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ACTION PRIORITIES

February 23 thru February 29, 2008

"If you have time this week to make only one phone call..."

SUPPORT local option public campaign financing

or

SUPPORT creating Washington head start

SB 5278 & HB 1551 - Public Campaign Financing "Local Option" bills

As previously reported, the House and Senate passed identical versions of the local option bill. This bill lifts the ban on local public campaign financing for all local jurisdictions except school districts. It stipulates that only funds derived from local sources can be used to fund local public financing programs. The bill requires that local governments obtain voter approval of any proposed public financing system prior to implementation. Upon passage, the House bill, EHB 1551, was referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections, and the Senate bill, E2SSB 5278, was referred to the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs.

Status - We are sooo close! Thank you! We have been waiting for the chambers to work out which bill will prevail. On Friday, House Speaker Frank Chopp and Rep. Sam Hunt, chair of the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs, agreed to move Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5278, sponsored by Sen. Rosa Franklin, by scheduling a hearing for this coming week. The cutoff for moving bills out of policy committees is next Friday, February 29, but with a hearing scheduled prior to the cutoff, and with Senate bill language identical to that previously passed by the House, passage of a local option bill this session now appears likely.

Action - We are very close to realizing an LWVWA legislative priority for the 2007 session, i.e., restoration of the local public campaign financing option to local jurisdictions in Washington State! With a little more LWVWA action, we can make it happen! If **Speaker Frank Chopp** (District 42) or **Rep. Sam Hunt** (District 22) represents you, please contact him to express your appreciation for his support of the local public financing option bills and to request action to schedule a committee hearing for Senate bill 5278. Also, please contact your representatives on the House State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee urging their prompt support for this bill. The following legislators are members of this committee: **Hunt (chair); Appleton (vice chair); Chandler; Armstrong; Kretz; Lias; Miloscia; Ormsby.** **Even if you are sure of their support, committee members will appreciate hearing that their efforts on behalf of this issue matter to constituents.**

Contact - Chris Chamberlin, 253-761-1376, bcchamberlin@harbournet.com Please let Chris know how your legislators respond. And please feel free to contact the League if you need assistance in determining sponsorship or how your representatives voted.

HB 3168 - Creation of Washington Head Start Program

This bill directs the Department of Early Learning (DEL) to develop a plan to implement a Washington State Head Start - currently known as Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) - with federal Head Start program eligibility criteria, guidelines, and standards of care. The DEL would deliver a report of plan recommendations to the governor and legislature. Funding levels for ECEAP would be aligned to improve program quality, improve school readiness measures, and achieve administrative efficiencies. A Washington State Head Start would be more easily recognized and accessed by parents and families eligible for the programs.

League Position - LWVWA Children's Services.

Status - Public hearing held February 20 in Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education.

Action - Contact your representatives to thank them for their vote to support House Bill 3168. Contact your senator if on the Senate committee, and ask them to vote to pass 2SHB 3168 from committee: **McAuliffe (chair); Tom (vice chair); King; Brandland; Eide; Hewitt; Hobbs; Holmquist; Kauffman; McDermott; Oemig; Rasmussen; Weinstein; Zarelli.**

Contact - Marjorie Reeves, 360-866-7507, mpreeves@comcast.net or Pat Dickason, 360-753-7647, p.dickason@comcast.net

Other ACTION ITEMS

"If you can make another call or two..."

SUPPORT - **HB 2917** - **Voter registration at institutions of higher education**

This bill requires institutions of higher education to make voter registration forms available in prominent places around campus. It also requires that these institutions develop and implement policies, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the student government association, regarding distribution of voter registration forms. Higher education institutions would collaborate with their student government associations to conduct nonpartisan voter information activities.

Status - The bill passed in the House and is now in the Senate Committee on Higher Education, where it is scheduled for public hearing on February 27 at 8:00am.

League Positions - Support of voter education for all potential voters. Support of ballot access for young voters

Action - Contact your senators on the Higher Education committee and ask them to vote to support this bill: **Shin (chair); Kilmer (vice chair); Delvin; Berkey; Schoesler; Sheldon**

Contact - Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240, jaybetty2@msn.com

SUPPORT - **SSB 5566** - **Providing for privacy protection for certain voter** registration information.

