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# **February 2022 Policy Forum**

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## **Organization Update** **Tom Donaldson, President**



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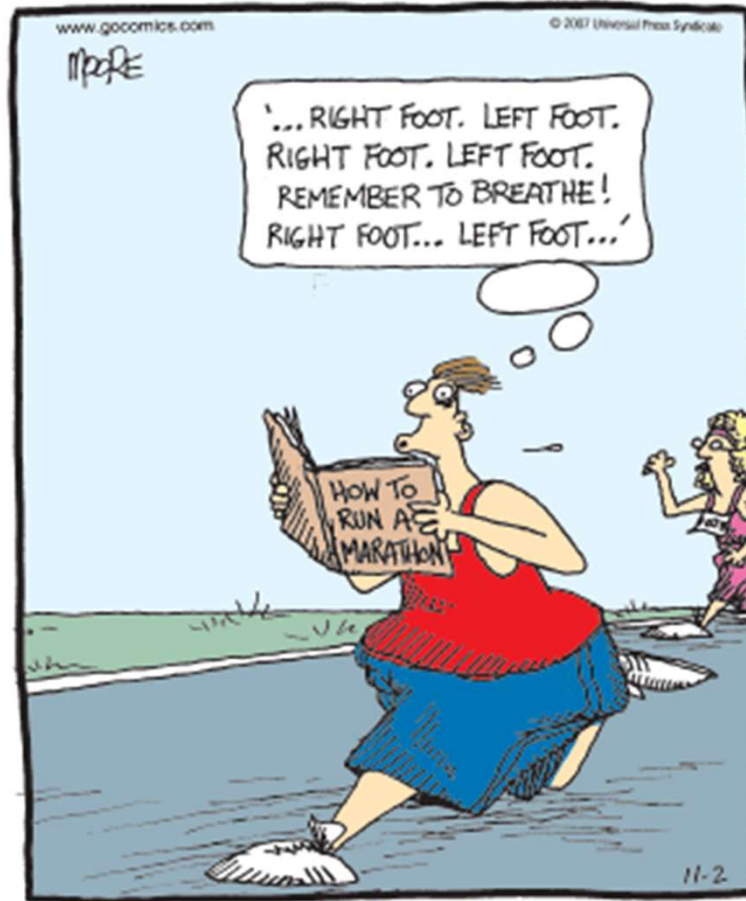
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# Policy is a Marathon Not a Sprint



**New Congress is Sworn In January 2023**

# A Rising Tide of Co-Sponsors

June  
Introduced  
2 House  
2 Senate

July/August  
Added  
3 House  
2 Senate

Sept/Oct  
Added  
7 House  
3 Senate

Nov/Dec  
Added  
8 House

Jan/Feb  
Added  
13 House  
2 Senate

In the 116th  
Congress We  
Had 8 in the  
house and 2 in  
the Senate

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## House Co-Sponsors

Rep. Betty McCollum (D MN 4)  
Rep. Don Young (R AK)  
Rep. Ilhan Omar (D MN 5)  
Rep. Bishop Sanford Jr. (D GA 2)  
Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D TX 18)  
Rep. Tracy Mann (R KS 1)  
Rep. Chellie Pingree (D ME 1)  
Rep. Sharice Davids (D KS 3)  
**\*Rep. Angie Craig (D MN 2)\***  
Rep. Derek Kilmer (D WA 6)  
Rep. Susan Wild (D PA 7)  
Rep. Kaiiali'i Kahele (D HI 2)  
Rep. Ed Case (D HI 1)  
Rep. Jamie Raskin (D MD 8)  
Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (D GA 7)  
Rep. Barbara Lee (D CA 13)  
Rep. Bill Huizenga (R MN 2)  
Rep. Deborah Ross (D NC 2)  
Rep. Mike Thompson (D CA 5)  
Rep. Jim Costa (D CA 16)  
Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard [D-CA-40]

**\*Sits on Committee of Jurisdiction**

Rep. Jared Golden [D-ME-2]

**\*Rep. Kim Schrier [D-WA-8]**

Rep. Eric Swalwell [D-CA-15]

Rep. David Trone [D-MD-6]

