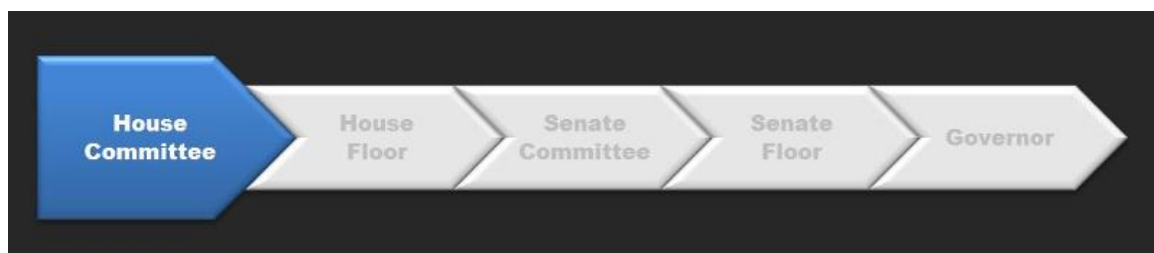




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Louisiana Citizens for Action Now

## ACTION ALERT - Contact the House Health and Welfare Committee to Support Using People First Language in Louisiana Laws, Policies, and Publications



[HB 63](#) by Rep. Walt Leger would revise language in Louisiana's laws, policies, and publications that describe people with disabilities to reflect People First Language. HB 63 will be heard in the House Health and Welfare Committee this Wednesday, March 19th at 9 a.m. in Committee Room 5.

If this issue is important to you, please call/email the Chairman and member(s) of the House Health and Welfare Committee who represent your region and stop by the committee meeting on Rally Day. Communicate the importance of using people first language when referring to people with disabilities.

**TAKE ACTION by the end of the day on March 18th!**

View [House Bill 63](#) for details.

Contact your [LaCAN Leader](#) for assistance in contacting your legislator.

### Contact the House Health and Welfare Committee

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[Reply](#) to this email or notify your [LaCAN Leader](#) to confirm your action.

**Why confirm your action?**

This helps us to know how effective we are in reaching you with this information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

**Background Information**

When referring to people with disabilities, the current terminology in Louisiana law is obsolete, offensive and devalues people with disabilities.

People First Language emphasizes the person over any condition or characteristic the person may have. The language people use to refer to people with disabilities shapes their beliefs and ideas about them. The time has come to reshape our language so that Louisiana laws refer to people with disabilities in a respectful and inclusive manner. HB 63 would accomplish this.

**Any Questions?**

If there are any questions about the information in this email, contact LaCAN by replying to this email, or calling the toll free number listed below.

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