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The following bills that may be of interest to the behavioral health community have been scheduled for a public hearing by various committees:

[SB-686](#) AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING ASSISTANCE. (**Housing Committee Public Hearing 2/14/19**)

[SB-750](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (**Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee Public Hearing 2/14/19**)

[HB-5053](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS RECOVERING FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE. (**Labor and Public Employees Committee Public Hearing 2/14/19**)

[HB-5973](#) AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A STATE BANK TO SERVICE THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY. (**Banking Committee Public Hearing 2/14/19**)

[HB-6404](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FLAVORED ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE LIQUID AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS. (**Children Committee Public Hearing 2/14/19**)

[HB-6464](#) AN ACT IMPOSING A TAX ON LIQUID VAPING PRODUCTS. (**Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee Public Hearing 2/13/19**)

[HB-6739](#) AN ACT PROHIBITING EMPLOYERS FROM PAYING DISABLED EMPLOYEES LESS THAN MINIMUM WAGE. (**Labor and Public Employees Public Hearing 2/14/19**)

To find information on how to testify in person visit the cga.ct.gov website. Plan to arrive early in the morning the date of the hearing to sign up. Testimony should last no more than three minutes, but committee members may ask questions after the three minutes. To submit electronic written testimony visit the cga.ct.gov website, select the committee the bill will be heard in and follow the directions on the committee webpage. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about any of the information contained in the legislative updates. I can be reached at (860) 418-6839 or mary.mason@ct.gov. During session, you may want to try to reach me on my cell phone at (860) 985-2120, since I am often at the Capitol and away from my desk phone.