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## ACTION PRIORITY

February 22 - 28, 2007

"If you have time this week to make only one phone call, choose one of these..."

**SUPPORT creating Maury Island Aquatic Reserve**  
**or**  
**SUPPORT regulating sales of firearms at events**

### **SB 6010, SB 6011 & SB 6012—Maury Island Aquatic Reserve**

**SB 6011** would create an aquatic reserve off Maury Island, located in Puget Sound east of Vashon Island between Seattle and Tacoma. The other two bills, **SB 6010** and **SB 6012**, would respectively

- Establish concurrence requirements that would have to be met before a permit could be issued for activities associated with gravel barging occurring within an aquatic reserve, and
- Amend the Shoreline Management Act to allow counties to adopt a shoreline master program provision specific to shorelines of the state located on inhabited islands within Puget Sound.

HB 2250, HB 2248, and HB 2249 are the House companion bills to SB 6010/6011/6012. The House bills received public hearings last week in the **House Select Committee on Puget Sound**.

**League Positions:** Land Use: "Uniqueness or scarcity, aesthetics ... as well as irreversibility of the decisions should be considered in resolving conflicts in each case."

**Status:** SB 6010 is in the **Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Oceans & Recreation**. SB6011 and 6012 have passed out of the **Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications** and are on their second reading in **Senate Rules**.

**Action:** E-mail your senator on the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Oceans & Recreation (or committee chair Sen. Ken Jacobsen) and urge that SB 6010 be passed out of committee. Also, send e-mail to your senator on the Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications (or committee chair Sen. Erik Poulson) to thank them for moving the bills SB6011 and 6012 out of committee. **Message: Millions of dollars are being spent—and millions more will be spent—cleaning up and restoring the Sound. These investments must not be undermined by projects such as the Maury Island gravel mine and dock facility that, if permitted and allowed, would cause new damage to the Sound and its resources.**

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**SB 5197—Regulating Sales of Firearms at Events and Shows**

This law would require that gun sales at gun events merely be subject to the same background checks as licensed dealers are required by law to perform in their stores. **SB 5197** would reduce access to firearms by domestic abusers, criminals, and mentally ill individuals. The bill would restrict persons under the age of 18 from purchasing long guns and those under the age of 21 from purchasing handguns. There is a companion bill in the House, HB 1026.

**League Position:** Government should regulate the ownership and possession of firearms and limit their accessibility.

**Status:** Public hearing in the **Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development** was held on February 8. The National Rifle Association packed the hearing rooms. Two panels presented their views and tension was high. The bill sponsor and the committee chair did an admirable job of keeping order at the hearing. The latest news from committee chair Sen. Kohl-Welles's staff is that she intends to bring it to a vote in the committee before the first cut-off date, which is February 28.

**Action:** Call your legislators on the Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development and let them know you support this common-sense measure to prevent gun violence. Ask them to vote to move the Gun Show Loophole Bill out of the committee and on to a floor vote.

**Message:** Gun sales at events and shows should be subject to the same background checks as licensed dealers are required by law to perform in their stores. The right to own and sell a gun includes responsibility for keeping our communities safe.

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**POLICY COMMITTEE  
BILLS HAVE UNTIL  
FEBRUARY 28 TO PASS  
OUT OF THEIR  
COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN.**

**BILLS WITH A FISCAL  
NOTE HAVE UNTIL  
MARCH 5TH TO BE  
VOTED OUT OF THE  
FISCAL COMMITTEES.**

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**Other ACTION ITEMS**

“If you can make another call or two...”

**SUPPORT—SB 5034—Phasing Out Toxic Flame Retardants (PBDEs)**

This legislation is one of the Priorities for a Healthy Washington. (See Legislative Newsletter #3 for further information.)

**League Positions:** (LWVWA) Toxics in the Home; (LWVUS) Environmental Protection & Pollution Control, and Early Intervention for Children at Risk

**Status:** Good news! The House passed the PBDE bill (HB 1024) last Friday by a substantial margin: 71 to 24. The PBDE legislation has now passed over to the Senate as SB 5034, where earlier it was passed by the Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications. It is now in Senate Rules awaiting a floor vote.

**Action:** If you have not already contacted your senator on Rules, please do so now.

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**SUPPORT—SHB 1855 and SB 5297—Sexual Education in the Public Schools**

These bills would require that medically and scientifically accurate sexual health education be taught in the public schools.