This bill allows public inspection of voter signatures on absentee ballot return envelopes, but not copying of the signatures. There is concern that a voter's signature could be copied and used in identity theft. Information about a voter found on the computer record, such as voter's full name, date of birth, address, gender, date of registration and voting record, are a matter of public record and can be copied.

Status - This bill passed the Senate and is in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs, where it is scheduled for public hearing on February 27 at 1:30pm.

League Position - Citizen's right to vote.

Action - Ask members of the State Government & Tribal Affairs Committee in the House to support this bill and vote it out of committee: **Hunt (chair); Appleton (vice chair); Chandler; Armstrong; Kretz; Lias; Miloscia; Ormsby.**

Contact - Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240, jaybetty2@msn.com

SUPPORT - **2SHB 2807** - **Electronic submittal & publication of voters' pamphlet information**

This bill would require that the Secretary of State and county auditors post an online voters' pamphlet for primary and general elections. The website would include information on candidates for justice of the State Supreme Court, judge of the State Court of Appeals, and judge of the County Superior Courts, in addition to other candidates, if such material is submitted. The original bill was written to provide information on judicial candidates for primary elections, as many judicial elections are decided in the primary election.

Status - 2SHB 2807 passed the House and was referred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections, where it is scheduled for public hearing on February 28 at 3:30pm.

League Position - Citizen's right to know and participate in elections .

Action - Contact your legislators in the Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections and ask that they support this bill and vote it out of committee: **Fairley (chair); Oemig (vice chair); Roach; Benton; Kline; McDermott; Pridemore; Swecker.**

Contact - Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240, jaybetty2@msn.com

SUPPORT - **E2SHB 3216** - **Wave and Tidal Power**

Sets up a work group on hydrokinetic energy and specifies that they be responsible for developing recommendations on the creation of the Washington State Center for Excellence in Hydrokinetic Energy, and for developing mechanisms to streamline and make more efficient current permitting processes for wave and tidal power projects.

League Position - LWVUS Energy, elements 3 & 5

Status - Will be heard in the Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Technology on Tuesday. Previously passed the House 91 to 3.

Action - If your senator is on the Water, Energy & Technology Committee, email or call and ask for support: **Rockefeller (chair); Murray (vice chair); Honeyford; Delvin; Fraser; Hatfield; Holmquist; Morton; Oemig; Pridemore; Regala.**

Contact - Toni Potter, 206-365-8949, antoniapotter@comcast.net

SUPPORT - **E2SHB 2815** - **Climate Action and Green Jobs**

All the key pieces of the bill are intact, including:

- the requirement that the state limit emissions of greenhouse gases to reach the emission reduction goals set by SB6001 last year
- the requirement that Ecology bring the design for a market-based system back to the legislature by December(and that it be designed to start no later than Jan.2012)
- mandatory emissions reporting
- green-collar jobs labor market research and the creation of a green-collar jobs training fund
- periodic review of the state emissions reduction goals in light of the latest climate change science
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- vehicle miles travel reduction goals

League Position - *National Voter*, Oct.2007

Status - Possible executive action on this House bill in Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Technology on Tuesday at 10a.m..

Action - If your senator is on that committee, email or call and ask for support: **Rockefeller (chair); Murray (vice chair); Honeyford; Delvin; Fraser; Hatfield; Holmquist; Morton; Oemig; Pridemore; Regala.**

Contact - Toni Potter, 206-365-8949, antoniapotter@comcast.net & Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, mwineman@comcast.net

SUPPORT - **HB 1773** - **Imposition of tolls**

The bill would designate tolling as a possible supplementary source of transportation funding for such mega-projects as the replacement of the SR 520 floating bridge across Lake Washington. Projects such as the vulnerable floating bridge cannot be delayed. This bill is a high priority for League.

League Position - Support increases in funding to provide adequate revenue for multi-modal systems of transportation.

Status - Bill was heard in committee February 21 and is expected to go to the floor early this week.

Action - Please contact your senators and confirm your support for this essential funding to provide adequate revenue for multi-modal systems of transportation. Also, Reps **Judy Clibborn** and **Fred Jarrett** deserve thanks for shepherding this bill through the legislature to this point.

