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00:01:08 Michelle

Share opportunities to engage and show you how to make your voice heard.

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Because when we get involved, we create a world that works for everyone.

00:01:16 Michelle

Let's dive in.

00:01:20 Kendra

Hey, everybody. You're back on.

00:01:21 Kendra

Get.

00:01:22 Kendra

We're here with a week 8 updates from the Montana legislative session.

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We have a special guest with us today. Kristen.

00:01:28 Cassie

Hopefully a more often special guest.

00:01:30 Kristen

Hi, I'm Kristen.

00:01:31 Kristen

I am the ADA accessibility specialist with ability Montana.

00:01:35 Kendra

And then this is Kendra.

00:01:36 Cassie

This is Cassie.

00:01:37 Michelle

This is Michelle.

00:01:38 Kendra

So we're going to go through some of the bills that Cassie and Kristen worked on this week, and then we have a handful of new ones to get to too.

00:01:46 Kendra

Cass, why don't you take it?

00:01:47 Cassie

Away. OK, so some updates that I have our House Bill 386, which is continuous Medicaid eligibility.

00:01:54 Cassie

Passed the House floor 53 to 47, it is being heard in the appropriation. The House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, February 25th at 20 clock in Room 102. So this bill would be great for continuous Medicaid eligibility.

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Seems to be well accepted and so we'll just keep cheering that one on and we will monitor.

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Turret House Bill 395 was the bad.

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We talked about, which is generally revised voting laws related to individuals of unsound mind.

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So that passed the House floor 57 to 43, which was disappointing.

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Then on the third reading, it passed 54 to 45.

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So a couple people.

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Shifted and now it's being transmitted to the.

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So I do know that disability rights Montana is working really hard on trying to get to the different senators and those who are making decisions on this bill.

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Educate them.

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Yesterday we attended a press conference at disability Rights.

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They had a sheet included on that and so we can share that information out with everyone.

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This is really about protecting voting rights of all people.

00:02:55 Michelle

It it astounds me that this is where we're at with this.

00:02:58 Michelle

Mean it's it's just very prohibitive.

00:03:00 Cassie

We're just going to keep a close eye on it. If it's something you care about, it's something really to look into sending some public comment or getting up and speaking out against this bill, Senate Bill 194 was a bill to eliminate the Board of public Assist.

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We are glad that has been tabled in the committee at this point, so that is good.

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Kristen, can you talk a little bit about why that board of public assistance matters?

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Yeah, we felt that that mattered because there needs to be a third party place that somebody who is having an appeals process with public assistance, with its snap or Medicaid, things like that.

00:03:37 Kristen

The way that the bill wanted things to go is.

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To have that board eliminated and then have those decisions just remain within dphhs. Now the board is important because on that board there is a public representative.

00:03:53 Kristen

If somebody who is a neutral, unbiased party being able to review those cases.

00:03:58 Kristen

Which we think is important 'cause once you keep things within an agency, there's concern about transparency and things like that.

00:04:09 Kristen

That's why.

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We were advocating to have that board remain in place.

00:04:16 Cassie

Yeah. So at this point it's.

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So we're hopeful that that will continue that way.

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Senate Bill 72 is provide presumptive eligibility for Medicaid coverage of home and community based services.

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This has been just a really exciting bill. Like we've said, we work with people all the time that would benefit from this.

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It passed the Senate Finance and Claims Committee 16 to 6.

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Then it headed to third reading on the Senate floor, and it passed 44 to 5.

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And now it is being transmitted to the House. So that is very exciting.

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Is still alive and well.

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We have lots of good.

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Like I've said, we have a whole group called the Aging Ally.

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That are working on this and.

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So, so many good people are up at the Capitol doing good work for people and just take comfort in that.

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Lots of people are sharing voice for these bills, and if you want to add to them, we have lots of opportunities.

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Another bill that was also carried by Senator Yaakovic was Senate Bill 82, establish adjustment to blindness program that passed the House Human Services COMMITT.

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21 to.

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So that was really cool, because that means they all saw.

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The benefit of that?

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We love.

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That's a good bill that will keep moving forward.

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Don't have any other updates on that one.

00:05:23 Kendra

That's so exciting that that's going to be one of the first ones we get to.

00:05:26 Kendra

Now it just has to be heard on the House floor and then on to the governor's desk. And at this point, I don't see how it would get hung up.

