

Legislative Crash Course

Understanding the Basics
and Process



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Understanding the Legislative Process

Why It's Such a BIG Deal?



WV HB4438

Require hospitals with no ASL interpreter on staff provide technology for hearing or speech impaired patients to communicate

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia

§33-24-7y.

Required communication assistive technology for hearing and speech impaired.

- (a) The Legislature finds that every hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, health service corporation and healthcare facility operating under this chapter, which receives federal funds such as Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP services, must provide free American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter services or communication assistance to patients and visitors with a hearing or speech impairment under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).
- (b) Any hospital service corporation, medical service corporation, health service corporation and healthcare facility subject to this chapter that does not have an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter on staff shall provide communication assistive technology at no cost to every patient or visitor with a hearing or speech impairment. This section is intended to provide all people with equal access to public healthcare services.
- (c) Noncompliance with this section shall be reportable to licensing authorities.
- (d) This section becomes effective upon passage.



HI HB830

Relating To The Hawaii School For The Deaf And Blind.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1.

By August 1, 2023, the board of education shall meet with alum, student, and parent representatives of the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind, other members of the Hawaii deaf community, and representatives of the department of education about progress toward a plan to convert the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind to a charter school and to discuss alternatives, including an immersion school structure.

SECTION 2.

By October 1, 2023, the department of education, in consultation with alum, student, and parent representatives of the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind and other members of the Hawaii deaf community, shall:

- (1) Submit a letter of intent to an authorizer to convert the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind to a charter school;
- (2) Assist in establishing an applicant governing board for the charter school; and
- (3) Develop a detailed implementation plan to transition the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind to a conversion charter school, as defined in section 302D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The plan shall:
 - (A) Comply with requirements for the establishment of a conversion charter school, as detailed in section 302D-13, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
 - (B) Ensure that the school remains on the same property, uses the same facilities, and has access to the same level of funding that it had before conversion;
 - (C) Include a timeline for the school's transition to a conversion charter school; and
 - (D) List any additional funding necessary to transition the school to a conversion charter school.

SECTION 3.

The department of education shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including the transition plan, funding requirements, and any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2024.

