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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2924

I am a member of SOCAC Youth Council, and I'm testifying in support of HB 2924, of adding more youth and family seats.

As a disabled youth, it is with our Youth Council Chairs, and our youth and family engagement strategist Joyleen that I've felt supported and had space to engage and share. It is with our fellow youth support that share lived experience with me that I learn how to advocate, to interact in meetings, to lean on for support. Only with Joyleen, Jesus, and our youth support am I able to engage with SOCAC. We need each other

Yet, with only two seats, we often feel too much pressure to represent all youth. We need more seats so we can make sure to represent youth of all different experiences and backgrounds, and so our youth and family have more support to be able to interact with socac, share our voice, engage in meetings.