



Our NPARI Government affairs committee continues to monitor bills at the State House.

**Bills of Interest:**

- Pay Equity (H 8135, S 2806)
  - Senate Bill 2806 was heard in committee on Thursday, May 4th in Finance.
    - There was a packed agenda and NPARI was able to testify regarding the bill and submit testimony.
    - Bill is held for further study at this point.
  - The bill, if passed and signed by the Governor, would require state and private health insurers to reimburse claims for healthcare services provided by nurse practitioners and physician assistants at the same amount as the reimbursement pay to a physician performing the service.
  - House Bill 8135, the sister bill, has been introduced and referred to HHS committee, bill was heard in committee and currently is held for further study.
- Primary Care training sites (H 7486, S 2831)
  - NPARI supported bill S in Finance Committee on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Sedation (H 7740, S3184subA)
  - Sadly, the Senate pushed through S3184 without study in HHS committee to the floor and then passed through the Senate under the urging of Majority Leader Sen Ciccone.
  - Sen Pam Lauria spoke in opposition, imploring Senators to allow the DOH to do the work of clarifying this complex issue.
  - Senators who also voted against passage and should be thanked for their courage and support: Sens Lauria, Valverde, Ujifusa, Acosta, DiMario, Euer, Mack, Pearson, and Zurier

**\*\* Hearing on Sedation Regulations from the Dept of Health scheduled for this Thursday at 2pm!! \*\***

**Fundraisers:**

- Sen Pam Lauria - Tuesday at the Hot Club

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