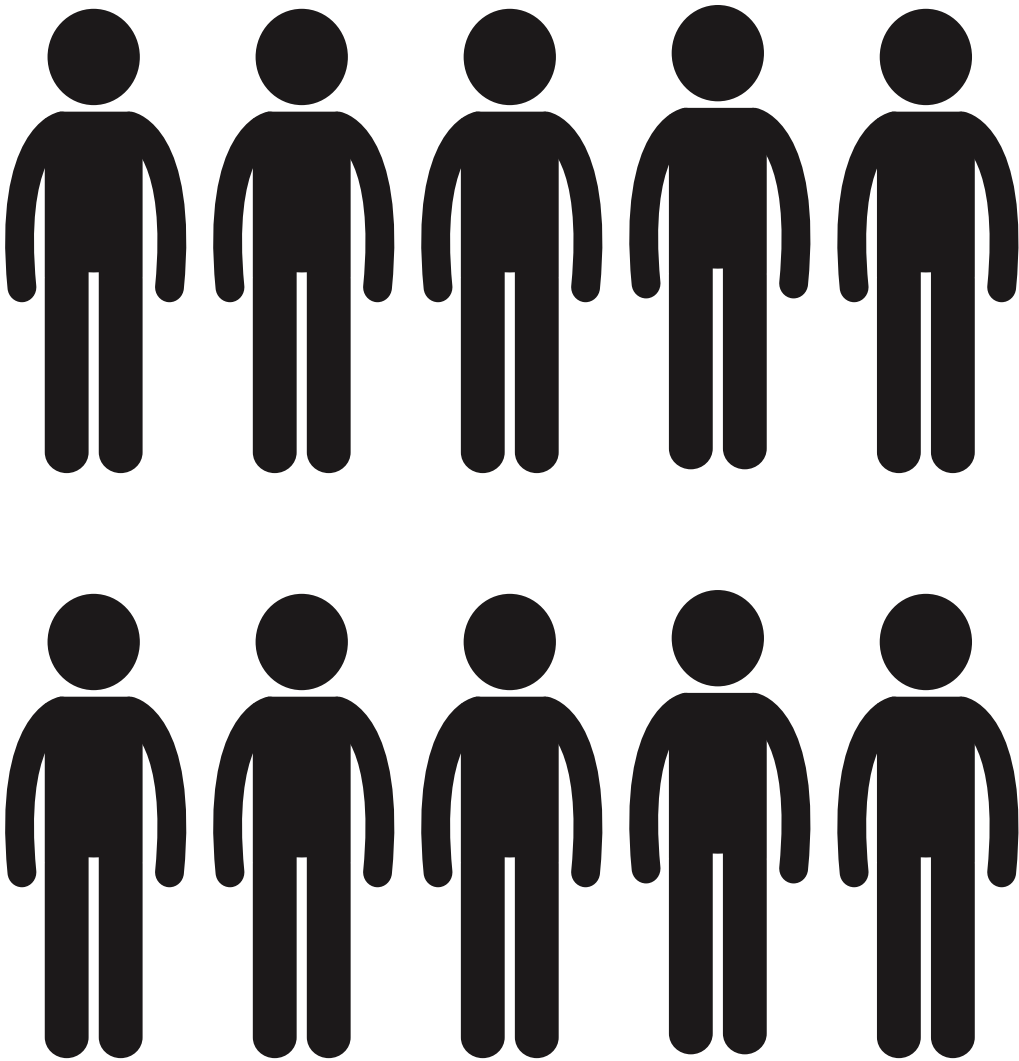
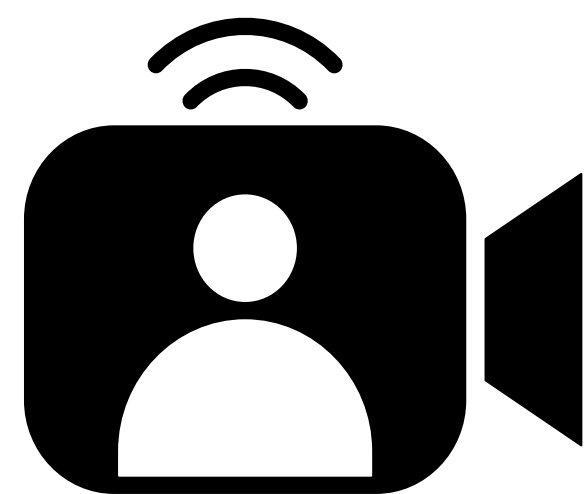
SECTION 4.