00:05:33 Cassie

So this one's this one has been moving very quickly and so that's why.

00:05:36 Kendra

Yeah.

00:05:38 Cassie

You never know with the process this week. Yesterday Kristen and I were able to go to the Capitol to speak on Senate Bill 300, which is providing protections for service.

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Dogs and handlers.

00:05:50 Kristen

I am a service dog handler myself.

00:05:53 Kristen

I've had service dogs since I 2012, so it's been.

00:05:58 Kristen

A long experience for me. Having a service dog out in my daily life and this bill in particular is really important because it provides for protection.

00:06:10 Kristen

If somebody service dog.

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Were to be attacked by a pet dog or some harm comes to that or its handler. There can be recourse now under this bill. And So what this bill allows for, first and foremost, education.

00:06:27 Kristen

It'll be a really good educational tool because if we're able to say that it's unlawful.

00:06:33 Kristen

To interfere with a working service dog that is, opens the door for the why? Why is it unlawful and that that elevates the professional training, the professional work and the importance of these service animals.

00:06:47 Kristen

I'm excited to see this being as used as a number one as an educational tool now.

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Secondly, it will provide.

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The opportunity for restitution, so if somebody.

00:06:59 Kristen

Has been told. Hey, can you please?

00:07:03 Kristen

Pull your dog away from my dog because my dog is a service dog. They have been officially put on to on notice and if they continue to allow their dog to interfere with your service service dog, then at that point if harm came to your dog, we could.

00:07:17 Kristen

That that dog bit your service dog.

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Now that person under this law could be held liable for those medical bills if the dog needs new training, things like that.

00:07:29 Kristen

This is why it's really important is that it also.

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Provides for some restitution for poor behavior around service animals.

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Was a really great turn out.

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For public comment, we had a lot of Guide Dogs in the room.

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We had other service dogs in the room.

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People shared powerful personal stories about how interact some interactions have created.

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00:07:56 Kristen

You know, service dogs having to be retired early or the fear of having one of their service dogs being attacked because one's coming down the hallway, barking and and things like that so.

00:08:11 Kristen

It was really.

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I felt like the testimonies were received. Really.

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I'm proud of everybody who showed up to share their personal.

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That's really difficult to share things that are so close and at times traumatic as well, so.

00:08:26 Kristen

Great job to everybody who was there yesterday and I'm hopeful that this bill will continue moving forward.

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Lastly, we are only one of two states left in the nation who do not have this law in place, so there's 48 other states who already have a similar law in place.

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We're following the footsteps of other states.

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In ensuring that people with service animals have.

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Protection.

00:08:55 Cassie

It was really powerful yesterday and I'm not a crier and I found myself tearing up on multiple occasions really, really incredible.

00:09:02 Cassie

Thank you, Kristen.

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House Bill 341 revises the laws related to brain injuries that allows funding.

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Have talked about this on previous.

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We believe the money will go to the brain injury Alliance and provides really.

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Services to folks that passed House Appropriations 23 to 0.

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So that will be moving on to the third reading on.

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Now, House Bill 245 revised the Montana Health Act, workforce development provisions and termination date, Medicaid expansion that passed second reading on the Senate floor 29 to 21 after.

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Much discussion, and I think Kristen and Michelle both listened in on that session.

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It is now today, Tuesday, February 25th, at Senate Finance and.

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And so it needs to pass that committee. Then it will go back to third reading on the Senate floor.

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We will let you know what happens and.

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Fingers crossed Medicaid expansion continues to move forward.

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It feels like this is maybe just a technical thing of having to go through.

00:10:03 Kendra

The financing claims, because it's already been written into the governor's budget, and so it never went into appropriations on the House side.

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We're hoping today is just kind of a procedural flawless committee passing, but we will obviously update how that goes.

00:10:18 Cassie

We will be watching it.

00:10:20 Michelle

Well, and I have to say, listening to the actual Senate floor, I was amazed at the.

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Amount of emotion and passion on both sides of it and.

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So I was amazed at at the testimony or I wouldn't say testimony.

00:10:36 Michelle

Do you call it?

00:10:38 Cassie

Yeah.

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You know what, I.

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Just in support and in and in, you know, and people opposition.

00:10:41 Cassie

In opposition, yeah.