**League Positions:** LWVUS Meeting Basic Human Needs (Access to sex education programs); LWVWA Reproductive Rights

**Status:** SHB 1855 was voted out of the **House Appropriations Committee** by a wide margin with a “do pass” recommendation, and then by the **House Committee on Health Care & Wellness**, and should be ready for floor action (it is now in **House Rules**). SB 5297 received a hearing in the **Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education** and awaits executive action in this committee.

**Action:** Please continue to urge your representatives in House Rules to support and vote for SHB1855. Also, if you have a legislator who sits on the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education, ask them to support this bill.

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**SUPPORT—SB 6001—Mitigating Impacts of Climate Change**

The purpose of this bill is to lessen global warming. The bill would

- Establish state goals to reduce greenhouse gases emissions
- Require the Department of Ecology to establish a greenhouse gas emissions performance standard for electric utilities operating in the state
- Authorize the Department of General Administration to purchase 100 plug-in hybrid vehicles when commercially available
- Authorize municipal electric utilities and public utility districts to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions from their electricity operations and purchases
- Create the Office of Washington State Climatologist
- Create a public utility tax credit for consumer-owned utilities that invest in energy efficiency measures

**League Positions:** LWVUS Energy elements 3 & 5

**Status:** Bill was heard in **Senate Water, Energy & Telecommunications Committee**

**Action:** If your senator is on this committee, call him or her and request they support the bill.

Committee members are **Poulsen** (Chair), **Rockefeller**, **Honeyford**, **Delvin**, **Fraser**, **Holmquist**, **Marr**, **Morton**, **Oemig**, **Pridemore**, **Regala**

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**SUPPORT—HB 1303—Encouraging Use of Cleaner Energy**

This is one of the environmental **Priorities for a Healthy Washington**. Under this House bill, and its Senate companion SB 5586, clean energy use would be encouraged by replacement of polluting diesel engines, *especially school buses*; use of incentives for developing in-state clean feedstock/fuels; reduction of fossil fuel consumption in state fleets; development of new technologies for displacing petroleum with electricity; establishment of accounting procedures for Washington State that respond to global warming impacts; creation of the Clean Energy Incentive Account

**Position:** (LWVUS) Energy, elements 3 and 5

**Status:** **HB 1303** passed out of House Appropriations Committee and was referred to **House Rules**.

**Action:** If you are a constituent of any of the Rules Committee members, call and ask them to support this bill. Committee members are **Chopp**, **Chair (D)**; **\*DeBolt**; **Armstrong**; **Bailey**; **Buri**; **Ericks**; **Ericksen**; **Grant**; **Green**; **Hudgins**; **Hurst**; **Kelley**; **Kessler**; **Kristiansen**; **Lovick**; **McCoy**; **McCune**; **McDonald**; **Morrell**; **Ormsby**; **Santos**; **Springer**; **Sump**; **Williams**

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**SUPPORT—SB 5760—“Energy Freedom Program”**

This bill includes activities to promote green highways. It would promote a project that would make it easier to fuel alternatively fueled vehicles by creating an efficient and adequately-spaced alternative fuel refueling network. Companion bill is HB 1160.

**League Position:** LWVUS Energy position, elements 3 & 5

**Status:** In **Senate Rules Committee** for second reading, having already passed out of the Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications.

**Action:** If you are a constituent of any of the committee members, call and ask your legislator to support this bill: **Franklin, Vice Chair; Hewitt; Brown; Eide; Fraser; Haugen; Kline; Kohl-Welles; McAuliffe; Murray; Parlette; Pflug; Poulsen; Regala; Schoesler; Spanel; Stevens; Zarelli**

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**SUPPORT—SSB 5278 and SHB 1551—Public Funding for Campaigns for Local Office**

These bills would lift the ban (imposed in 1992 by Initiative 134) on the use of public funds to finance political campaigns for local elective offices. (The ban on use of public funds to finance statewide campaigns would remain.)

**League Positions:**

Representative Government: Action to facilitate changes in the state constitution to achieve a representative and effective state legislature. Action to limit methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and promote citizen participation in the election process.

Campaign Financing: Campaign contributions should be limited. These limits should apply to both state and out-of-state contributions. The PDC should implement laws pertaining to these limitations.

