

Dear all:

HB 71 was tabled today in the House of Representatives. What this means is the bill is still eligible to be called for a vote on the floor of the House of Representatives as early as tomorrow. The bill has to pass out of the House of Representatives by Friday. Today's outcome was only possible due to the number of calls all of you have made to the House of Representatives. We cannot thank you enough for all of your calls.

At this point, we are continuing to work the members. Please be on the lookout for a further alert as we get more information on when this bill could come to the floor of the House of Representatives.

SB 81 is on the Senate floor tomorrow. This is the opioid bill that has the criminal penalties for failing to check the prescription drug monitoring program. We are being told the criminal penalties will be removed and a few other changes we have requested will be on the bill. While still not a perfect bill, it is a bill that we can continue to work on in the House of Representatives. We will also be in touch on this bill if there are significant changes that negatively impact physicians.

Thank you very much for all of your hard work. We could not be in this posture without the assistance of all of you.

We will be in touch.

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