



# SENATOR SEPÚLVEDA WORKS TO MAKE NEW YORK A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL ITS RESIDENTS



The New York State Senate and Assembly have passed six major pieces of legislation sponsored by newly elected State Senator Luis Sepúlveda. "I am proud that in my first 5 weeks as a new State Senator, six pieces of important legislation I sponsored have passed both houses of the state legislature," stated Senator Sepúlveda.

According to Senator Sepúlveda, "The six bills passing the Senate shortly after I was sworn into office are significant for their impact on helping to improve the lives of crime victims, our growing elderly, our disabled veterans, our career oriented high school students, those suffering from the obesity epidemic and former inmates struggling to change their lives.



## The six pieces of legislation which will now go to the Governor for approval are:

**S.8647/A.2471** - "Criminal justice reform has many moving pieces. My legislation requiring that the parole board shall publish annual demographic data including race, ethnicity, region of incarceration and other relevant data regarding the persons it considers for release," stated Senator Sepúlveda. He added, "The legislation is significant as well because it helps make board of parole decisions more transparent by collecting and sharing data on age, ethnicity and other demographics involved in its duties."

**S.8739/A.3958** - will create and provide a "best practices" tool for employees and employers who provide care for a disabled parent, spouse, or child. "Informal caregiving saves over \$20 billion per year in government spending which would otherwise be required to take care of infirmed New Yorkers. I am proud to have worked on this important and impactful initiative," declared Senator Sepúlveda.

**S.8716/A.4426** - "The Kaiser Foundation has projected that over 6 million New Yorkers will be suffering from Type 2 Diabetes by 2030. New Yorkers and our healthcare facilities will be stressed and strained by the impact and cost of treating this chronic disease. This proposed law establishes the New York State Physical Fitness and Activity Education Campaign. It needs diligent action and I strongly urge the Governor to sign this bill into law this month," stated Senator Sepúlveda.

**S.8749/A.381** - Senator Sepúlveda added, "While unemployment rates are at record lows and job growth is projected to increase substantially, it is important that we strengthen our ability to prepare our high school students for the jobs in demand by employers. With this in mind, my proposed law requires the collecting of data on which students are taking advantage of career development programs in their high schools. This data will help strengthen job-training efforts for our youth so they are better prepared for high salary jobs that are in demand like auto mechanics, nursing and in the building trades."

**S.8751/A.3936** - "Supporting crime victims is an important priority for me in my work on criminal justice reform," asserted Senator Sepúlveda. He added, "This legislation will allow crime victims with the ability to use other than police reports as official documents when they file a claim with the New York State Crime Victims Board. This change in filing of a claim will help crime victims get their lives back in order."

**S.8864/A.5931** - "There are over 850,000 veterans who call New York their home and many are service-disabled. Some 23 veterans are committing suicide nationally every day and we as a society need to do more to honor their service and sacrifice. My legislation, which I strongly urge the Governor to sign promptly, creates a multi-state agency working group to help coordinate services for our veterans at a time of their greatest need," declared Senator Sepúlveda.