Rep. Liz Cheney [R-WY-At Large]

**\*Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester [D-DE-At Large]**

Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]

Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]

Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]

Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]

Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]

Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]

# Current Bill Sponsors

## Senate Co-Sponsors

**Senator Lisa Murkowski (R AK)\***

Senator Amy Klobuchar (D MN)

**Senator Jerry Moran (R KS)\***

**Senator Tina Smith (D MN)\***

**Senator Susan Collins (R ME)\***

Senator Brian Schatz (D HI)

Senator Angus King (I ME)

Sen. Shelley Moore Capito [R-WV]

Sen. Mazie Hirono [D-HI]

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# Sneak Peek

**New Co-Sponsors anticipated In March**

**CA – Rep. Julia Brownley**

**CA – Rep. Jimmy Panetta**

**CA – Rep. Mike Levin**

**MN – Rep. Dean Phillips**

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# February Meetings

## House Meetings

David Valadao (CA-21)

August Pfluger (TX-11)

Scott Peters (CA – 52)

Jimmy Panetta (CA-20)

Jake Ellzey (TX-6)

Lauren Underwood (IL-14)

Julia Brownley (CA-26)

Val Demings (FL-10)

Roger Williams (TX-25)

Pramila Jayapal (WA-7)

## Senate Meetings

Sen. Duckworth (IL)

### Overall :

House – 120 (out of 436)

Senate – 49 (out of 100)

