as a resource to state agencies, municipalities, and members of the general public by providing information, guidance and training on matters concerning disability-related civil rights, equal access, and opportunity.
6. Each agency has an ADA Coordinator to focus on internal access and access for visitors. Focus is to provide access remove internal barriers.
7. MCDHH does not have the resources to create a position; nor would MCDHH have legal authority to oversee/enforce other agency provision of access.
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| Next SAC Meeting | * October 14, 5:30 pm. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81718496263?pwd=aGtGUzMxcWxCQ1JEZUxwWm4zS21adz09> Meeting ID: 817 1849 6263Passcode: z4t6ey | Any interested community members wanting SAC information can request to join the distribution list. Please email: ami.hanigan@mass.gov. |





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| **SAC #** | **Bill #** | **Bill Title** | **Committee** | **Action Date** | **Chamber** | **Last Action** | **Presenter** | **Notes** | **Docket #** |
| **1** | [H.228](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H228) | [An Act An act to eliminate disproportionality and inequities for at-risk children](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H228) | [Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J13/192) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/07/2021 from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Higgins, Natalie M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/N_H1) |   | [HD.3038](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3038) |
| **2** | [H.2370](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2370) | [An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2370) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | June 25, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/12/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Miranda, Liz](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/L_M2) |   | [HD.1283](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1283) |
| **3** | [S.1515](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1515) | [An Act effectuating equity in COVID-19 vaccination](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1515) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | June 25, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/12/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Rausch, Rebecca L.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/RLR0) |   | [SD.699](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD699) |
| **4** | [H.2143](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2143) | [An Act Enabling Municipal Pre-foreclosure Mediation](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2143) | [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J10/192) | July 16, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/27/2021 from 11:00 AM-03:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Capano, Peter](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PLC1) |   | [HD.3607](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3607) |
| **5** | [S.1954](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1954) | [An Act establishing a tax credit for the purchase of hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1954) | [Joint Committee on Revenue](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J26/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [O'Connor, Patrick M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PMO) |   | [SD.921](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD921) |
| **6** | [H.1753](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1753) | [An Act increasing fair housing protections for domestic violence survivors](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1753) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Livingstone, Jay D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/J_L1) |   | [HD.391](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD391) |
| **7** | [H.723](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H723) | [An Act increasing the penalties for unfair and deceptive actions perpetrated against persons with disabilities and senior citizens](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H723) | [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J44/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |   | [HD.1049](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1049) |
| **8** | [H.1711](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1711) | [An Act prohibiting discrimination against adults with disabilities in family and juvenile court proceedings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1711) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Khan, Kay](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/K_K1) |   | [HD.843](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD843) |
| **9** | [S.1083](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1083) | [An Act prohibiting discrimination against adults with disabilities in family and juvenile court proceedings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1083) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Lovely, Joan B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JBL0) |   | [SD.1770](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1770) |
| **10** | [H.1373](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1373) | [An Act promoting fair housing by preventing discrimination against affordable housing](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1373) | [Joint Committee on Housing](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J28/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Barber, Christine P.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CPB2) |   | [HD.1990](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1990) |
| **11** | [S.867](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S867) | [An Act promoting fair housing by preventing discrimination against affordable housing](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S867) | [Joint Committee on Housing](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J28/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Chang-Diaz, Sonia](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SCD0) |   | [SD.2200](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2200) |
| **12** | [H.605](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H605) | [An Act providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy ...](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H605) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Gordon, Kenneth I.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/KIG1) |   | [HD.1960](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1960) |
| **13** | [S.362](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S362) | [An Act providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy ...](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S362) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Lewis, Jason M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/jml0) |   | [SD.1307](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1307) |
| **14** | [S.681](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S681) | [An Act providing coverage for hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S681) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [Hinds, Adam G.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AGH0) |   | [SD.1225](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1225) |
| **15** | [S.1420](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1420) | [An Act relative to accessible prescription labeling](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1420) | [Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | May 21, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/07/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) |  Presenting Legislator is not a sponsor of this measure | [SD.89](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD89) |
| **16** | [H.1074](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1074) | [An Act relative to children's auditory health](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1074) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Durant, Peter J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PJD2) |   | [HD.303](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD303) |
| **17** | [H.2761](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2761) | [An Act relative to employment benefits of certain employees of the Department of Developmental Services](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2761) | [Joint Committee on Public Service](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J23/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Ramos, Orlando](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/O_R1) |   | [HD.2317](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2317) |
| **18** | [S.1009](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1009) | [An Act relative to juvenile violence](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1009) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) |  Presenting Legislator is not a sponsor of this measure | [SD.85](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD85) |
