

2024 Legislative Session Update

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General Assembly Updates

- Legislators are behind schedule
 - 50-ish days in, 25% percent completed
- Budget will dominate upcoming weeks
 - 'do more with less'
 - LPHA's see ~\$4.5 million increase compared with Gov's budget
- Bad Revenue Forecast
 - JBC is overspent by about \$260 million



ACHD Legislative Tracking

- 556 bills introduced to date
- 44 signed into law, 51 bills failed
- ACHD has taken positions on 35 bills
- Major trends:
 - Mental/behavioral health
 - Substance use
 - Housing
 - Tax Credits



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ACHD Legislative Positions – Direct Impact

- HB24-1359: Public Notification of Hazardous Chemical Releases
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes
 - Position: **Oppose**
 - Summary: Would require cumbersome requirements for our public health notification system to medical providers in instances of oil spills/leakages in addition to yearly health trainings by LPHA staff to medical providers re: health impacts of oil & gas spills. Adams County and CALPHO also in opposition.
- SB24-022: Regulate Flavored Tobacco Products – UPDATE
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes
 - Position: **Support, Killed in Committee**
 - Summary: Confirms county ability to regulate tobacco and nicotine products, including based on flavors. Intersects with current community health work and plans to regulate tobacco in unincorporated Adams County
- SB24-054: Diabetes Prevention & Obesity Treatment Act
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes
 - Position: **Support**
 - Summary: Would allow Medicaid reimbursement for Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) which our NFH Division currently does in our diabetes programming. Also would require public and private insurance coverage of bariatric surgery and weight loss medication.



ACHD Legislative Positions – Direct Impact

- SB24-043: Authorizing Direct-to-Consumer Sales of Raw Milk
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? Yes*
 - Position: **Oppose**
 - Summary: Allows sale of raw milk at farmers market, roadside stands, and direct-to-consumer. LPHA's won't have direct regulatory/oversight role, there will likely be an increase in ACHD response to outbreaks in the county



ACHD Legislative Positions – Community Impact

- HB24-1297: Baby Bonds Program Study
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Would require the state to study possibility of implementing Baby Bonds program – a newer program intended to reduce racial wealth disparities
- HB24-1322: Medicaid Coverage Housing & Nutritional Services
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Requires state to study and, if feasible, implement Medicaid reimbursement for housing and nutrition needs (rental assistance, tailored meal delivery)
- HB24-1301: Noncurricular Time Programs
 - Direct Impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Convene task force to ensure K-12 students have adequate time to eat during lunch time, which more students are reporting is diminished after passage of HSMA



ACHD Legislative Positions – Community Impact

- HB24-1311: Family Affordability Tax Credit
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Would increase max Child Tax Credit to \$3,200/child
- SB24-142: Oral Health Screenings in Schools Pilot Program
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Institute dental screenings for K-2nd graders at 5 pilot programs across the state. Intended to demonstrate health benefits of early dental screenings.
- HB24-1348: Secure Firearm Storage in a Vehicle
 - Direct impact to ACHD? No
 - Position: Support
 - Summary: Would require firearms left in vehicles to be contained in a locked container outside of view or within a locked trunk.



ACHD Prospective Proactive Legislation

- What we're asking:
 - Do we have permission to proactively run legislation during this Legislative Session?
 - This is required according to our BOH approved *Policy on Policy Engagement*
- ACHD staff seeks permission to run policy addressing increased rates of congenital syphilis
- Data:
 - 900% increase in cases from 2017 to present
 - 2024 infant deaths have already matched all of 2023
 - CS is preventable with timely testing and treatment.
 - Solution: increase required testing during perinatal period



Politics

- Sponsors: Rep. Marvin, Sen. Michaelson-Jenet
- Important Stakeholders
 - Providers (AAP, CAFP, OBGYN's, CMS, etc)
 - Governmental (CDPHE, HCPF)
 - Public Health (CALPHO, individual LPHA's)
 - Youth health (Children's Campaign, Children's Hospital, etc.)
- If given permission, bill could be introduced within a couple weeks



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