

“#5, the RI CDHH is obligated to write proposed bills either to amend current RI laws or add new RI State laws that would benefit deaf and hard of hearing people in RI. In order to have successful legislation, the RI CDHH approaches legislators and persuades them to support favorable bills on behalf of deaf and hard of hearing people. Once the legislators have our support, the RI CDHH encourages people to appear at the hearing to give their testimony explaining their rationales as to why they support this bill. This mandate allows us, the RI CDHH, to meet with the legislators at the state house to advocate on behalf of deaf and hard of hearing people in RI.”

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