00:10:43 Michelle

That, that everybody was so passionate.

00:10:45 Michelle

Was quite a floor session.

00:10:47 Cassie

It was quite a floor session and as a reminder, you can go back and watch any of those floor sessions at.

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Cgmt Gov.

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There are some new bills.

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Lots of new bills coming up because Friday is the last day bills can be introduced because they need to make it to transmit.

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House Bill 574 is authorizing implementation of a the certified community Behavioral Health Clinic model.

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This model aims to enhance access to comprehensive behavioral health services by establishing clinics that provide a range of mental health and substance use disorder treatments.

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So this bill is, you know, new to us.

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Are watching it.

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To see it seems on the surface to be a good bill that will support, I think, some of the funds that the governor had put in his budget for mental health to create just some more.

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Opportunity we are lacking, as we know when it comes to behavioral health in Montana. And so to create more robust systems would be important.

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Another bill kind of in alignment with that is House Bill 576, revised funding for Medicaid and health support services to children and to adults who are aged, blind and disabled.

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These are both being heard Wednesday.

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26 at 30 clock in Room 152 in front of the House Human Services Committee.

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House Bill 576 revises funding for Medicaid and health support services in Montana to help this population.

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It looks to be using some of the tobacco settlement money to accomplish that.

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So those two bills will increase funding for disability services and hopefully make them more robust.

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Then we have house Bill 601, which I think everyone will be really excited about.

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Create an online portal for community assistors related to Medicaid.

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This is being heard Wednesday, February 26, at 3:00 in Room 152 in the House Human Services. So that committee is going to be very busy.

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House Bill 601 aims to improve Medicaid accessibility, particularly for people with disabilities, by creating an online portal for community ASSISTORS. While the bill's full details are still under review, key elements that could make Medicaid easier for people to use include.

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An online.

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Simplified navigation, enhanced communication, better support and potential for future accessibility.

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So this is being brought forward by SJ Howell out of Missoula, who has been just an incredible proponent for all things medical.

00:13:09 Cassie

Paid and and really working toward making the system better.

00:13:14 Kendra

I think this is one of those pieces of we talked about 2:30, which was the one Mary Cafero held. This is an example of one of the things that they wanted to increase the system and the Serv.

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And so this is one of those stand alone bills that.

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'S hoping to do that and it would make a big.

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It we've talked about it before, like the waiting online for hours and hours and hours to get a phone call.

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It's the system right now is crazy.

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This does sound pretty helpful.

00:13:40 Michelle

I just was doing.

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This morning.

00:13:42 Cassie

Yeah. Michelle came in saying.

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Two hours.

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I need better system and so this is an answer to that.

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If this impacts you, definitely create public comment.

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In person zoom.

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Get your voice in there.

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Support this bill. This bill matters to so many people.

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House Bill 607 provides for hearing aid coverage.

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This is kind of cool, so it's being heard Friday, February 28th, 8:00 AM in room 172.

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In front of business and Labor, House business and labor.

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This bill aims to ensure that health insurance plans provide coverage for hearing loss treatment and devices such as hearing aids for all individuals. Before this, it has been guaranteed to children, but not to adults, so this is a very cool bill.

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Hearing aids are incredibly expensive. I do not think people realize just how expensive a hearing aid is.

00:14:29 Michelle

Thousands, yeah.

00:14:30 Cassie

Michelle, you do not for you personally, but we've worked on on that for someone and it's it's a lot. We also know that your chance of getting dementia goes way up.

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When you cannot hear.

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And so getting these services in place when we recognize that it's an issue is really important.

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Lend your voice to that Bill as well.

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So the next three bills are dealing with diversity, equity and inclusion.

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They are house Bill.

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618 which is provide for a Montana individual Freedoms Act. This bill restricts funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion, as well as any political or social activity.

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House Bill 635 is revised human right laws to prohibit diversity, equity and inclusion programs.

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This bill defines adei program as any training or activity that addresses power dynamics related to race, gender identity, sexual orientation.

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Including discussions on systemic oppression and unconscious bias and social justice.

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House Bill 635 would have significant implications for people with disabilities, particularly in terms of workplace accommodations.

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Services and broader societal.

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So some of the negative impacts could be loss of.

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Disability focused training and awareness heritability. We've done lots of work to bring awareness to the ADA, to accessibility to inclusion.