Note, we've met with some Senators & Reps more than once

The FASD Respect Act  
**The Path Forward**

Hearing In Sub-Committee

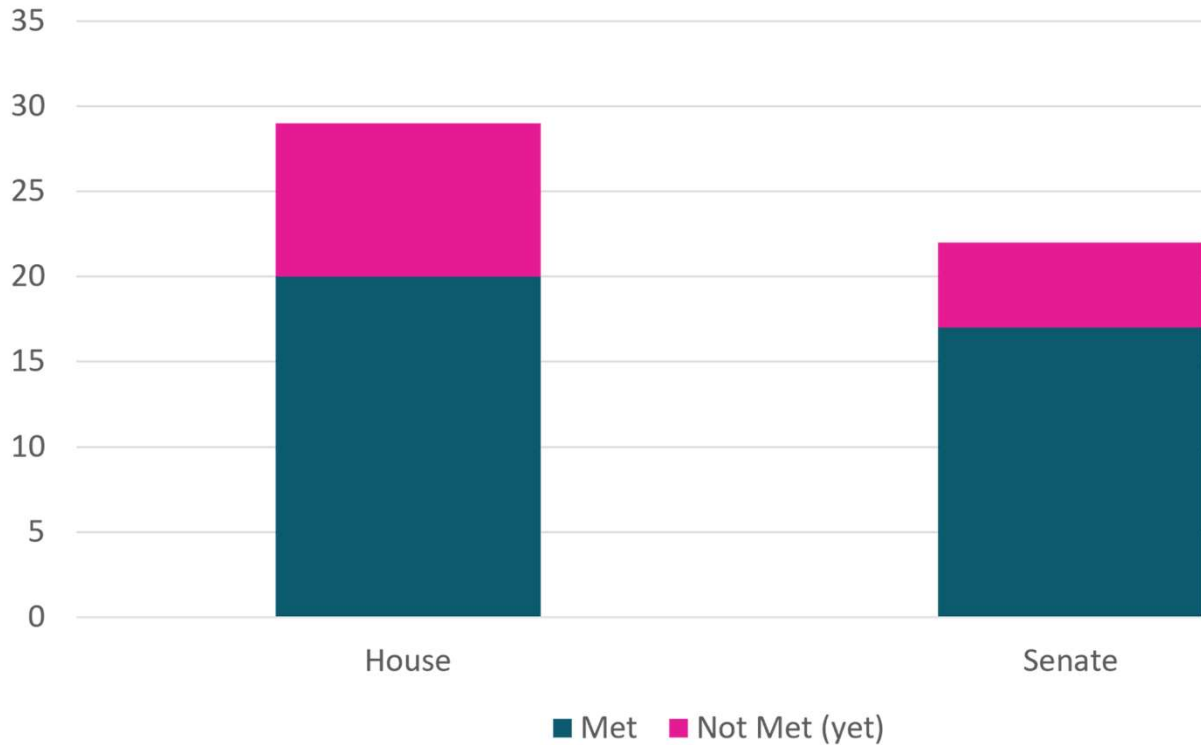
Mark Up in Sub-Committee

Attach to Another Bill

Session Ends  
January 2023

**February 2022**

## Meetings with Committee Members



## Meetings Still Needed

### House:

- CA – Matsui
- CA – Ruiz
- CA – Barragan
- FL – Bilirakis
- IN – Buchon
- MD – Sarbanes
- MO – Long
- NH – Kuster
- NC – Butterfield
- OK – Mullin
- OR – Schrader
- PA – Joyce
- VA – Griffith
- WA – McMorris Rogers

### Senate:

- AL – Shelby
- LA – Cassidy
- NH – Hassan
- NM – Lujan
- SC – Scott

## Meetings with Members of Policy Committees

House – 20 (out of 29)

Senate – 17 (out of 22)

# New December Endorsements

Aloha Independent Living Hawaii

MARR, Inc.

FASD Fur Fighters

West Texas FASD Network

Florida Association of Orthodontists

Learning Disabilities Association of Connecticut

Learning Disabilities Association of Delaware

Bogin, Munns & Munns

Illuminate Colorado

Southern Center for Human Rights

Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois

Able-Differently

Motherhood Beyond Bars

HealthRIGHT 360

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New York

**DR. CHRISTIE PETRENKO**  
**UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER**



Hawaii

**CLEO BROWN**

**HAWAII FASD ACTION GROUP**



Minnesota

**SARA MESSELT**

**PROOF ALLIANCE**

2022 Legislative Priority #1:

## **Recess for All**

- Students should not be excluded from recess
- Recess shouldn't have to be "earned"
- Studies show recess is good for students



2022 Legislative Priority #2:

## Higher Ed

- Expand access to inclusive higher education
- Provide technical assistance and grant funding to institutions of higher education statewide
- Helps advance access to postsecondary education

2022 Legislative Priority #3:

## **FASD Prevention & Support Funding**

- Increased funding for FASD prevention programs
- Support pregnant and parenting people with histories of alcohol use disorders
- Community-based recovery support services that are culturally appropriate and trauma-informed

## Past Legislative Victories

- Funding to support mothers and pregnant people who have an alcohol-use disorder
- Funding to help special education students “catch up” due to the pandemic
- People convicted of a felony who may have a brain injury or FASD can be referred for a pre-sentencing neuropsychological exam

## Past Legislative Victories

- Pregnant people seeking prenatal care do not have to be reported to child protection for disclosing alcohol use
- Paraprofessionals working with students with an FASD are required to have appropriate training
- All foster parents in Minnesota must participate in annual FASD training and all kids entering foster care have to be screened for FASD

## Keys to Success in MN



- Deep commitment to bi-partisan approach, understanding that FASD impacts us all
- FASD is common, costly, and preventable: a win/win for legislative policy
- Legislative champions in leadership
- Developed a strong advocacy base of "noisemakers"

## Making the case

- Your state is already spending this funding with poor outcomes
  - Multiple foster care placements
  - Correctional system
  - Special education costs
- Clear that preventing FASD can SAVE the state funding
- Modest investment can make a significant impact
- Human rights issue



Florida

**SPENCER AND LINDSEY MUNNS  
PARENT ADVOCATES**



California

**ANNETTE KUNZMAN**

**FASD NETWORK OF SOUTHERN  
CALIFORNIA**



Have a question  
about advocating  
for the  
FASD Respect Act?



**DROP IN  
& ADVOCATE**

Wednesdays at Noon Eastern

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Group by FASD United

## FASD RESPECT Act Champions

 Public group · 324 members

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# Support for Advocacy

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Resources: [www.nofaspolicycenter.org](http://www.nofaspolicycenter.org)

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Support on the State Leave Behind

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Templates for reaching out to legislators

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Call agendas and practice sessions

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Coordination of materials

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Point of contact for support

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Policy Team

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