This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY: _____

**DOES YOUR OPINION
REALLY MATTER?**

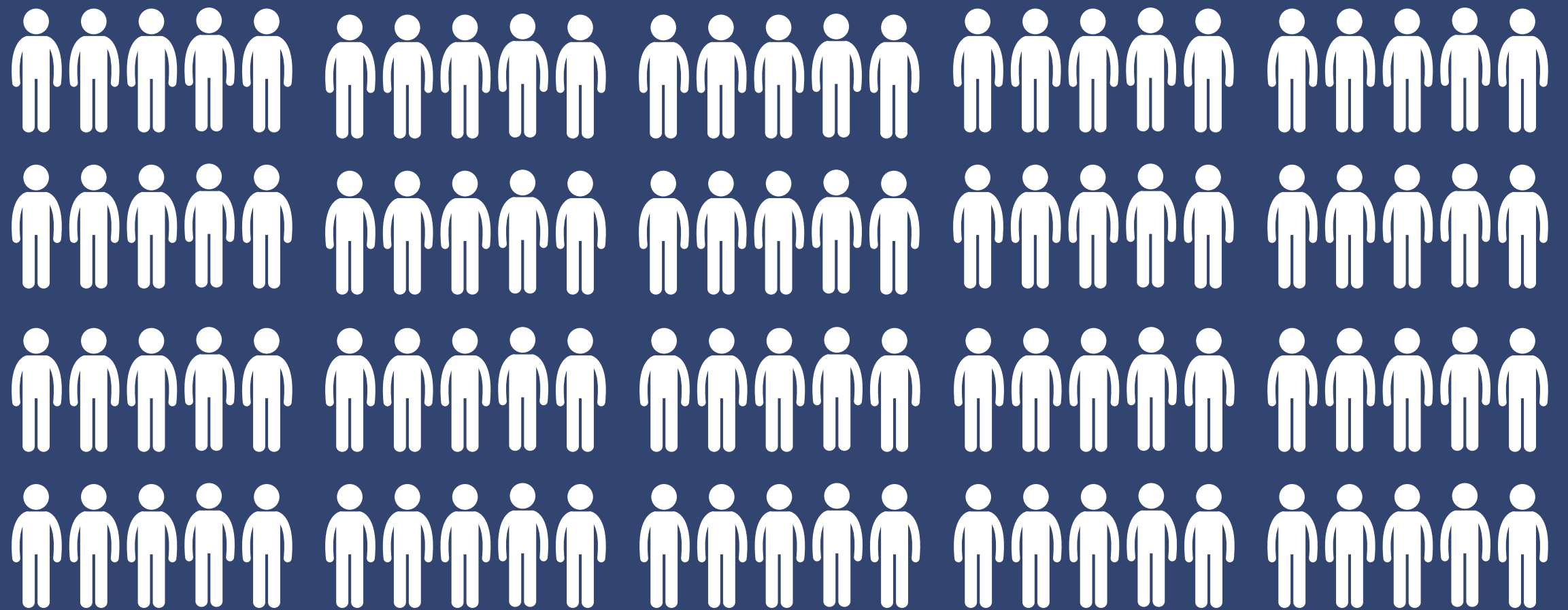
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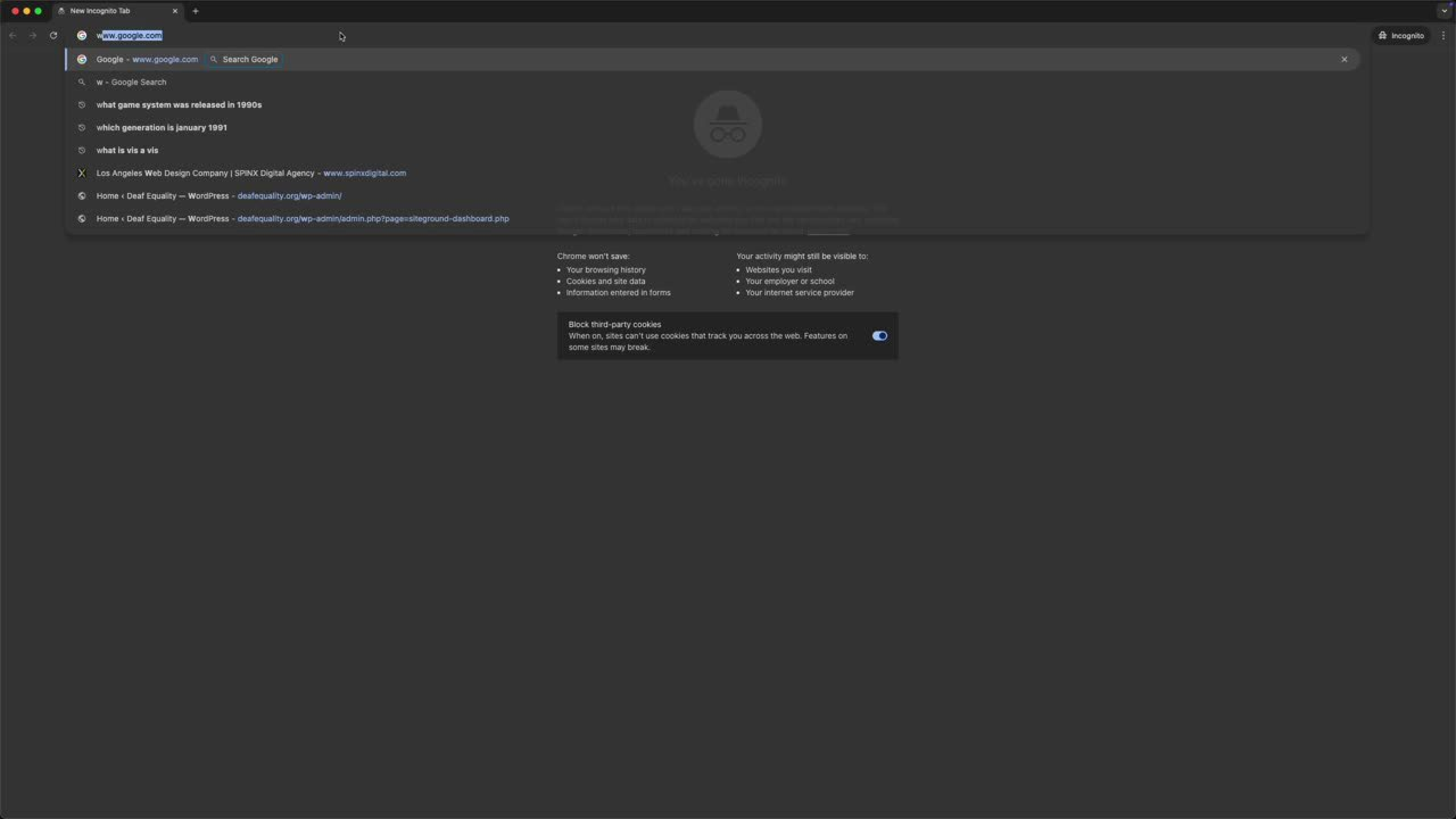
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Let's begin. What's our
legislative process?

