



Action Alert #6

State's FY22 Budget is Headed to the House Floor Your State Representative Needs to Hear From You

May 4, 2021



The state's budget for Fiscal Year 22 (FY22) is headed to the House Floor, and your State Representative needs to hear the importance of funding disability services and resources!

The Appropriations Committee met on Monday, May 3rd, and passed an amended version of the state's main budget bill ([HB1](#)). Unfortunately, the version of the budget that passed *does not* include the following items:

1. [Additional funding for the Families Helping Families \(FHF\) Regional Resource Centers](#)
2. [Funding to increase home and community-based service rates for those services provided by Direct Support Workers \(DSW\) and a minimum starting pay requirement of at least \\$8.65 per hour for DSWs](#)

Today, the House made HB1 Special Order of the Day for May 6th meaning the bill will be heard and debated on the floor then. If the issues above are important to you or someone you know, contact your State Representative **TODAY** and let them know how they can help!

How to Take Action

Share your personal story and explain how the issues above would affect you, your family or someone you know.

1. **Email or call** your State Representative before they meet on Thursday, May 6th!
 - Click [here](#) for State Representative's full contact information.
 - Don't know your State Representative? Click [here](#) and enter your home address. The first person listed will be your State Representative.

As the Council and LaCAN continue to practice mitigation efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we will not hold official Yellow Shirt Days in-person at this time and encourage everyone to advocate safely.

Get Involved Virtually

- Watch committee meetings live from the [legislature's website](#). When the meeting is in progress, click the camera icon to access the broadcast.
- Host committee watch parties on social media and/or post a video sharing your personal story
 - Tag your friends, representatives, senators, and policymakers
 - Use hashtags #LaDDC, #lalege, #LaCAN
- Email, tweet, message, etc. members of the committee before and during the committee meeting and share how the issues above will impact you/your loved ones

Tips & Tools for Advocacy

Looking for tips and tools to help you in your advocacy? Check out the Council's [Advocacy 101](#) page. You can also find tips for:

- [Writing/emailing your legislators](#)
- [Calling your legislators](#)
- [Writing your story](#)

Confirm Your Action

- Email your [LaCAN Leader](#) after you take action
- Why confirm your action? This helps the Council know how effective we are reaching you with important information and engaging members across our state in advocacy for systems change.

Contact Us

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