Contact - Pat Matteson, 206-232-8028, patricialplm@cs.com

SUPPORT - **HB 3224** - **Commuter rail service**

We strongly support this bill, which authorizes a study of commuter rail services for southeast Snohomish County and east King County (the Burlington Northern rail route along the eastern edge of Lake Washington that goes up into central Snohomish County). It needs to be funded adequately. The transportation budget that passed Friday includes \$100,000 for the study.

League Positions - Support a multi-modal transportation system; Reduce greenhouse gases. Rail is a mode of transportation League supports.

Status - Passed the House with 93 yeas and 2 nays, and was referred to the Senate's Transportation Committee.

Action - Thank **Rep. Liz Loomis** for this success.

Contact - Pat Matteson, 206-232-8028, patricialplm@cs.com

SUPPORT - **HB 3096** - **Financing SR520 bridge replacement project**

HB 3096 is enabling legislation to finance the project to replace the State Route 520 floating bridge. HB 3096 would enable implementation of methods for tolling such as variable tolling to ease the congestion factor and/or early tolling to mitigate effects of inflation. It would also require a study of the impacts on other corridors of tolling SR-520. This bill is a high priority for League.

League Position - We support increases in funding to provide adequate revenue for existing transportation infrastructure.

Status - Because this legislation is considered "necessary to implement the budget", it can be pulled from House Rules at any time and debated on the floor.

Action - If you have not done so already, please call or email your representatives to vote "yes" on HB 3096 when it comes up for a vote on the floor. **Talking Points:** This bridge is nearing the end of its lifespan and is vulnerable to earthquakes and high winds. There is a huge shortfall in the funds needed for this \$4 billion project over the next 16 years, so it is imperative that the legislature act to help fund the bridge's replacement.

Contact - Pat Matteson, 206-232-8028, patricialplm@cs.com

SUPPORT - **SHB 2664 & SSB 6241** - **Prohibiting sale or use of prescriber-identifiable prescription data for commercial or marketing purposes**

This legislation is part of legislature's commitment to promote evidence-based practices and cost containment.

League Position - "Quality health care at an affordable cost" is a basic goal for health stated by the LWVUS. The practice prohibited by this bill is a cost driver and influences prescribing practices that may not be in the best interests of health care consumers.

Status - GOOD NEWS: SB 6241 passed in the Senate on a vote of 26 to 22 on February 18. An acknowledgment of thanks to those senators who voted for this bill, despite fierce opposition, would be greatly appreciated.

Action - **URGENT ACTION NEEDED:** There is significant opposition to this bill in the House. The Senate bill has come over to the House for action. It will be heard in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness on Monday, February 25, at 1:30 p.m. This committee has heard the House version (HB 2664) before, and passed that bill on with a "do pass" recommendation. If your representative is on this committee, please contact him/her and ask for a vote for this bill (and thank her/him for moving

the House version on with a “do pass” recommendation before): **Cody (chair); Morrell (vice chair); Hinkle; Alexander; Barlow; Campbell; Condotta; DeBolt; Green; Moeller; Pedersen; Schual-Berke; Seaquist**. When the bill moves on out of committee, every indication is that there will be serious opposition to passing this bill in the House. **Contacting your representative urging passage of this bill is extremely important.** When you do, you can use the following to help to shape your position. Please use your own words.

TALKING POINTS:

- Pharmaceutical companies are **spending billions** each year to purchase data telling them every prescription that doctors (including yours and mine) are writing. I believe that my doctor should be able to write prescriptions for me and others without having that information used to help drug reps make sales calls.
- I believe **this data mining practice** and the use of these data to influence the prescribing practices of physicians through aggressive marketing techniques based on these data threatens patient safety, drives up our health care costs, and violates the privacy of patients and physicians across our state.
- The **prescription privacy bill** (HB 3774/SB 6241) would stop the pharmaceutical companies from being able to obtain physicians' prescribing records while still allowing all of the appropriate public health outcomes of data collection to continue uninterrupted. All legitimate uses such as health care research, compliance reviews, use by insurance and pharmacy benefit managers and law enforcement would remain intact. This bill will stop pharmaceutical companies from using this information for marketing purposes.
- There **is no downside** for Washington's consumers of health care in passing this bill, and a great benefit to them.
- **Can I count on your vote for this legislation?**

Contact - Ann L. Brand, 206-922-2659, anklbrand@comcast.net

SUPPORT - HB 2536 & SB 6333 - **Establishing citizen's work group on health care reform**

This bill would create a nine-member citizen work group representing various interests to be impacted by health care reform. Both bills presently include a single-payer option. The amendment the Senate committee made to the Senate version actually names the Healthy Security Trust, an act we supported last year.

