

March 14-15, 25-26, 28, 2019

# POLICY RECAP

*A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Hearings*



## REP. BRANDON MARKOSEK MARCH 14 | MONROEVILLE TRANSPORTATION

State Rep. Brandon Markosek hosted a public hearing on transportation at the Monroeville Municipal Building. State and local officials discussed how investing in transportation improvement projects would enhance public safety, grow the economy, and create more jobs.







**REP. DAN MILLER**  
**MARCH 15 | PITTSBURGH**  
**DISABILITY & MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT**

Rep. Dan Miller hosted the House Democratic Policy Committee at his 6th Annual Disability and Mental Health Summit at Beth El Congregation. The Committee learned about the various challenges faced by people with disabilities, including voting accessibility, employment, and behavioral health integration.







## **CHAIRMAN MIKE STURLA**

### **MARCH 25 | HARRISBURG**

## **ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES**

At the direction of Chairman Mike Sturla, the Policy Committee held the first in a series of public hearings all over the state on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) at the Capitol. Experts testified about how ACEs negatively impacts a child's education and personal development. The committee was urged to provide additional support for trauma-informed initiatives to help these impacted children succeed more.



# JOINT HOUSE AND SENATE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEES

## MARCH 26 | HARRISBURG

### COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

The House and Senate Democratic Policy Committees held a joint hearing on college affordability at the Capitol. The Pennsylvania Promise legislation, introduced by Sen. Vince Hughes, Rep. Jim Roebuck, and Rep. Jordan Harris, was touted as an effective way to increase access to higher education for more Pennsylvanians while lowering student debt.





# REP. CAROL HILL-EVANS

## MARCH 28 | YORK

### CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH

Rep. Carol Hill-Evans hosted a public hearing on childhood mental health at the York College Center for Community Engagement. Local school officials talked about the importance of having sufficient state support to ensure proper treatment of students with mental health matters.



## ABOUT THE HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Rep. Mike Sturla is chairman of the House Democratic Policy Committee. The Policy Committee holds public hearings and meetings across the state, and serves as the catalyst to enacting major policy initiatives put forth by members of the House Democratic Caucus. You can find details about upcoming hearings, hearing testimony from previous hearings and Chairman Sturla's Policy Point of the Day by visiting [www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee](http://www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee).

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