



APPROVED MINUTES

Legislative Committee Meeting (Teleconference)

Friday, April 23, 2010

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Committee Members

Tom Scott (Chair)
Belinda Barragan
Eric Holm

Executive Officer

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Guests

Ericka Cano, DCA Executive Office
John Perry, DCA Legislative Review Unit
Laurie Mehta, Guide Dog Users Inc. (GDUI)
Shannon Dillon, California Association of Guide Dog Users (CAGDU)
Frank Welte, California Council of the Blind (CCB)
Ken Metz, Guide Dog Users of California (GDUC)
Emily Goodland, Guide Dogs of the Desert (GDD)

AGENDA

1. Welcome (Roll Call) (T. Scott)

Committee Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was established to conduct the meeting. Chair Scott welcomed attendees and requested self-introductions.

2. Approval of Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes January 25, 2010 (T. Scott)

Committee Chair Scott asked for a motion to approve the January 25th Meeting Minutes. Committee Member Barragan motioned to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2010 as written. Committee Member Holm seconded the motion.

Committee Vote: Motion passed.

3. Legislation (T. Scott)

a. SB 250 (Florez) – Dogs and Cats; Spaying and Neutering

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 250 was placed on the Assembly Inactive File on April 19, 2010. Executive Officer Sorrick reported that she had spoken with the author's office and they had expressed an interest in reintroducing the bill. Frank Welte recommended that that the language be amended to exempt guide dog breeders. Staff recommended that the Committee send a letter with the concerns brought up at the meeting.

Committee Chair Scott asked for a motion to approve the staff recommendation.

Committee Member Holm motioned to include Mr. Welte's concerns in a letter to be drafted to the author's office. Committee Member Barragan seconded the motion.

Committee Vote: Motion passed.

b. SB 389 (Negrete McLeod) – Retroactive Fingerprint Submission

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 389 was referred to the Assembly Public Safety Committee on July 7, 2009 and had not moved. John Perry reported that as of February 4, 2010 the author was working with the Committee on some amendments. Staff recommended to continue to watch the bill.

c. SB 1171 (Negrete McLeod) – Regulatory Boards Operations

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 1171 was referred to the Senate Rules Committee on April 5, 2010. Executive Officer Sorrick reported that

SB 1171 was introduced on February 18, 2010 and was intended to replace SB 389. Staff recommended continuing to watch the bill.

d. SB 1491 (Senate Business Professions and Economic Development Committee) – Professions and Vocations (position)

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 1491 was passed on April 9, 2010 by the Senate Business Professions and Economic Development Committee and had moved to the Senate Appropriations Committee for approval. Executive Officer Sorrick recommended sending a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee in support of the language.

Committee Chair Scott asked for a motion to send the support letter. Committee Member Barragan motioned to send the support letter. Committee Member Holm seconded the motion.

Frank Welte reported that both the CCB and GDUC were in support of the bill and they were planning on sending a letter of support. Shannon Dillon reported that CAGDU was not prepared to support SB 1491 due to California licensing requirements being burdensome on out of state instructors when instructors are already licensed by other state entities. Laurie Mehta responded by clarifying that the International Guide Dog Federation certified schools, but did not license instructors.

Committee Vote: Motion passed.

e. SB 638 (Negrete McLeod) – Sunset Review Process

Committee Chair Scott reported that SB 638 was placed on the Inactive File on April 21, 2009. No recommendation was made by the staff.

f. H.R. 734 (Rep. Towns, Edolphus – NY-10) – Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act of 2009

Committee Chair Scott reported that H.R. 734 was referred to the House Committee in Energy and Commerce on January 28, 2009 and had not moved since. A letter of support was sent to the author on December 3, 2009. Executive Officer Sorrick stated that she would contact the author's office to get clarification on the bill's status. Staff recommended to continue to watch the bill.

g. H.R. 3266 (Rep. Klein) – Wounded Warrior K-9 Corp.

Committee Chair Scott reported that H.R. 3266 was referred to the House Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on July 24, 2009 and had not moved since. A letter of support was sent to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity on December 3, 2009. Laurie Mehta reported that

the bill was to be rolled into another bill. Executive Officer Sorrick stated that she would contact the author's office to get clarification on the bill's status. Staff recommended continuing to watch the bill.

h. H.R. 4378 (Rep. Kissell) - To amend the Americans with Disabilities Act to require that the same access to transportation and public accommodations be afforded to certified trainers of service animals as is afforded under such Act to individuals with disabilities who use such service animals.

Committee Chair Scott reported the H.R. 4378 was referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties on March 1, 2010. Executive Officer Sorrick reported that the author's intent was to clarify any ambiguities between states because some had different public accommodation laws for trainers of service animals. Staff recommended to continue to watch the bill.

Laurie Mehta reported that GDUI opposed the bill. They don't believe that H.R. 4378 is an inappropriate amendment to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They feel that it is best for the regulations to be left up to the states. Laurie also addressed the concerns in the bill regarding no formal definition of service animal trainer and service animal. Laurie stated that GDUI would send a letter and would forward a copy to the Board.

i. S. 1495 (Sen. Franken) – Service Dogs for Veterans Act of 2009 (status)

Committee Chair Scott reported that S.1495 was referred to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs of July 22, 2009 and had not moved since. No recommendation was made by the staff on this bill.

4. Items for the Next Meeting

Executive Officer Sorrick read SB 887 (Hollingsworth) and AB 1787 (Swanson) to the Committee.

SB 887 (Hollingsworth) – An act to add Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 8460) to Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to state government. This bill would establish an Office of the Chief Inspector General. The bill would allow recommendations to be made to the legislature to continue or abolish certain boards, bureaus or commissions.

AB 1787 (Swanson) – An act to amend Section 11346.2 of the Government Code, relating to administrative procedures. This bill would require state agencies to provide regulatory packages in narrative form, to make them more accessible.

The Committee could not take a position on SB 887 or AB 1787 because they were not on the agenda.

5. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

Committee Member Holm Motioned to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Barragan seconded the motion. Committee Chair Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.