League Position - “LWVWA will work to improve access to health care in Washington by supporting legislation that funds and analyzes a comparison of costs to be borne by individuals, business, and government of 3 to 4 models of health care delivery,” LWVWA 2008 Legislative Priorities.

Status - SUCCESS, THUS FAR - Senate Bill 6333 passed in the Senate on a vote of 31 to 17 on February 18 and has been passed back to the House for action. It will be heard in the House Health Care and Wellness Committee on Monday, February 25 at 1:30. The bill has been amended to include the study of a single payer model of health care coverage (which was an amendment sought by the League, among others) along with some other amendments. However, committee members and other representatives need to hear from us.

Action - If your representative is on the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness, thank him/her for supporting this bill and urge a vote to recommend passage of the Senate version: **Cody (chair); Morrell (vice chair); Hinkle; Alexander; Barlow; Campbell; Condotta; DeBolt; Green; Moeller; Pedersen; Schual-Berke; Seaquist**. Also, all of our representatives need to hear from us to urge her/his vote in favor of this bill when it reaches the floor of the House.

Contact - Ann L. Brand, 206-922-2659, anklbrand@comcast.net

SUPPORT - ESB 5261 - **Granting state insurance commissioner authority to review individual health benefit plan rates**

This bill restores the authority of the state's insurance commissioner, held prior to 2000, to review premium rates for the individual market. The legislation was initially introduced in the 2006-07 legislature as HB 1234 and SB 5261. It passed the Senate, made it to third reading in the House, but was not voted on in the House. It has been re-introduced in this session as Engrossed SB 5261.

League Position - “Quality health care at an affordable cost” is a basic goal for our health care system as described by the LWVUS. The rate increases in premiums charged by insurers in the individual market warrants review by the insurance commissioner's office.

Status - Bill passed Senate on January 30, moved to opposite house, where it is in House Rules awaiting a floor vote.

Action - Contact your representatives and urge that they support Engrossed Senate Bill 5261 and pass it on the floor of the House.

Contact - Ann L. Brand, 206-922-2659, anklbrand@comcast.net

SUPPORT - Cover All Kids Act of 2007 (SB 5093)

One of the priorities included in our list of the League's legislative priorities this year was to support legislation that provides full implementation of the Cover All Kids Act of last year. The children's lobby has identified \$4 million for mental health coverage for children as absolutely necessary to keep the system moving forward toward its goal of adequate health care coverage for all kids.

Status - The supplemental operating budget passed out of the House Appropriations Committee does not include any funding deemed by advocates as essential to move this initiative forward.

Action - Contact your senator and urge him/her to have the Senate's version of the supplemental operating budget include \$4 million for children's mental health care.

Contact - Ann L. Brand, 206-922-2659, anklbrand@comcast.net

SUPPORT - Funding for Family Planning

Federal funding for family planning has steadily dropped under the current administration. A supplemental appropriation of \$8 million is needed to maintain services at their present level.

League Position - Reproductive Rights

Status - The House budget (operating supplemental appropriations bill **HB 2687**) has an increase from \$5 million to \$6.9 million for family planning. While this is not the needed \$8 million, any increase is better than nothing. The Senate budget is due next week and we will take it from there.

