

Governor's Council on Disabilities & Special Education: Legislative Update

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Quick Update

- HB 206, Hearing, House Education, 3/19/2010 @ 8:00am
- SB 238, Meeting, Senate Finance, 3/22/2010 @ 9:00am
- SB 221, Meeting, House Education, 3/22/2010 @ 8:00am

Current Council Priority Bills

HB 187
(Autism Insurance Reform)

SB 32
(Medicaid Rate Review)

SB 109
(Repeal High School Exit Exam)

HB 206
(High School Assessment/
Postsecondary Classes)

SB 221
(Leg. Task Force on Higher Ed.)

SB 238
(Amending Medicaid Eligibility
Threshold)

Council Bills of Interest in the Legislature

Aside from our regular priority bills, the Governor's Council has a long list of bills of interest that encompass some of the pursuits of the Council. Below is a list of the bills in which the Council is interested this session, and their current movement in the legislative process:

- HB 89: Vocational Rehabilitation Committee— Finance
- HB 187: Autism Insurance Reform— Health and Social Services
- HB 206: High School Assessment/Postsecondary Classes— Education
- SB 32: Medicaid Rate Review— Finance
- SB 83: Vocational Rehabilitation Committee— Finance
- SB 109: Repeal Secondary School Exit Exam— Finance
- SB 221: Legislative Task Force on Higher Education— Education
- SB 238: Medicaid for Medical and Intermediate Care— Finance

What's New?

- The Governor signed in Pat Gamble, Chief Executive Officer of the Alaska Railroad, as the new president of the University of Alaska system as determined by the Board of Regents on March 16, 2010.
- The Governor addressed the Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall regarding his scholarship plan on March 3, 2010. Concerns about rural high school students meeting the rigorous requirements were discussed.

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