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Committee hearings are in full swing and there are several bills that are being heard that may impact the behavioral health community. For ease of reference these bills are listed below by hearing date with the committee noted after the bill title. To testify on bills in person via Zoom or in writing please follow the committee process contained in the [Legislative Bulletin](#).

March 2nd

[HB-5583](#) AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY INTERVENTION BY A POLICE OFFICER WHEN A PERSON SUFFERS AN OVERDOSE. (Public Safety and Security)

[SB-146](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, INTERNET GAMING, INTERNET LOTTERY AND INTERNET KENO. (Public Safety and Security)

[SB-396](#) AN ACT ALLOWING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO TRACK AND TRACE CELLULAR PHONES OF YOUNG ADULTS IN DISTRESS. (Public Safety and Security)

[HB-6439](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2023, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR. (Appropriations)

[HB-6461](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE REGARDING THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL ILLNESS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (Higher Education and Employment Advancement)

March 3rd

[HB-6398](#) AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES. (Public Health)

[HB-6424](#) AN ACT REVISING DATA COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS CONNECTING TO THE STATE-WIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE. (Public Health)

[HB-6450](#) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH. (Public Health)

March 4th

[SB-355](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A LANDLORD'S ABILITY TO CONSIDER THE CRIMINAL RECORD OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS. (Housing)

[SB-194](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RIGHT TO HOUSING. (Housing)

[HB- 6532](#) AN ACT APPROPRIATING STATE FUNDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND HOUSING
(Housing)

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