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Reduce public support for accessibility.

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So if state and local agencies can no longer allocate funds to these efforts, disability advocacy programs that focus on equal access, workplace inclusion and community participation could be deprioritized.

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There could be barriers to employment protections.

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And then weakening of intersectional advocacy.

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So lots of different things with that. And then we have one more House Bill 638, which is revised human rights laws.

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So this bill prohibits state and local government agencies in Montana from requiring or requesting diversity statements or giving preferential treatment based on the submission.

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Of such statements.

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So these all we've kind of had a lot of different discussions here at ability when we do our work here.

00:16:31 Cassie

Inclusion is the cornerstone of the work we do, and so to put into our own state laws bills that prohibit.

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Doing the work we do feels very dangerous, absolutely.

00:16:46 Kendra

And so we obviously are in opposition to all three of those bills.

00:16:49 Kendra

I just want to say, too that obviously there's a lot of this is coming from what's happening on the federal level and we haven't necessarily touched on a lot of that on this podcast so far.

00:16:58 Kendra

Kind of focusing on the state.

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But maybe in the next couple weeks we'll be putting together some other national updates because this is all tied to that.

00:17:07 Cassie

Well, we've been talking a lot lately.

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We have a documentary here that we absolutely love, called **** Camp, which is available on YouTube for free to watch.

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It talks about the civil rights movement, for disability rights and it's incredible.

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And people have fought long and hard for the rights of people with disabilities, and so we will do our best here at ability, Montana, to make sure that rights that people have fought long and hard for don't go away and that we also fight to keep these program.

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In place because they matter.

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We have seen in all of our time here the difference it makes to build community around.

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Disability and around inclusion and around accessibility, and we've done such good work here and we don't want to see that.

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I think.

00:17:53 Kristen

Just to elevate that we are here.

00:17:56 Kristen

The disability community has always been here.

00:18:00 Kristen

And you know, we are a strong community and we have each others backs. And so even though things feel overwhelming.

00:18:07 Kristen

Filming and get inspired by watching some of these films like **** Camp and seeing what the Independent living roots are and that we are still a part of that movement and we are strong and we will.

00:18:22 Kristen

Prevail, whatever that looks like.

00:18:24 Michelle

And I.

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And I think too, it's the things that I receive from ability Montana myself that help me stay in community.

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Community and community is powerful.

00:18:33 Michelle

It's the life we live.

00:18:34 Michelle

The life we want.

00:18:35 Cassie

And it's more important.

00:18:36 Cassie

Ever.

00:18:36 Kendra

And they can take our.

00:18:38 Kendra

They can take, but they can't take our community away from us. And so, you know, we'll go down fighting, but we'll still be together.

00:18:43 Cassie

We are a scrappy bunch and if you want to get involved with being scrappy, come hang out with us. We love that.

00:18:45 Kendra

Love it.

00:18:52 Cassie

It's it's so it's so healing to not be scared separate.

00:18:57 Cassie

It's so healing to be together, talking about stuff that you care about and know that whatever way you lend your voice to these movements, it matters.

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And sometimes that's.

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And we've talked a lot about how scary it is and so just know that we will walk you through that.

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So lots of stuff.

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We anticipate a flurry of bills coming like just a flurry and remember.

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Do not get overwhelmed if you care about one thing, stay focused on that one thing.

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We will carry the load of the kind of like this is what's going on.

00:19:29 Cassie

It is not your responsibility to make change on your.

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It is part of a larger group that gives voice to say we want something. We don't want something.

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And to do that is really quite.

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And so just again, I know we talk about.

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Time. But if you go on to leg.mt dot Gov and you create an account, you can very easily submit public comment. It is.

00:19:52 Cassie

I did literally 4 bills I.

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I wrote them separately and I turned them into apdf and I uploaded them.

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Onto this website.

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And it took me no time at all.

00:20:04 Cassie

And it's done. And I've done my part. If that's the part that I'm able to.

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At this point in time.

00:20:09 Michelle

But if you need to talk to us, you know, to get that support, you know, like I.

00:20:11 Cassie

Oh my gosh.

00:20:12 Michelle

Say find your peeps. Yes, yes.

00:20:14 Kendra

And join us on Fridays from 9:00 to 11:30, either in person at the Butte Office or on zoom, and you can call our office to get the zoom link.

