

Overview of Bills: Legislative Session 2024

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Bills Review

S.172

H.630

H.871

S.310



S.172

An act relating to the Education Bill of Rights for Children Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or DeafBlind

S. 172 Purpose

Sponsor: Senator Nader Hasim (D)

- Ensures DHHDB have same rights to education as their hearing peers.
- Recognizes importance of language and communication access.
- Acknowledge the social and emotional needs of DHHDB children.
- Emphasizes the rights of parents and caregivers to be involved.



Updates

- Few testimonies (1/26, 2/1, 2/14) took place (more opposition than favors)
- Last testimony ([2/21](#)) was done by Amanda Garcia from HRC.



H.630

An act relating to boards of cooperative education services

H.630's Purpose

Sponsors: Rep. Rebecca Holcombe,
Rep. Edye Graning, Rep. Erin Brady

- Allow and encourage school districts to create boards of cooperative education services to provide shared education services and access grants on a county level

H.630's Updates

- Made the crossover to the Senate.

H.871

An act relating to the development of an updated State aid to school construction program

H. 871's Purpose

Sponsors: House Education Committee

- Update school construction.
- Rebecca Lalanne shared her [testimony](#), then added my name.
- [Testimony](#) completed on April 16th.



H.871 Overview

- Visual Alert Systems
- Signage
- Accessible Communication Devices
- Induction Loop Systems
- Accessible Telecommunication Infrastructure
- Accessible restrooms
- Elevator/Front Door




S.310

An act relating to natural disaster government response,
recovery, and resiliency

S. 310 Purpose

Sponsors: Senate Government Operations Committee

- DHHDB Advisory Council wrote in their legislative report recommendations about language access for press conferences.
- Focus only on the Language Access section



S. 310 Update

- [Testimony](#) in January for the Senate Vermont Operations before it became a bill.
- Invited to testify again on April 17th for the Senate.
- Repeated my [testimony](#) from January.

The End

**Any questions? Comments?
Thoughts?**

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