

FSD Legislative and Political Action Committee Report

- A meeting was held on **Thursday March 4th at 5:00 p.m.**
- LGBTQ+ legislative actions were discussed. They will continue to be updated per legislative actions.
- Marvin B. continues to schedule and disperse Zoom link for committee meetings.
- The Legislation web page added the following:
 - Updated contact information for the House of Representatives.
 - Educational videos:
 - The CA Democratic Party Made Easy
 - How a Bill Becomes a Law – Kahn Academy
- An informal group discussed followed the meeting.
- **The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 1th at 5:00 p.m.**

Legislative Terminology:

Congressional Record: The *Congressional Record* is the official record of the proceedings and debates of the U.S. Congress. For every day Congress is in session, an issue of the *Congressional Record* is printed by the Government Publishing Office. Each issue summarizes the day's floor and committee actions and records all remarks delivered in the House and Senate.

Cosponsor: Representatives or Senators who formally sign on to support a measure. Only the first-named Member is the sponsor, all others are cosponsors, even those whose names appeared on the measure at the time it was submitted.

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Enacted: Made into law.

Filibuster: In the Senate, the use of dilatory or obstructive tactics to delay or block passage of a measure by preventing it from coming to a vote.

Parliamentarian: Nonpartisan staff officials (one in each chamber, assisted by deputies and assistants) who provide expert advice and assistance to the presiding officer and to members on the application and interpretation of chamber rules, precedents, and practices (including referral of measures to committee).

Presidential Message: Written statement presented to the Congress, such as the President's Budget or the State of the Union address.

LGBTQ+ Legislative Update:

1. **H.B. 85: Old Glory Act:** 1/3/2021 Intro & Sponsored by Rep Jeff Duncan (SC), Rep Marjorie Taylor Greene

- a. This bill prohibits the flying of any flag other than the U.S. flag over U.S. diplomatic and consular posts.
- b. For example, the Rainbow Flag & Black Lives Matter flag.

2. H. Con. Res. 4: No Name Calling Week: 1/11/2021 Intro & Sponsored by Rep Barbara Boxer (DCA)

- a. Supporting the goals and ideals of No Name-Calling Week in bringing attention to name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an ongoing dialogue about ways to eliminate name-calling, bullying, and harassment in their communities (that address incidents based on sexual orientation or gender identity)

3. AB 1094 – Sexual orientation and gender identity data collection pilot project – LGBTQ Violent Death Data Collection Pilot Program

- a. This bill would require the department to establish a 3-year pilot program in up to 6 counties that agree to participate, for the identification and collection by coroners and medical examiners of gender identity and sexual orientation in cases of violent death.
- b. The bill would require the counties to be trained in the data collection by a public or private agency with expertise in identifying and collecting clinical data pertaining to sexual orientation and gender identity, as specified.
- c. Following the training, the bill would require a coroner or medical examiner to begin data collection and to aggregate, deidentify, and annually report the data to the board of supervisors and the department.
- d. The bill would require the department to include the pilot program data in the CEVDRS. The bill would make its provisions inoperative on the date the State Public Health Officer certifies that the final year of data from the pilot program has been entered in the CEVDRS and would repeal the provisions on the January 1 following that date.

4. H. R. 5: The Equality Act (Passed the House 2/25/21 and on to Senate).

- e. This bill prohibits discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity in areas including public accommodations and facilities, education, federal funding, employment, housing, credit, and the jury system. Specifically, the bill defines and includes sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity among the prohibited categories of discrimination or segregation.
- f. The bill expands the definition of public accommodations to include places or establishments that provide (1) exhibitions, recreation, exercise, amusement, gatherings, or displays; (2) goods, services, or programs; and (3) transportation services.
- g. The bill allows the Department of Justice to intervene in equal protection actions in federal court on account of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- h. The bill prohibits an individual from being denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual's gender identity.

Stay tuned... Respectfully submitted, Beverly Senkowski, Chair