

Memorandum

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Re: Legislative Update

This Week at The Capitol:

This was a busy week for CYSA and its Members.

On Monday, the Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on several bills including HB 6569, AAC the Minimum Age to be Eligible to Marry. Kathryn submitted testimony on behalf of the Association. Should the Committee decide to move the bill forward, it can now be voted on.

On Wednesday, CYSA came out in force to testify on the Governor's budget before the Appropriations Human Services budget subcommittee. Kristin M. and Justin C. testified in person and each hit home runs! In fact, they bookended each other with Kristin testifying "early" and Justin closing the show! Several Members including President Scott Cochran and Board Members Sarah M., Liz L. and Advocacy Chair Barbara L. also submitted testimony. Each thanked the Governor for his support and further requested support for the Association's \$6 million budget request. Several youths from across the state also testified in person: each was a rock star covering different reasons why their YSB was so important to them. I want to thank everyone for their submissions, testimony and patience during the approximately eight hour hearing. The next step in the budget process is for DCF to appear before the subcommittee in a work session on March 13th. You can view this session virtually via Zoom. Finally, Kathryn and I wrote a personal thank you note to the youth who testified before the Committee.

On Thursday, the Children's Committee held their final Committee meeting of the 2023 Session and passed several bills including giving HB 6718, AAC the Safe Storage and Disposal of Prescription Drugs, Cannabis and Cannabis Products a Joint Favorable Substitute (JFS). You can review the substitute language here: <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2023/kiddata/sl/2023HB-06718-R00LCO05371KID-SL.PDF>

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.