

FAV HB0825

Brain Health - Guidelines, Grant Fund, and
Commemorative Month (Tahjai's Law)

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Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members
of the Government, Labor, and Elections
Committee and the Appropriations Committee,

Please accept this as my written testimony of
support for **HB0825 Tahjai's Law** (Brain Health -
Guidelines, Grant Fund, and Commemorative
Month).

There are 2 of my Sorority sisters who are close
to me both of which suffered from conditions of
the brain. One was a brain tumor in high school
she thankfully made a full recovery but I
remember how scary that situation was for her
and for all of us who knew and loved her through
that situation.

Sadly, my other Sorority sister was not as fortunate. She suffered a brain aneurism and has been in a nursing home ever since, she is in her 40s. While she has regained some movement in her limbs and is able to now communicate, she has a new state of normal.

While God has the final say, doctors do not believe she will ever return to her former state of being and she will likely unfortunately have limited mobility and speech for the remainder of her life this happened approximately 10 years ago and although we are all glad she is still alive quality of life is an ongoing concern as she is basically now forced to live in a nursing home and is reliant on others to assist her with her daily needs and requires a wheelchair.

While these are just 2 situations, I know many unfortunately suffer from brain related conditions through awareness and education hopefully lives can be saved and more people can recover to their normal state of being

because people once this legislation is passed into law will be able to make informed early intervention based decisions.

If the fiscal note needs to be smaller or zero due to state budget constraints, then I encourage an amendment to the bill that will allow the overall goals to be accomplished in a financially creative zero dollar manner and encourage all stakeholders to work together to find that zero dollar solution.

For the above mentioned reasons and so many more I support **HB0825 Brain Health - Guidelines, Grant Fund, and Commemorative Month (Tahjai's Law)**. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration and I wish everyone a successful bill hearing tomorrow.

Best regards,

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