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July 2, 2019

Greetings!

While we [await the finalization of the FY'20 state budget](#), we also are looking ahead to an important bill hearing at the State House.

On Tuesday, July 16th, the [Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities will hold a hearing](#) at the State House on a number of key bills, including three bills from our [priority list](#):

- **An Act relative to the safety, dignity, and civil rights of persons experiencing homelessness ([House Bill 150/Senate Bill 76](#); also known as the "Act of Living" bill, a companion to the bill of rights for people experiencing homelessness); [fact sheet](#)**
- **An Act to reduce deep poverty among kids ([House Bill 102](#))/An Act to lift children out of deep poverty ([Senate Bill 36](#)); [fact sheet](#)**
- **An Act to end child homelessness ([House Bill 160](#)); [bill details](#)**

The hearing is scheduled for July 16th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in [Hearing Room B-1](#) in the basement of the State House, near the Ashburton Entrance. Here are the [hearing details](#), including a full list of bills to be heard at the hearing, and a [list of committee members](#), including the House Chair, Representative Kay Khan, and the Senate Chair, Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz.

How you can be involved:

[Please let us know](#) if you are able to do one or more of the following:

- **Provide brief oral testimony to the committee in support of one or more of the key bills** (usually no more than 2-3 minutes in length)
- **Provide written testimony to the committee in support of one or more of the key bills**
- **Be in the hearing room to show solidarity**

For more details about our priority bill campaigns, please see our [Present Policy Campaigns page](#).

If you have any questions or testimony to share, [please reach out to us.](#)

Thanks for your partnership!

In solidarity,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities

Rep. Kay Khan
House Chair

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz
Senate Chair

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date of Hearing: Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Location: B-1

Bills related to DTA, children and families, homelessness, two generational approaches and the cliff effect.

Bill No.	Sponsor	Title
H102	Decker, Marjorie C. (HOU)	An Act to reduce deep poverty among kids
S36	DiDomenico, Sal N. (SEN)	An Act to lift kids out of deep poverty
H103	Decker, Marjorie C. (HOU)	An Act providing immediate childcare assistance to homeless families
S67	Lovely, Joan B. (SEN)	
H105	Decker, Marjorie C. (HOU)	An Act to promote employment
H107	Domb, Mindy (HOU)	
S65	Lovely, Joan B. (SEN)	An Act establishing a diaper benefits pilot program
H130	Hogan, Kate (HOU)	An Act establishing a special commission to study women and homelessness
S25	Chandler, Harriette L. (SEN)	An Act establishing a special commission on the status of homeless women
H150	Miranda, Liz (HOU)	An Act relative to the safety, dignity, and civil rights of persons experiencing homelessness
S76	Rausch, Rebecca L. (SEN)	
H160	Provost, Denise (HOU)	An Act to end child homelessness
H171	Ultrino, Steven (HOU)	
S43	Eldridge, James B. (SEN)	An Act establishing a special commission on two-generation approaches to childhood education

Bill No.	Sponsor	Title
H174	Vega, Aaron (HOU)	An Act concerning public assistance for working families and the creation of a pilot program to address the impacts of the cliff effect
S57	Lesser, Eric P. (SEN)	An Act providing for coordinated data and assistance to address family homelessness
S31	Comerford, Joanne M. (SEN)	

Please be advised that the schedule and agenda are subject to change at the discretion of the Chair per Committee Rules.

You may contact committee staff with any questions at (617) 722-2011 or (617) 722-1673.