

Legislative Update



REP. AFTYN BEHN
HOUSE DISTRICT 51 TOWNHALL
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

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AGENDA

- Welcome!
- Digital Housekeeping
- Rep. Aftyn Behn: State Legislative Update
- Councilmember Jacob Kupin: Metro Update
- Special Guest: Nashville Department of Transportation
- If time... Q&A

HOUSEKEEPING

Community Agreements

- One Diva, One Mic (Raise hands)
- Step up, Step back
- Jargon alert!
- Muted first!
- Please put pronouns in your name!

Need help?

- Team Aftyn has your back!
 - Nicki in the chat!
 - Isabella In the chat!
 - Ainsley with the vibes!

Closed Captioning Available

THANK YOU TO TEAM AFTYN

It takes a village to put on an event, and I'd like to thank #TeamAftyn for their support in putting this on!

Nicki Pope
Isabella Bartolucci
Kate Briefs
Ainsley Costello
Cade Wooten
Emilee Warner
Angela Gimlin
Anabel Wilson



Thank
you! 



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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

113th General Assembly

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HOW DO WE DECIDE WHAT BILLS TO SUPPORT/OPPOSE?

Do they put more people in prison or expand the states' surveillance ability?

- If a bill does either of these, we do not support it.

Do the bills improve equity and material conditions for Tennesseans?

Do the bills mitigate harm to marginalized groups?

Do the bills enhance the vision of a Tennessee For All?

Do the bills provide a specific service for constituents?

Do the bills enhance the safety and well-being of constituents?

Our goal is to introduce and support legislation that provides measurable benefits to the quality of life of Tennesseans as a whole while opposing legislation that seeks to harm any group of people.

THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- House members are only allowed to introduce 15 bills for the session.
 - We are working to file 13 of our allotted 15.
 - A mix of messaging and constituent bills.
- Messaging bills are designed to make a point and show the ideal policy.
 - The Trans Bill of Rights and the Abortion Bill
 - These bills let constituents and colleagues alike know what our ultimate goals are.
 - In this case, the aim is to protect trans folks, support a marginalized community, and ensure that women have the fundamental right to reproductive healthcare.
- Constituent bills have been suggested and influenced by District 51 constituents or drafted with constituents specifically in mind.
 - These bills, like HB 166g, provide a service or improve the quality of life for constituents and Tennesseans as a whole.

HB 1626

Fundamental Right to Reproductive Healthcare Act

- This bill calls for abortion and contraceptive access to be labeled a fundamental right.
- It's an aggressive bill that looks to delete and change multiple sections and provisions from ten different titles from the TCA.
- Abortion and family planning is a medical conversation to be had between a patient and their doctor and this bill seeks to remove all barriers and punishments to doing so.
- The vast majority of Tennesseans support at least some exceptions to abortion bans and it is their right to seek or not seek out that procedure in any way they and their medical provider see fit.

HB 1669

Day Care Closing Notice bill

- Requires childcare agencies to give 60 days notice prior to closure. This includes children who are currently enrolled or on a waitlist.
- Parents had been blindsided by sudden closures and left with no alternative options as other waitlists had already filled up.

HB 1670

Caption bill to hold place for the Trans Bill of Rights

- This bill will amend the Tennessee Human Rights Act to add sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression as protected classes. This would apply to discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing and financing, etc.
- This bill will repeal SB1 and the ban on gender-affirming care.
- This bill will repeal SB1440 and restore legal acknowledgment of trans people in the TN code.
- This bill is designed to bring visibility and protection to an ignored and mistreated group of people who deserve our respect.
- Championing this bill is one of the many ways that we intend to fight back against white nationalism.

HB 1671

TABC Sexual Assault and Trafficking Training

- Requires all those applying for a serving license to receive training on how to spot someone who has been drugged or who is the victim of sex trafficking.
- Nashville is a major tourist city, and these things happen constantly. Our service industry workers are often the first and only people who have the opportunity to see these things happening.
- Goes hand in hand with the “angel bar” program as well.

HB 1672

Expansion of Hours for Alcohol Sales The “I Like my Bloody Mary with the Titans” Bill

- Allows for a 2/3 majority vote to expand the hours of alcohol sales on Sundays to be consistent with the hours of sale on weekdays.
- On-premises sales
 - Currently open 10 am-3 am on Sundays
 - Would be open 8 am-3 am on Sundays
- Off-premises sales of beer, etc.
 - Currently not allowed between 3 am-12 pm
 - Would be allowed after 8 am

HB 1673

Repeal the TN Heritage Protection Act

- The TNHPA establishes the historical commission and generally prevents removing or relocating a memorial located on public grounds with few exceptions.
- Repealing this act will give the entities that already have control over these monuments to remove or rename them as they see fit, without the need for a waiver from the commission.
- As is, waiver hearings take no less than 180 days per the act.

Bill TBD

#EndTheGroceryTax Bill



- Eliminate regressive grocery tax and close corporate tax loopholes.
- Institute worldwide combined reporting and a business enterprise tax or a capital gains tax.
 - WWCR – close offshore tax loopholes
 - BET – serves as an alternative minimum tax that also exempts small businesses
 - CGT – 10% rate on gains over \$250,000 and 20% on gains for entities receiving over \$ 1 million in public funds
- Massive corporations should not pay less in taxes than everyday people.