Action - Ask your legislators to work for full funding. However, given the state of the economy this appears unlikely. **Please keep the pressure on, but politely.** House Appropriations Committee members are **Sommers (chair); Dunshee (vice chair); Alexander; Bailey; Haler; Anderson; Chandler; Cody; Conway; Darneille; Ericks; Fromhold; Grant; Green; Haigh; Hinkle; Hunt; Hunter; Kagi; Kenney; Kessler; Kretz; Linville; McDonald; McIntire; Morrell; Pettigrew; Priest; Ross; Schmick; Schual-Berke; Seaquist; Sullivan; Walsh.**

Contact - Wayne Martin, 425-746-9960, docmartin934@aol.com

SUPPORT - SB 6305 - Granting discretion to State Department of Health

Companion bill HB 2698 would remove the requirement that the DOH apply for abstinence-only funds by changing the word "shall" to "may." If there is a change in policy, DOH could apply for funds; however they are not required to do so.

League Position - Reproductive Rights

Status - The bill passed the Senate with a vote of 37 to 11. The House Committee on Health Care & Wellness had a public hearing on February 20 with only one person testifying against. Because the committee previously passed the companion bill HB 2698, approval is highly likely but a reminder to your legislators to support the bill would be appreciated.

Action - Because the committee previously passed the companion bill HB 2698, approval is highly likely but a reminder to your legislators to support the bill would be appreciated.

Contact - Wayne Martin, 425-746-9960, docmartin934@aol.com

SUPPORT - HB 2647 - **Children's Safe Products Act**

Prohibits the sale, manufacture, or distribution of children's products and toys containing lead, cadmium, or phthalates after 1/1/09; requires state Department of Ecology to identify other high priority chemicals of concern for exposures of children; requires manufacturers to identify chemicals of high concern in their products; requires state Secretary of Health to establish an education campaign regarding such chemicals.

League Positions - LWVWA Toxics in the Home; LWVUS Early Intervention for Children at Risk.

Status - This bill passed out of the House on a unanimous vote of 95 to 0. There were some minor changes in the legislation, but all of the serious weakening amendments were either voted down or withdrawn. The House bill will now be heard in the Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications on Wednesday, February 27, at 3:30, Cherberg Building, Hearing Room 4.

Action - First, if your legislator is on the Senate Water, Energy & Telecommunications Committee, please contact him or her indicating your support for this bill: **Rockefeller (chair); Murray (vice chair); Honeyford; Delvin; Fraser; Hatfield; Holmquist; Morton; Oemig; Pridemore; Regala**. Next, for everyone, please contact your senator urging support for this bill. Finally, for anyone who will be in Olympia Wednesday afternoon, your presence and signing in as "pro" would be very helpful, as stronger opposition is expected in the Senate.

Contact - Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, elizabethd@whidbey.com

SUPPORT - HB 2798 & SB 6483 - **Local Farms, Healthy Kids**

Facilitates purchase of Washington-grown food by schools and state agencies; creates a Farm-to-School Program in the state Department of Agriculture; creates a fresh fruits and vegetables grant program in the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; facilitates access of locally grown foods into food banks; and provides for use of food stamps at farmers' markets. A Priorities for a Healthy Washington bill.

League Positions - LWVWA Agricultural Lands; LWVUS Land Use, Federal Agricultural Policy, Early Intervention for Children at Risk.

Status - Both bills have passed their houses: 48-0 in the Senate; 95-1 in the House! And the bills emerged relatively unscathed in terms of major provisions. Funding is the big issue here: The original estimate was \$5 million. The House budget would only provide \$1 million. The Senate budget is due out this week.

Action - Please contact your senator with thanks for his or her support for the bill and urging support for full funding.

Contact - Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, elizabethd@whidbey.com

SUPPORT - E2SHB 2844 - **Evergreen Cities**

Encourages local governments to develop and implement urban forestry management plans and ordinances. Creates a new grant program for this effort. Provides preference in certain grant programs for local governments that have qualifying urban forestry programs. Gives DNR mandatory authority to conduct a community and urban forestry program. Requires DNR to do inventories and assessments of community and urban forests. A Priorities for a Healthy Washington bill.

League Positions - LWVWA Forests; LWVUS Natural Resources.

Status - This bill passed the House 73-22. It is scheduled for hearing on Monday February 25 at 1:30 in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation. The chief change from the original bill is that the program is voluntary and not mandatory.

Action - If your senator is on the Natural Resources & Ocean & Recreation Committee, please contact him or her urging support for this bill: **Jacobsen (chair); Hatfield (vice chair); Morton; Fraser; Hargrove; Rockefeller; Spanel; Stevens; Swecker**. For all, let your senator know your support for this bill.

