

Legislative Bills to Follow 2018

There are many bills in the legislature related to Social Justice. Here are a few to follow that are priorities in St. Michael's pastoral plan because decreasing homelessness, supporting immigrants, and reducing domestic violence and sex trafficking are in the pastoral plan. Check back at this list as bills may be added.

Please identify at least one bill to follow and support with online testimony. You will want to submit testimony before each committee hearing and votes before full chamber. You can easily submit testimony by following this link.

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/submittestimony.aspx>.

You will need to set up an account, which is simple and only requires your name, and email address, and a password. Here is a short PDF with detailed instructions on submitting testimony online,

<http://lrbhawaii.org/par/pub/howtotest.pdf>.

When submitting online testimony, brevity is a virtue. You don't need to write an essay. One or two sentences clearly stating your support for the bill will be effect. Personal experience is always good. Even just clicking support can be enough.

Contacting your local representative with an email of support is also important especially if they are the author and at the time of the floor vote.

Bills on Homelessness:

HB2461 – Bill proposed by Mayor Harry Kim. Support the construction and operation of emergency homeless shelters at 'Village Nine' as well as the development of a homelessness assessment center. **Support**

HB1766 – Homelessness Omnibus Bill. Has funding for a Family Assessment Center in Kona. **Support**

SB1107 and HB1240 – appropriates funds to continue the Coordinated Statewide Homeless Initiative, subject to certain conditions. Specifically, this helps provide emergency rent and utility assistance to help individuals and families remain housed. This was a very successful program in 2017. **Support**

Dignity of the Human Person

SB1129 SD2 - Health; Medical Aid in Dying. Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life. **Oppose**

HB2218 - Voluntary Assisted Dying. Description: Establishes the right of certain terminally ill adults to request and access the process of voluntary assisted dying through self-administration or physician administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance. Effective 7/1/2019. **Oppose**

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