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The Bavarian State Parliament's Committees



Many citizens associate the term “Bavarian State Parliament” with the image of a plenary session in a plenary chamber. However, the standing committees that are appointed for the duration of the electoral term are just as important to the parliamentary work. Each of the currently 14 standing committees is responsible for one area of politics that its members specialise in. They advise on bills and motions and submit recommendations for a resolution. As a result, the committees prepare the content for the plenary session's meetings and decisions.

The committees can request the presence of any member of the state government at their meetings. State government members and their officers have access to committee meetings and must be heard at any time. The committees also deal with petitions and complaints from citizens and take a final vote on these.

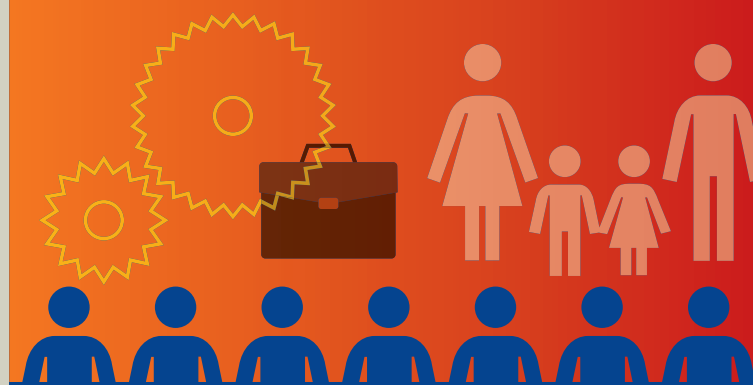
All of the Bavarian State Parliament's parliamentary groups are represented on the committees, which have 14, 18 or 21 members depending on their field. At the same time, the political majorities on the committee must correspond to those in the Bavarian State Parliament's plenary. The committee chairmanships are also distributed across the parliamentary groups based on relative strength. The parliamentary groups then decide internally which member of Parliament they delegate to a committee and who should take over the chairmanship or vice chairmanship, as necessary. The committees generally hold public meetings.

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The Committee on Labour, Social Affairs, Youth and Family Affairs



Chairwoman: Doris Rauscher (SPD)
Vice Chairman: Thomas Huber (CSU)

Duties

The Committee on Labour, Social, Youth and Family Affairs is one of the Bavarian State Parliament's 14 standing committees. 18 members of Parliament in total belong to the committee: six CSU members, three members from FREIE WÄHLER (FW), two members each from AfD and ALLIANCE 90/THE GREENS (GRU) and one SPD member.

The committee was set up by the Bavarian State Parliament in 1946 at the start of the first electoral term. Its remit essentially corresponds to that of the Bavarian State Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Affairs, whose work is monitored by the Social Policy Committee.

In its area of responsibility, the committee supports the plenary in reviewing existing motions and bills and drawing up appropriate decisions across the broad spectrum of labour, social and family policy. The committee thus makes a major contribution to further development in these areas. In addition to its legislative activities, the committee also addresses individual socio-political issues of particular importance to the State of Bavaria on the basis of existing motions.

The main focus of its work is on family policy, childcare and youth welfare, basic social policy issues and issues relating to the labour market and the promotion of employment.

Current topics also include advice on improving the situation of people with disabilities and older citizens in Bavaria, the poverty problem and in particular early childhood education and upbringing and the care of children under the age of three.

The committee also conducts a range of hearings and discussions with specialists, experts and representatives from charities, churches and trade unions in preparation for decisions. In addition, it deals with a wide range of petitions and complaints that fall within its area of responsibility.

Meetings

The meetings always take place on Thursdays during sitting weeks. They are convened and chaired by the chairwoman. Besides the committee members and head of the committee office, state government representatives responsible for the specific agenda items also attend.

With important political issues, responsible members of the government are also present. The Bavarian State Parliament's shorthand writers' service documents the meetings.