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POLICY RECAP

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings



REP. PAM DELISSIO

JANUARY 8 | PHILADELPHIA

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Rep. Pam DeLisso hosted a roundtable discussion on the social determinants of health at the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education. Social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. They include factors like socioeconomic status, education, neighborhood and physical environment, employment, social support networks, and health care.





REP. ELIZABETH FIEDLER JANUARY 9 | PHILADELPHIA NET NEUTRALITY

Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler hosted a joint House and Senate Democratic Policy hearing on net neutrality at Penn State-Navy Yards Campus. Fiedler's House Bill 393 would make sure that internet service providers are not allowing paid prioritization of content amount internet users who subscribe to their services.



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REP. MARY ISAACSON JANUARY 10 | PHILADELPHIA HOUSE BILL 1974

State Rep. Mary Isaacson hosted a public hearing on her House Bill 1974 at the Crane Center.

Her legislation, which received supporting testimony from Bumble, would prohibit someone from distributing sexually explicit images without consent from the receiving party.

REP. JOE HOHENSTEIN JANUARY 16 | PHILADELPHIA DISABILITY POLICY ISSUES

Rep. Joe Hohenstein hosted a hearing at his first annual disability summit at Community Behavioral Health. Testifiers included local disability advocates who discussed more comprehensive approaches to strengthen the Americans with Disabilities Act and ensure accessibility to services, equal rights and equal opportunities for all Pennsylvanians living with disabilities.



REP. MIKE DRISCOLL JANUARY 17 | PHILADELPHIA PRE-K REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Rep. Mike Driscoll hosted a roundtable discussion on Pre-K reimbursement rates at SPIN. Participants explored how state funding gaps impact early childhood education programs. With gaps as high as 30 percent between current funding provided by the state and the operational costs, early childhood education programs are seriously underfunded, resulting in underpaid teachers, programs that operate in deficit, and potential for program closures.



REP. MALCOLM KENYATTA JANUARY 29 | PHILADELPHIA HUNGER FREE CAMPUS

Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta hosted a hearing on hunger free campus at Congregation Rodeph Shalom. He has introduced House Bill 2205 with Rep. Jennifer O'Mara to establish a grant program for institutions that take certain actions to eliminate hunger on their campus, including providing a food pantry and establishing a hunger task force. Between one-third and one-half of college students struggle to find enough to eat.



REP. JOE WEBSTER

JANUARY 30 | UPPER PROVIDENCE

SUPPORTING MAIN STREET

Rep. Joe Webster hosted a hearing on supporting main street with state resources for small businesses at the Upper Providence Township Building. Testifiers, which included Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, business groups, and local officials, talked about how better collaboration can help small businesses thrive and communities grow.



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