| **19** | [H.3199](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3199) | [An Act Relative to Language Access and Inclusion](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3199) | [Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J25/192) | August 31, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/14/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Madaro, Adrian C.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/ACM1) |   | [HD.3674](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD3674) |
| **20** | [S.2040](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2040) | [An Act relative to language access and inclusion](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2040) | [Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J25/192) | August 31, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/14/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing | [DiDomenico, Sal N.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SND0) |   | [SD.2251](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2251) |
| **21** | [H.2338](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2338) | [An Act relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H2338) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | April 22, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 05/03/2021 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Khan, Kay](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/K_K1) |   | [HD.2583](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2583) |
| **22** | [S.1471](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1471) | [An Act relative to newborn screenings for congenital cytomegalovirus](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1471) | [Joint Committee on Public Health](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J16/192) | April 22, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 05/03/2021 from 01:00 PM-05:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Lovely, Joan B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JBL0) |   | [SD.1810](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1810) |
| **23** | [H.3398](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3398) | [An Act relative to providing improved access to taxicabs for persons with disabilities](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3398) | [Joint Committee on Transportation](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J27/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Ayers, Bruce J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BJA1) |   | [HD.1085](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1085) |
| **24** | [S.2032](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2032) | [An Act relative to removing the term hearing impaired from the general laws](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2032) | [Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J25/192) | August 31, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 09/14/2021 from 10:30 AM-01:30 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Creem, Cynthia Stone](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CSC0) |   | [SD.299](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD299) |
| **25** | [S.1844](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1844) | [An Act relative to tax abatements for deaf residents](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S1844) | [Joint Committee on Revenue](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J26/192) | March 29, 2021 | House | House concurred | [DiZoglio, Diana](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/D_D0) |   | [SD.64](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD64) |
| **26** | [H.1101](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1101) | [An Act Relative to Telehealth and Digital Equity for Patients](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1101) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/01/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Golden, Jr., Thomas A.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/TAG1) |   | [HD.2533](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2533) |
| **27** | [S.678](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S678) | [An Act relative to telehealth and digital equity for patients](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S678) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/01/2021 from 10:00 AM-02:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Gomez, Adam](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/A_G0) |   | [SD.2099](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD2099) |
| **28** | [H.552](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H552) | [An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H552) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | July 21, 2021 | House | [Accompanied a new draft, see H3979](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3979) | [Cabral, Antonio F. D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/AFC1) |   | [HD.1883](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD1883) |
| **29** | [S.303](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S303) | [An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S303) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) | July 19, 2021 | Senate | [Accompanied a new draft, see S2494](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S2494) | [Crighton, Brendan P.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/BPC0) |   | [SD.392](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD392) |
| **30** | [H.1217](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1217) | [An Act requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1217) | [Joint Committee on Financial Services](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J11/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Cassidy, Gerard J.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/G_C2) |   | [HD.2519](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2519) |
| **31** | [S.139](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S139) | [An Act to eliminate disproportionality and inequities for at-risk children](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S139) | [Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J13/192) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 07/07/2021 from 09:30 AM-01:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Moran, Susan L.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/SLM0) |   | [SD.1766](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1766) |
| **32** | [H.1736](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1736) | [An Act to enhance safety and security in courthouses](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H1736) | [Joint Committee on the Judiciary](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J19/192) | April 13, 2021 | Senate | Senate concurred | [Linsky, David Paul](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/DPL1) |   | [HD.155](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD155) |
| **33** | [S.414](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S414) | [An Act to ensure quality of care in nursing homes](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/S414) | [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J44/192) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/30/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Jehlen, Patricia D.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/PDJ0) |   | [SD.1844](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/SD1844) |
| **34** | [H.727](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H727) | [An Act to ensure the quality of care in nursing homes](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H727) | [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J44/192) | June 23, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/30/2021 from 01:00 PM-04:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Balser, Ruth B.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/RBB1) |   | [HD.2981](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2981) |
| **35** | [H.416](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H416) | [An Act to provide increased access to hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H416) | [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J17/192) | June 8, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/14/2021 from 01:00 PM-03:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Kelcourse, James M.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/JMK1) |   | [HD.2938](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD2938) |
| **36** | [H.366](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H366) | [An Act to provide increased access to hearing aids](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H366) | [Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J17/192) | June 8, 2021 | Joint | Hearing scheduled for 06/14/2021 from 01:00 PM-03:00 PM in Virtual Hearing | [Fiola, Carole A.](https://malegislature.gov/Legislators/Profile/CAF1) |   | [HD.535](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/HD535) |
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| **39** | [H.3979](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3979) | [An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings](https://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H3979) | [House Committee on Ways and Means](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/H34/192) | July 21, 2021 | House | [Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/H34/192) | [Joint Committee on Education](https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J14/192) |   | N/A |
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