

Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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Select Committee on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities to hold hearing in Fresno

SACRAMENTO – The Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold a hearing Tuesday, Oct. 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno St.

Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno), chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, is scheduled to attend the hearing.

The hearing will serve as a listening session for those who receive or need state services for intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD), including their families and those who care for them.

"Everyone in the I/DD community is invited and encouraged to attend and participate in this hearing," Dr. Arambula said. "The I/DD population in California continues to grow every day, and we need to be able to provide the support and services they need to live full and independent lives. This is an opportunity for those in the community to have their voices heard by state policymakers."

Tuesday's hearing is the first of several the Select Committee is planning to hold in local communities around the state. A second hearing is scheduled for the evening of Oct. 24 in Concord.

"Instead of holding hearings in Sacramento, we want to bring the Committee to the people so that we may understand the challenges the I/DD community faces and learn what the

Legislature can do to better serve this historically underserved segment of our society," said Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay), who chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The hearing in Fresno Tuesday evening will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend. A link can be found at the Select Committee's website: assembly.ca.gov/intellectual-developmental-disabilities

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