**Status:** The Senate bill SSB 5278 is in **Senate Rules**. The House bill SHB 1551 was modified in the **House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs** so no state or federal funding could be used, and then passed to **House Rules**.

**Action:** If your representative is on this list, please thank her/him for passing SHB 1551 out of the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs: **Hunt, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Chandler; Armstrong; Green; Kretz; McDermott; Miloscia; Ormsby**. Also, legislators on the Senate and House Rules Committees need their constituents to encourage them to schedule these bills. Contact committee members from your district:

Senate Rules Committee: **Franklin, Vice Chair; Hewitt; Brown; Eide; Fraser; Haugen; Kline; Kohl-Welles; McAuliffe; Murray; Parlette; Pflug; Poulsen; Regala; Schoesler; Spanel; Stevens; Zarelli**

House Rules Committee: **Chopp, Chair; DeBolt; Armstrong; Bailey; Buri; Ericks; Ericksen; Grant; Green; Hudgins; Hurst; Kelley; Kessler; Kristiansen; Lovick; McCoy; McCune; McDonald; Morrell; Ormsby; Santos; Springer; Sump; Williams**

**Contact:** Susan Sanders, 253-833-9376, [DavidAndSusan@Sanders.name](mailto:DavidAndSusan@Sanders.name)

**SUPPORT—SSB 5226 and HB 1589—Public Funding for Judicial Campaigns**

The goal of public financing of campaigns is to reduce the impact of special interests in campaigns. The Senate bill would establish a six-year pilot program of public campaign financing for appeals and supreme court judges. HB 1589 is SSB 5226's companion bill in the House.

**League Positions:**

Administration of Justice: Action to ensure that our courts are fair, efficient, accessible and staffed with qualified personnel. Campaign Financing: Campaign contributions should be limited. These limits should apply to both state and out-of-state contributions. The PDC should implement laws pertaining to these limitations. Representative Government: Action to facilitate changes in the state constitution to

achieve a representative and effective state legislature. Action to limit methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and promote citizen participation in the election process.

**Status:** No hearing has been scheduled for SSB 5226 in [Senate Ways & Means](#). HB1589 was included in the budget by [House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government & Audit Review](#), is scheduled for a vote Feb 26 in [House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs](#).

**Action:** Contact Senate Ways & Means Committee members from your district urging them to hear and move [SSB 5226](#) forward in the Senate: [Prentice, Chair](#); [Fraser, Vice Chair and Capital Budget Chair](#); [Pridemore, Vice Chair and Operating Budget Chair](#); [Zarelli](#); [Brandland](#); [Carrell](#); [Fairley](#); [Hatfield](#); [Hewitt](#); [Hobbs](#); [Honeyford](#); [Keiser](#); [Kohl-Welles](#); [Oemig](#); [Parlette](#); [Rasmussen](#); [Regala](#); [Roach](#); [Rockefeller](#); [Schoesler](#); [Tom](#)

Contact House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs members from your district and ask them to pass [HB 1589](#): [Hunt, Chair](#); [Appleton, Vice Chair](#); [Chandler](#); [Armstrong](#); [Green](#); [Kretz](#); [McDermott](#); [Miloscia](#); [Ormsby](#).

**Contact:** Susan Sanders, 253-833-9376, [DavidAndSusan@Sanders.name](mailto:DavidAndSusan@Sanders.name)

### **SUPPORT**—[Substitute Senate Bill 5372](#)—[Creating the Puget Sound Partnership](#)

SSB 5372 lays out a strategic framework to recover the Sound to health by 2020. The bill requires review of existing programs that affect the Sound, to result in recommendations for how to improve compliance. It includes accountability measures that will help ensure that the new Partnership achieves results. The bill moves us further down the path toward real accountability for implementation of the Puget Sound Plan and toward a strategy for securing the money we need to recover the Sound. In particular, the substitute bill creates a truly independent science committee that sets the benchmarks for achieving a healthy Sound.

**League Positions:** Land Use positions support regional authorities who have authority to resolve conflicts and implement plans of regional scope.

**Status:** A public hearing on proposed substitute bill is scheduled for Friday, February 23.

**Action:** E-mail your senator immediately if he or she is on the [Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications](#). Urge them to support Sen. Rockefeller's SSB 5372.