00:20:22 Kendra

And then remember, you can also do the switchboard where you call 406-444-4800.

00:20:30 Kendra

And you can relay your message to the staffers and then they'll hand deliver that, and then you can also sign up to do zoom testimony on any committee hearing.

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Only have to.

00:20:40 Kendra

You only have to sign up for that two hours ahead of time to be able to get the zoom link.

00:20:45 Kendra

You can also just watch all of the committees and floor sessions.

00:20:49 Kendra

There's there are so many ways to get involved, and so whatever level feels like is comfortable and accessible to you this week. Do that, and if not then take care of yourself.

00:20:58 Cassie

And I just wanted Chris, and if you don't mind ending the episode by just talking about.

00:21:02 Cassie

Your experience yesterday and just what it felt like to.

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To be up there and.

00:21:07 Kristen

You know, so this was the first time that I went to the Capitol building during a lot of legislative session and just walking in and feeling the energy of.

00:21:22 Kristen

Everybody you know?

00:21:25 Kristen

Excited. There's this excited energy about it and and really just feeling like this is where big change happens and being in that environment.

00:21:37 Kristen

Felt really inspiring to me and testifying. I felt so nervous.

00:21:44 Kristen

And then after sitting through a couple other.

00:21:50 Kristen

Hearing builds that were heard prior to the one that I was testifying on, SB300, it really eased that for seeing how it works. And, you know, I've watched a lot of them online, but it's a way different experience when you're you're there in person and.

00:22:06 Kristen

So I really encourage if you are able and have.

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The resources to be able to go up and you know, even if there's a, there's a bill that you really care about, but you don't want to necessarily speak on it. Just being in that room is powerful.

00:22:23 Kristen

A great.

00:22:24 Kristen

You're around other people who?

00:22:27 Kristen

Are like minded and who believe the same things that you.

00:22:29 Kristen

You do, and being present is an important part of.

00:22:35 Kristen

Lastly, I just want to also say is that when you walk in, it might feel a little bit intimidating seeing everybody dressed very fancy in their suits or nice clothes and.

00:22:46 Kristen

You know, this is the people's building, so come as you are. It's okay. You don't need to have a fancy outfit to go in and advocate for yourself.

00:22:56 Kristen

Share your beliefs and be a part of the.

00:22:59 Kristen

Experience. It's a really great.

00:23:02 Kristen

Opportunity to see how things happen and how we get to the laws that we have.

00:23:10 Kendra

I love that and I love that update about the just come as you are and that in in always and don't get too overwhelmed by any of the kind of politics and bureaucracies that may seem like are happening. Like just come and do what you can and if.

00:23:25 Kendra

Want to come on a day where you can be supported by this whole disability community? Join us.

00:23:31 Kendra

Valley Day, which is going to be on March 19th.

00:23:34 Kendra

We're going to meet at 11:00 AM in the Rotunda, and it's a time where we're going to have signs and we're just going to gather to show how many people with disabilities in the state and people who support people with disabilities are here and to get our voice.

00:23:48 Kendra

There are a handful of these bills that will be really trying to push for some support on, but it'll also just be a time to.

00:23:55 Kendra

Join in the masses without having to necessarily say anything or engage, and then while that you're there, you can go into some of the rooms. You can sit in a committee. You can watch a floor session.

00:24:05 Kendra

And you'll be surrounded by this community that all is there for the same thing.

00:24:09 Kendra

Oh, definitely. Put that on your schedule.

00:24:11 Cassie

We have a.

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The public lands had a lot of people fill that building and I think we can do this with the disability community. So invite all your friends if you need a ride, let us know.

00:24:21 Cassie

Let's fill the Capitol because there is nothing more powerful and more full of love and like power.

00:24:28 Cassie

Than the disability.

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It is just such a like a thrill to be together with one another, advocating for good stuff.

00:24:35 Cassie

Thanks for joining us.

00:24:36 Cassie

Kristen, you'll be back with us soon.

00:24:38 Kristen

Thank you for having me. Thanks everyone.

00:24:43 Kendra

Thank you for tuning into this episode of Get involved.

00:24:46 Kendra

All resources and contact information shared during this episode can be found in the show notes.

00:24:50 Kendra

Please reach out to us at ability Montana if you'd like more support in using your voice during the legislative session.

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Together, we can shape Montana's.

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