

NASW Key Bill Outcomes 2007

(Bill numbers are in **bold** for bills that passed)

Human Rights

BILL	SUMMARY	OUTCOME
HB 2007 -EN	Created domestic partnerships for same-sex relationships	Governor signed.
SB 0002 -EN	Prohibits, in specified areas of law, discrimination against persons based on sexual orientation.	Governor signed.

Health Care Access

SB 0003 -EN	Bill related to implementing <u>Healthy Kids</u> if passed by voters.	Passed by House and Senate; awaiting Governor's signature.
<u>HB 2201</u> -B	Creates Oregon Healthy Kids Program--Tobacco Tax	Failed to get required 2/3 vote after repeated attempts in the House.
<u>HB 2575</u> -B	Creates Family Leave Benefits Insurance program to provide benefits to employees taking family leave.	Passed House; Failed Senate Vote: 13-16
<u>HB 3088</u> -B	Prohibits hospitals from billing to or attempting to collect from uninsured patients charges that exceed either Medicare rate or rate paid by hospital's highest volume commercial insurer.	Passed House; Died in Senate
SJR 0004 -EN	Healthy Kids Constitutional Amendment --Ballot Measure	Passed: constitutional amendment to create Healthy Kids plan referred to voters in Nov. 2007 election

Mental Health

HB 2312 -EN	Provides mentally ill persons committed to Department of Human Services right to daily access to fresh air and outdoors.	Governor Signed into law
HB 2313 -EN	Requires Department of Human Services to provide to committed persons information about protection and advocacy system.	Governor signed into law.
<u>HB 2995</u>	Permits public bodies, officers or agents of public bodies, or licensed health care providers to disclose protected health information about individual with mental illness for purpose of safely providing professional services.	Public hearing held; died in House.

Child Welfare

SB 0282 -EN	Changes definition of foster home to include caregivers related to child by blood or marriage. Allows DHS to create administrative rule regarding payment of relative foster parents.	Passed by House and Senate after adding means test provision due to limited funds (increased funds to pay relatives by \$2.1 mil). Governor signed into law.
SB 0414 -EN	Requires Department of Human Services to make reasonable efforts to place siblings together.	Governor signed into law.

Justice Reform

<u>HB 2904</u>	Provides that offenders sentenced to mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for certain crimes committed when they were 15, 16 or 17 years of age are eligible for conditional release under certain circumstances.	Had public hearing in House Judiciary; no further action.
<u>HB 2933</u>	Requires preparation of racial and ethnic impact statements that assess impact of prison-related legislation and certain prison-related rulemaking on racial and ethnic profile of prison population.	No hearing held; died in House.
<u>HB 3233 -EN</u>	Creates Sex Offender Treatment Board and Sex Offender Treatment Advisory Board.	Passed House and Senate; awaiting Governor's signature.
<u>HB 3336 -A</u>	Establishes that person is not subject to death penalty if determination is made that person has mental retardation.	Died in Ways and Means Committee.
<u>SB 0328 -EN</u>	Modifies definitions of "mental disease or defect" and "serious mental condition" by adding developmental disability for purposes of committing young persons alleged to be within jurisdiction of juvenile court to custody of Psychiatric Security Review Board	Passed House and Senate; awaiting Governor's signature
<u>SB 1014</u>	Requires courts to determine whether person 15, 16 or 17 years of age charged with specified crimes should be prosecuted in adult court.	Public hearing held in Senate Judiciary Committee. Died in Senate.
<u>SB 0631</u>	Increases maximum amount of time credits earned for reduction in term of incarceration to 33 percent of total term of incarceration.	Died in Senate

Social Work Profession Issues

<u>SB 0754 -A</u>	Provides credit against personal income taxes for payment of interest on principal of loans used to attend institution of higher education to obtain bachelor's or higher degree in social work if taxpayer is employed in qualifying employment.	Passed Senate Health and Human Services Committee; Public Hearing held in Senate Revenue Committee
<u>SB 0752</u>	Requires professional regulatory boards to report annually about complaints received by board.	Died in Senate.
<u>SB 0717 -C</u>	Requires Board of Medical Examiners to appoint scope of practice review committee for regulated health profession when requested to review proposed changes to scope of practice of health care profession.	717-B passed Senate; Bill was amended again but ultimately died in House.
<u>SB 1017 -EN</u>	Allows public or private official to report suspected aggravated animal abuse. (Original version made reporting mandatory for public and private officials, including LCSWs, employees of DHS, etc.)	Governor signed.

Consumer Protection

<u>HB 2202 -EN</u>	Prohibits certain persons from conducting check-cashing business without license from Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services.	Governor signed into law.
<u>HB 2203 -EN</u>	Applies provisions of Oregon Consumer Finance Act to lenders that make loans to consumers in this state.	Governor signed.
<u>HB 2204 -EN</u>	Limits maximum rate of interest on title loans.	Governor signed.
<u>HB 2205 -B</u>	Requires person in business of making consumer finance loans to obtain license.	Governor signed.
<u>HB 2871 -EN</u>	Sets maximum interest rate at 36 percent per annum for all consumer loans of less than \$50,000.	Governor signed.