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### **OPPOSE**—[SB 6040](#) / [HB 2062](#)—[Creating a Public Speedway Authority](#)

This legislation would amend the Growth Management Act, the Forest Practices Act, and other land use laws concerning annexations and scenic areas. It would also establish tax provisions and lease authority for a NASCAR speedway, and address other economic issues relating to building a public speedway. These are companion bills.

**League Positions:** Our opposition to this legislation is based on these positions:

- Economic Diversification: "The quality of the environment should be a prime consideration when making economic decisions. The environment should not be permitted to degrade."
- Land Use: Uniqueness or scarcity... as well as the irreversibility of the decisions should be considered in resolving conflicts in each case. [Regional authorities] All governments and groups involved must cooperate to resolve conflicts and eliminate inconsistent policies ... wasted resources and irrevocable decisions on a patchwork basis.

**Status:** Public hearing held February 20 in Senate policy committee on SB 6040. Work session held same day in House Finance Committee on House bill.

**Action:** Contact your representative on [House Finance Committee](#) or committee chair Ross Hunter and urge a **no** vote on HB 2062. Also, contact your senator on [Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development](#) or committee chair Marilyn Rasmussen and urge a **no** vote on SB6040.

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## ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

### Family and Medical Leave Insurance

Sen. Karen Keiser introduced a Family and Medical Leave Insurance bill, Substitute Senate Bill 5659, which was heard February 22 in the Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research & Development. SSB 5659 would provide for up to five weeks of leave for the birth or placement of a new child, care of a seriously ill family member (child, spouse, domestic partner, or parent), or the worker's own serious illness. Benefits would be \$250 per week, financed by a premium (paid by workers) of 2 cents per hour worked, which amounts to about \$40 per year for a full time worker, or \$3.50 per month. Another Family and Medical Leave Insurance bill, HB 1658, is on the executive session agenda in the House Committee on Commerce & Labor on February 23.

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### Instant Runoff Voting (IRV)

House Bill 2202 and companion Senate Bill 6000 would allow cities and local taxing districts to use ranked choice voting in counties where ranked choice voting has been approved and implemented for county elections.

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### Public Speedway Authority

See Action Priority in this newsletter for more information about the Public Speedway Authority bill. Examples of sections of the bill that are not consistent with current law and require amendments are Section 505: Allows extension of urban governmental services, including stormwater and sewer, to the speedway if the project is located at least partially within an urban area (amends Growth Management Act)

Section 510: Exempts the project (from the date the land is acquired for a speedway) from the six-year moratorium requirement that prevents conversion of land to non-forestry uses (amends Forest Practices Act)

Section 604: Specifies that a county may provide sewer service within ten miles outside of its incorporated boundaries (that is, to the speedway) provided another municipal corporation is not already furnishing sewer service to the facility.

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### Regulating Sale of Firearms at Events and Shows

See Action Priority in this newsletter for more information about the gun show loophole bill. In 2005, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence graded the State of Washington D+ on having laws to prevent gun violence. We have no laws in this state to prevent gun access by children or laws that place the same background check requirements for gun purchases at gun shows as are required for gun purchases at retail stores.

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## Signature Gathering

Many bills have been introduced that deal with signature gathering for initiatives and referenda:

- HB 2018 would require the licensing of paid signature gatherers. This bill was heard in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs and is scheduled for executive session on February 23.
- HB 1087 and SB 5356 would prohibit anyone from compensating signature gatherers on a per-signature basis in the state of Washington. Proponents said that this would eliminate the incentive to misrepresent a ballot measure, apply undue pressure on a person to sign a petition that the person is not qualified to sign, encourage signing even if the person has previously signed, invite forgery, or other acts of fraud. The Senate bill has been heard in the relevant committee.
- SB 5182 and HB 2019 would require signature gatherers to sign a declaration on the back of each initiative and referendum petition page. The House bill would require this been done under oath. Petition pages without the signed declaration would not be accepted by the Secretary of State. In the public hearing for the Senate bill, proponents asserted that this bill would help hold people accountable for fraudulent signatures, while opponents said it would have a chilling effect on free speech and threaten signature gatherers' privacy. A first substitute version of the House bill was passed out of committee.
- SB 5181 would require that signature gatherers wear identification indicating whether the signature gatherer is being paid or is a volunteer.
- SB 5636 would prohibit signature gathering by sex offenders. Any signatures collected by sex offenders would be deemed invalid. During the hearing, proponents raised concerns about a sex offender having access to names, addresses, and phone numbers. Opponents of the bill stated that the Secretary of State would need to do criminal background checks of all signature gatherers, as persons who signed petitions circulated by sex offenders otherwise would be penalized by having their signatures rejected.
- HB 2277 and 2255 would provide that names and addresses of citizens contained on initiative and referendum petitions not be incorporated into the public record. These bills have been referred to the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- SB 6085 would require that all valid signatures on petitions be accepted even if the conduct of the signature gatherer has not been consistent with the law. Each petition sheet would be required to have a warning printed on it.