QUICK TRIVIA

When does Nevada's
legislative session begin
and end?

QUICK TRIVIA

**How many Assembly
members and Senators
does Nevada have?**

QUICK TRIVIA

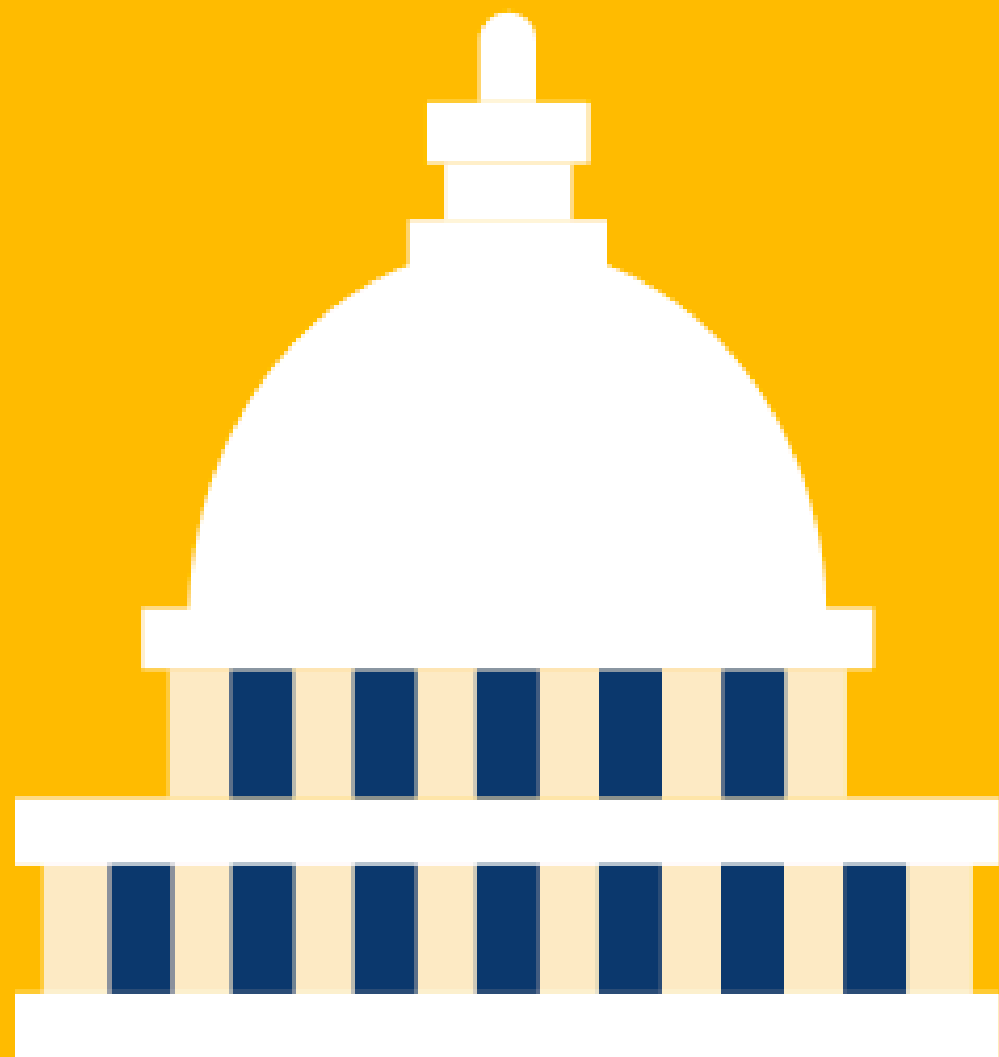
**What are the duties of the
Speaker of the Assembly
and Senate?**

