Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities



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Select Committee on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities to hold hearing in Concord Wednesday

SACRAMENTO – The Assembly Select Committee on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities will hold a hearing Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Concord City Council Chambers, 1950 Parkside Drive in Concord.

Assemblymember Jim Frazier (D-Discovery Bay), who chairs the Committee, and Assemblymember Timothy S. Grayson (D-Concord), are scheduled to attend the hearing, which will serve as a listening session for the local I/DD community to speak about their experiences. Other Bay Area legislators may also attend the hearing.

"Californians with intellectual and developmental disabilities have been historically under-served by the state and local governments," Frazier said. "We want to bring Committee hearings directly to the community so that our neighbors with I/DD, their families and those who care for them can have their voices heard. Concord is the second of a series of hearings we plan to hold in local communities around the state."

Different than standing committees that evaluate proposed legislation while the Legislature is in session, select committees don't hear or vote on bills, but rather function as listening bodies for Californians to speak directly to state lawmakers.

"As the brother to someone within the I/DD community, I know that when individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive the proper support, they are as capable as anyone of living full and independent lives," Assemblymember Grayson said. "By holding local listening sessions, we have a unique opportunity to hear from the I/DD community directly about their experiences and learn how we as lawmakers can better support and provide effective services."

The hearing in Concord Wednesday evening will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend. A link can be found at the Select Committee's website: <u>assembly.ca.gov/intellectual-</u>

<u>developmental-disabilities</u>. It will also be live-streamed on social media at the Facebook page of Assemblymember Frazier: @ASMJimFrazier.