

Support: S.B. 716 (Raised) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REDUCTION OF BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER A LONG TERM DISABILITY POLICY BY AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY THE INSURED IN SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS –It is unfair for an insurance company to reduce the amount payable under a long term disability policy by the amount collected in Social Security. People should not be caught in a loophole that causes them to lose out on what they should be justly entitled to.

Support: H.B. 6188 (Raised) AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEES AND VIOLENCE AND BULLYING IN THE WORKPLACE - The proposed additions to this bill are important in codifying policies and procedures for state employees for dealing with workplace bullying and violence. Research of the private sector indicates that bullying is common in the workplace and can lead to absenteeism and turnover. A summary of the number of complaints of workplace violence involving state employees and the outcomes will be helpful in crafting future recommendations.

Support: H.B. 6191 (Raised) AN ACT CONCERNING IMPACT STATEMENTS FOR MAJOR LAYOFFS OR DISMISSALS OF STATE EMPLOYEES – Layoffs affect families and communities. In the interest of making wise choices on the economic impact and roll out effect of layoffs on communities, we urge passage of this bill.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak before you on these bills.