Bill TBD

#TaxBigTech to pay for Universal Pre-K

- Digital Data Transaction Tax Act
- This bill seeks to impose a tax of 9.5% on revenue derived from data transactions from digital advertising for persons making over \$50 million yearly.
- Due to the nature of digital advertising revenue, it is not a proxy for already taxed revenue and, therefore, is ripe for such an act.
- These funds will be used to fund universal childcare/pre-k of which a bill already exists.

Bill TBD

Protecting Sexual Assault Survivors from Defamation

- This bill is based on California bill AB933
- Survivors are often pressured not to identify their assaulter for fear of reprisal via weaponized defamation suits.
- Bill is designed to protect assault survivors from weaponized defamation cases.
- The accuser must prove malicious intent in the accused statements.
- Any communication made without malice about sexual assault is to be considered privileged speech and thus not subject to defamation suits.

Bill TBD

Honoring a Multi-Ethnic Calendar

- Strongly urges the state government to consider multi-ethnic holidays when scheduling etc.
- Recommended by the Jewish Federation and AMAC

Bill TBD

Crane Regulations

- Crane caption bill

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PROGRAMMING AND TRANSITIONS

District Programming

- Girls' Club
 - Starting Feb. 15th
- Spring Townhalls
 - Feb. 17th: CM Emily Benedict
 - Third Saturday of every month
- Post-session
 - District events!
 - Canvassing!

Transitions

- David got a promotion!
 - Abby Plemmons will be the new legislative aide!
- New committee assignments
 - Education Instruction
 - Health

Thank you!

Constituent Questions?

Contact Abby Plemmons, e: abigail.plemmons@capitol.tn.gov

Campaign Questions?

Contact Campaign Manager Kate Briefs,
e: team@aftynbehn.com

Metro Update

COUNCILMEMBER JACOB KUPIN
JANUARY TOWNHALL



Welcome from D19!



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SNOW STORM & TORNADO UPDATES

- Thanks to NDOT, NES, and more!
- Canvassing for cold weather with Open Table
- Preds and Titans and neighbors donating to cold weather response
- Volunteer in Madison
- Council is looking at what else we can do for snow response

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

- Research and writing
- Resolution 1 reading
- Ordinance 3 readings
- Boards and commission
 - Council nom vs Mayor nom

NDOT, PUBLIC WORKS, DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

- Traffic calming in Germantown & HBV approved
- District wide traffic calming map
- Demonbreun bikeway
- Trash update
- Downtown Partnership

CONSTITUENT CONCERNS

- Public housing - Cheatham Place & John Henry Hale
 - Flowers for Christmas
 - Ensuring electricity and heat
- Parking
 - Musician's parking/display parking
 - Metropolis issues
- Safe Bar
- Cars too close to alleys
- Please reach out for any of your needs
 - Sign up for newsletter
- Morris!

2ND AVE

- Closure for construction
- Business struggling - please come check them out
- On regular calls about construction and how we can support
- excited for reopening with activated street/kiosk/etc

PLANNING, NES, MNPD, NIGHTLIFE

- Planning
 - DADU overlay
 - Rock Block
- NES
 - Street light outages
- MNPD
 - Night walk for crime
- Nightlife
 - Walks with night mayor, collaboration with downtown, also Germantown, Midtown

CODES

- Metro Council recently passed legislation allowing for codes & NDOT to collaborate with MNPD on enforcement of certain parts of the noise ordinance
 - Noise ordinance currently exempts DTC from construction noise violations
- Codes will start hiring noise inspectors
- All rental properties must be registered with Codes (\$10/ year)
- All burglar and fire alarm systems in Davidson County require annual permits to ensure first responder database records match

WHAT I'VE BEEN WORKING ON

- New Years Eve - 225k people
- Snakes
- Codes
 - Night Codes person
 - Construction ordinance - about to file
- Nightlife
 - Working on overall downtown -
 - Vendors - expanded boundaries, met with vendors downtown
 - Street performers - guide to ordinance
- Homeless
 - Day of remembrance
- MACC
 - Pet working group
 - Foster an animal

EAST BANK

- River Resolution
- Pump station - partnership between the TN Titans and the city
- Next steps - meeting, conversation, master development agreement

Upcoming Events

- Precinct Community Advisory Group meetings for LPR rescheduled:
 - North Precinct meeting: 1/24, 6 pm, in the precinct community room at 2231 26th Avenue North
 - Central Precinct meeting: 2/1, 10 am, on the 11th floor of 501 Commerce Street.
- 1/21: Historic Germantown Neighborhood annual meeting - now 2/5
- 1/24: Historic Buena Vista Community Association neighborhood social
- 2/13: Salemtown Neighbors Neighborhood Association meeting & 2024 kickoff
- 2/12-2/18: Nashville Symphony's Music in My Neighborhood
- For more updates
 - Sign up for my newsletter - The KupScoop

What You Can Do

- For more updates
 - Sign up for my newsletter - The KupScoop
 - Email me: Jacob.Kupin@Nashville.gov
 - Call me: 615-200-7794
- Attend Metro Council meetings
- Seeking D19 Intern/ Assistant



A cluster of yellow starburst graphics of various sizes and orientations, located in the upper left corner of the blue banner.

WELCOME...NDOT!

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