

Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance and Educational Materials (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2023) SB212

Senator Klausmeier Committee: Finance Hearing: February 8,2023 Position: Favorable

Prohibiting carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to review and update certain materials relating to genetic testing on or before April 1, 2024.

Dear members of the Finance committee,

People on the Go of Maryland, (People on the Go) the statewide self-advocacy organization, ran for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) offers this written testimony in support of SB212 Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance and Educational Materials (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2023) This bill would ensure that insurance companies cannot discriminate against anybody, including people with disabilities, if said people have chosen to undergo genetic testing, both in the past and present. People on the Go supports any bill that fights against discrimination. We strongly recommend a favorable report.

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