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## Voter Registration

- House Bill 2145 would allow an unregistered person to register on election day at the polling place. The person would need to be a resident of the precinct and show proof of residence and proof of identification. This bill was referred to the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.
- Senate Bill 5561 would allow an unregistered person to register up to the day of the election at the office of the county auditor of the county in which the applicant resides or at another approved location. The person would be allowed to vote an absentee ballot in the election. The Secretary of State's representative testified against the bill at its hearing in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

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## FOR REFERENCE

### Key Session Dates

The 60th Washington State Legislature opened its long session on Monday, January 8. The 2007 legislative session in Olympia runs from January 8 to April 22. Every day (including Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) is counted in the 105-day session. The Lobby Team will meet regularly during the session to talk with the League lobbyist, Lonnie Johns-Brown, and to decide on priority action for the upcoming week.

**Jan. 8** – First day of regular session

**Jan. 19** – LWVWA Lobby Day

**Feb. 28** – Last day for any bill to be considered in **policy** committee of its “house of origin” (House for HB, or Senate for SB)

**Mar. 5** – Last day for any bill to be considered in **fiscal** committee of its “house of origin”

**Mar. 14** – Last day for bills to be considered on the floor of their “house of origin” (5 p.m.)

**Mar. 30** – Last day for bills to be considered in a **policy** committee of the opposite house (Senate for HB, or House for HB)

**Apr. 2** – Last day for bills to be considered in a **fiscal** committee of the opposite house

**Apr. 13** – Last day for bills to be considered on the floor of the opposite house (5 p.m.) except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implementing budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session.

**Apr. 22** – Last day of regular session

### CONTACT LISTS

Portfolios / Lobby Team – [www.lvwva.org/about/officers.html](http://www.lvwva.org/about/officers.html)

Legislators – [www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/Legislators.pdf](http://www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/Legislators.pdf)

Legislative Committees – [www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/committeelisting.aspx](http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/committeelisting.aspx)

Representation by legislative district – [www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/DistrictReps.pdf](http://www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/DistrictReps.pdf)

### LEAGUE POSITIONS

LWVWA positions – [www.lvwva.org/advocacy/prog\\_in\\_action05-07.html](http://www.lvwva.org/advocacy/prog_in_action05-07.html)

### RESOURCES

League action website – [lvwva.org/advocacy](http://lvwva.org/advocacy)

House Floor Activity as it happens – [flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov/default.aspx?chamber=3](http://flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov/default.aspx?chamber=3)

Senate Floor Activity as it happens – [flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov](http://flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov)

Public hearings as they happen – [tvw.org](http://tvw.org)

Bill information – text, analysis, status, committee action – [apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo)

Bill room (legislative information center) – **360-786-7573**

State budget information – [www.ofm.wa.gov](http://www.ofm.wa.gov)

Governor’s website – [governor.wa.gov](http://governor.wa.gov)

Washington state’s official website – [access.wa.gov](http://access.wa.gov)

#### Speaking to a Legislator

Visit, write to, call, or email the legislator directly (see contact list for legislators). Or, use the toll-free Legislative Hotline available weekdays from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm:

**800-562-6000** / TTY: 800-635-9993

Legislative hotline operators will send your message to one of your legislators, all three of your legislators, the governor and lieutenant governor, or all of these, as you request. Language translation services are also available. Person placing the call needs to know enough English to understand “Please Wait” and to report the language needed.

#### Addressing a Letter to a Legislator

Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Visiting Your Legislators

Citizens are welcome to visit their legislators in Olympia on any day during the session. Making an appointment first is prudent but not always required. Later in the session, town hall meetings back in the legislators’ home districts are good opportunities for talking to

your legislators. Lobby day events provide organized support for visits.