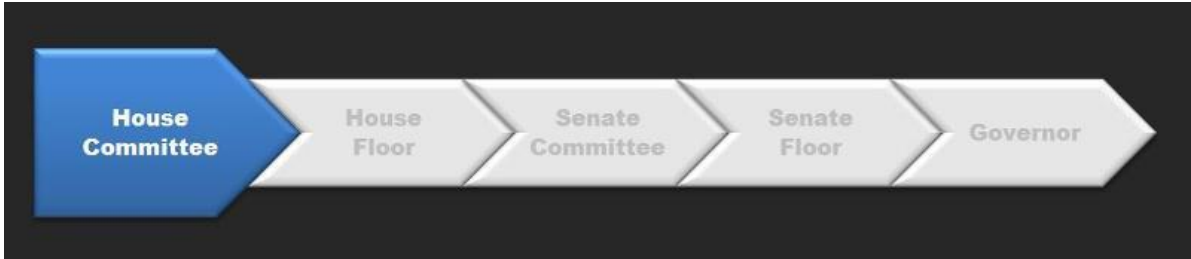


LOUISIANA CITIZENS FOR ACTION NOW

Advocating for Louisiana Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

ACTION ALERT - Contact Appropriations to Increase the NOW Fund



Act Now to Support Additional Methods of Funding New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Slots!

Contact (call, email, and/or write) State Representatives from your region on the Appropriations Committee and the Committee Chair **now through May 7th** if you want them to support additional sources of revenue for the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund.

HB 1043 by Rep. Henry Burns would allow for donations, gifts, grants, appropriations, or other revenue to be deposited into the NOW Fund.

Contact the Chairman and Members of the Appropriations Committee

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Sample Letter**Include a personal note in your letter.**

Dear Representative,

The New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund is a vital mechanism for funding of waiver slots. The balance in the fund is currently zero. Please support additional methods of increasing the NOW Fund. HB 1043 would allow for donations, gifts, grants, appropriations, or other revenue to be deposited into the fund to help meet the needs of the 8,800 people with developmental disabilities on the waiting list.

Thank you,

Confirm Your Action

Please reply to this email to let us know you took action

Background Information

The New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund was created in 2007 as a special fund in the state treasury "for the purpose of adding additional waiver slots". The existing legislation created a formula whereby revenue is deposited into the fund *only* when certain conditions in the state economic forecast are realized. When these conditions are not met, revenue is not deposited. The NOW Fund balance is currently at \$0.

[HB 1043](#), authored by Rep. Henry Burns, is scheduled to be heard by the Appropriations Committee on Monday, May 7th. This legislation would create additional methods of funding NOW slots by allowing donations, gifts, grants, appropriations, or other revenue to be deposited into the NOW Fund.

Any Questions?

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