Contact - Peggy Bruton, 360-866-7165, gimleteye@comcast.net

Additional BACKGROUND

Civics Education

Our priority of getting professional development funding for social studies teachers has not succeeded this year. It was our hope that teachers could receive training before the mandated civics education and assessments began next school year. Because of the efforts of our members, however, more legislators are aware of the need, which lays the groundwork for action next year.

Contact - Catherine Ahl, 360-697-7924, cathahl@hotmail.com

Priorities for a Healthy Washington

The four environmental priorities march on, successfully meeting last Tuesday's cut off date for passing out of their house of origin. On to the next deadline of Friday, February 29; by which time these bills must receive a favorable vote in the policy committee of the opposite house. For updates on these priorities and some changes that have been made from the original bills, see articles by:

Toni Potter & Marian Wineman on Climate Action Green Jobs;

Ann Aagaard on Local Solutions to Global Warming;

Peggy Bruton on Evergreen Cities;

Elizabeth Davis on Local Farms, Healthy Kids.

Contact - Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, elizabethd@whidbey.com

Local Solutions to Global Warming

A hearing is scheduled for February 26 at 1:30pm before House Committee on Local Government on Senate Bill 6580, which passed the Senate on February 19 after a striker amendment. ESSB 6580 seeks to address the impacts of climate change through the Growth Management Act.

At the present time, League is neutral on this bill as we review the effects of the striker. The striker amendment directs the WA State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development (CTED) to develop methods (including computer tools) to identify, estimate, and measure the greenhouse gas emissions that land use and buildings produce. CTED would also be charged with making recommendations on policies that local governments could implement that would enable them to adapt to the likely adverse effects of global warming, and with identifying measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by estimating and reducing vehicle miles traveled (VMT).

Other elements worth noting about the bill passed by the Senate: It would establish a competitive grant pilot program that would involve three counties and six cities, with a report on this program to the legislature required by 2010. Also, it would require CTED to utilize an advisory (stakeholders) committee with members to include legislators from the two houses, as well as individuals representing the governor, cities, counties, planners, non-profit groups with expertise in land use and global climate change, and business.

Contact - Ann Aagaard, 425-488-8418, ann_aagaard@verizon.net

Maury Island Aquatic Reserve

SSB 6777 (clarifying interest in certain state lands) passed the Senate with a slim margin (25 to 23) on a reconsideration vote and was referred to House Committee on Finance. No hearing scheduled at this time, and no action requested by League at this time. The bill would prohibit the Washington

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from leasing any state-owned aquatic lands located within the Maury Island Aquatic Reserve until the state's appellate court enters a judgment as to who owns proper title to sand/gravel/rock resources within identified parcels of land on Maury Island. The bill also requires that the legislature's Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee (JLARC) contract with an appropriate entity to review and analyze the conveyance documents.

Contact - Ann Aagaard, 425-488-8418, ann_aagaard@verizon.net

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**FOR REFERENCE**

## **K**ey Session Dates

The 60th Washington State Legislature opened its short session on Monday, January 14. The 2008 legislative session in Olympia runs from January 14 to March 13. Every day (including Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) is counted in the 60-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. 14** - First day of regular session

**Feb. 1** - LWVWA Lobby Day

**Feb. 8** - Last day for any bill to be considered in policy committee of its "house of origin" (House for HB, or Senate for SB)

**Feb. 12** - Last day for any bill to be considered in fiscal committee of its "house of origin"

**Feb. 19** - Last day for bills to be considered on the floor of their "house of origin" (5 p.m.)

**Feb. 29** - Last day for bills to be considered in a policy committee of the opposite house (Senate for HB, or House for SB)

**Mar. 3** - Last day for bills to be considered in a fiscal committee of the opposite house

**Mar. 7** - 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.

**Mar. 13** - Last day of regular session

## **C**ONTACT 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)

## **L**EAGUE POSITIONS

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

## **R**ESOURCES

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 - [twv.org](http://twv.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 \_, P.O. Box 40600 P.O. Box 404[leg district], Olympia, WA 98504-0600 Olympia, WA 98504-04[leg district]

**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.