

Memorandum

To: Justin Carbonella Scott Cochran Barbara Lockhart
Michelle Piccerillo Erica Bromley Mary Seidner

From: Jay Aronson

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Re: Legislative Update

This Week At The Capitol:

As of today (Friday) there are nearly 3,000 bills in 23 days! Astounding! Committee bills are just beginning to be raised so that number will continue to grow. About half will get public hearings. Then all bets are off!

I want to thank Justin and Michelle for joining me in the meeting with the new Children's Committee Chairs. To say they support what YSBs do is an understatement, especially the new House Chairwoman Representative Linehan. That is not to say that Senator Abrams is not a supporter. She absolutely is! However Representative Linehan is a cut above with her support.

We were able to give a quick history of YSBs, let them know of our two line items, spoke about JRBs and their funding...or lack thereof (and gave a synopsis of why that money has been cut!). We also let them know we would be seeking Diversion funding as well as a restoration of the JRB funding when we meet with the Appropriations Committee Chairs. Unfortunately Senator Abrams had to leave for a 3pm meeting however, Representative Linehan asked Michelle and Justin to stay to talk further about Juvenile Justice.

On Monday, Erica attended a Behavioral Health meeting where she talked with Representative Linehan about Juvenile Justice which turned into a meeting on Wednesday in her office. This was a good connection. Representative Linehan wants to help shepherd funding our way...but needs our help. Erica will be putting together some information for her.

This coming Tuesday at 2:30, I have scheduled CYSA to meet with the Chairmen of the Education Committee. I was asked to move our Appropriations Committee meeting from February 15th to 2:45 on February 14th. We will need to confirm who is joining me for the Education Committee Chairs meeting this coming Monday.

As always, please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions or concerns about these or any other Legislative matters. Also, please share this information with your members as you see fit.