QUICK TRIVIA

**How many laws were
passed in 2023?**

LEGISLATIVE

makes law



EXECUTIVE

carries out law



JUDICIAL

evaluates law







HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

FIRST CHAMBER

First Reading

Bill is introduced to the floor

Referral to Committee

Committee can amend and provide recommendations

Second Reading

Floor debates and votes on amendments

Third Reading

Floor votes on bill, no more amendments at this stage

SECOND CHAMBER

First Reading

Bill is introduced to the floor

Referral to Committee

Committee can amend and provide recommendations

Second Reading

Floor debates and votes on amendments

Third Reading

Floor votes on bill, amendments may be added

Consideration in Original Chamber

Only occurs when second chamber amends bill

Conference Committee

Only occurs if both houses don't agree on amendments

Presentation of Bill to Governor

Governor either vetoes or signs bill into law

**Bill Becomes
a Law!**



The Legislature

- Begin on the 1st Monday in February, 120 days (biennial)
- 42 Assembly (2-year terms) & 21 Senators (4-year terms).

Presiding Officers

- Set the agenda for legislative consideration
- Preside over daily sessions of their respective chambers
- Appoint leaders such as the Majority Leader
- Assign committee chairs and vice-chairs
- Make committee assignments for members
- Assign introduced legislation to standing committees
- Designate floor leaders for particular bills

Standing Committees

Senate Standing Committees:

- Commerce and Labor, Education, Finance, Government Affairs, Health and Human Services, Judiciary, Legislative Operations and Elections, Natural Resources, Revenue and Economic, Development, Transport.

Assembly Standing Committees:

- Commerce and Labor, Education, Government Affairs, Health and Human Services, Judiciary, Legislative Operations and Elections, Natural Resources, Revenue, Transportation, Ways and Means

**Do you have to be an expert to be
able to express your concerns?**

Advocacy Checklist

- Get to know your legislators AND their teams!
- Set up meetings locally or at the state capital
- Invite legislators to visit your organization or community
- Arrange introductions through mutual contacts
- Start with a phone call or share your thoughts at hearings
- Host town halls or attend events with legislators

Remember the rule of thumb.

Again, who needs YOU?

GET TO KNOW LAWMAKER: ASSEMBLY MEMBER, TRACY BROWN-MAY



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BEFRIENDING LEGISLATORS

How to Win
Hearts, Minds,
and Policy Favors



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Making Friends with Legislators:

Why it's such a big deal?

You're attending a community event and spot a legislator's aide who could help get your issue on the legislator's radar.

How do you make a good first impression and start a conversation effectively?

**You have just a few minutes to speak
with a legislator who is rushing between
meetings.**

**How do you communicate your message
clearly and effectively?**

**You've received a request from a
legislative committee for
information related to a proposed
bill.**

**How do you respond promptly and
informatively?**

**What are your top THREE
priorities for this year?**

**Communicate your top THREE
priorities in under THREE
minutes**

**Maintaining STRONG relations
MATTER in the long RUN**

Thank you!