



REPUBLIC OF KENYA
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – FIFTH SESSION
DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

In the Matter of Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and National Assembly Standing Order 127(3)
And

In the Matter of Consideration by the National Assembly of:-

1. *The Community Health Services (Senate Bill No. 34 of 2020)*
2. *The Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Senate Bill No. 28)*
3. *The Health Laws (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly Bill No. 2 of 2021)*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA)

Article 118(1) (1) (b) of the Constitution provides that “Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other businesses of Parliament and its Committees”. National Assembly’s Standing Order 127(3) provides that “the Departmental Committee to which a Bill has been committed shall facilitate public participation and take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the House”.

Pursuant to Article 118(1) (b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Clerk of the National Assembly hereby invites members of the public and relevant stakeholders to submit memoranda on the following Bills:

The Community Health Services (Senate Bill No. 34 of 2020) sponsored by **Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani, M.P.**, seeks to provide for a framework for the delivery of community health services; to promote access to primary health care services at the community level and reduce health disparities between counties; to provide for the training and capacity building of the community health workforce; and for connected purposes.

The Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Senate Bill No. 28) sponsored by **Sen. Sylvia Kasanga, M.P.**, seeks to amend the Mental Health Act; The Bill seeks to provide for the prevention of mental illness, to provide for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with mental illness; to provide for procedures of admission, treatment and general management of persons with mental illness.

The Health Laws (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly No. 2 of 2021), sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party, **Hon. (Dr.) Amos Kimunya, EGH, M.P.**, seeks to make various wide ranging amendments to various health-related statutes on matters relating to health policy to improve efficiency, service delivery, realization of the Universal Health Coverage and the Big 4 Agenda, in line with the Constitution, the Health Act, 2017, the Mwongozo Code of Governance for State Corporation and other applicable laws.

Pursuant to Standing Order 127(1) of the National Assembly Standing Orders, the Bills were committed to Departmental Committee on Health for consideration and Report to the House, having undergone the First Reading as set out in the schedule hereunder:

SCHEDULE

No.	Bill	First Reading
1.	The Community Health Services (Senate Bill No. 34 of 2020) sponsored by Sen. (Dr.) Agnes Zani, M.P. ,	30 th September, 2021
2.	The Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Senate Bill No. 28) sponsored by Sen. Sylvia Kasanga, M.P. ,	13 th October, 2021
3.	The Health Laws (Amendment) Bill, (National Assembly No. 2 of 2021) , sponsored by the Leader of Majority Party, Hon. (Dr.) Amos Kimunya, EGH, M.P. ,	30 th March, 2021 21 st October, 2021 (<i>referred back to Committee for regularization</i>)

Copies of the Bills are available at the National Assembly Table Office, or on www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills.

The memoranda should be addressed to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi**; hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi**; or emailed to clerk@parliament.go.ke; to be received **on or before Friday, 19th November, 2021 at 5.00 p.m.**

MICHAEL R. SIALAI, CBS
CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
5th November, 2021.