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ACTION PRIORITIES

March 1 thru March 7, 2008

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

SUPPORT local option public campaign financing

or

SUPPORT clarifying state interest in Maury Island aquatic lands

SB 5278 - Public Campaign Financing "Local Option"

MANY OF YOU HAVE REPORTED BACK AFTER CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATORS. THANK YOU! YOUR EFFORTS ARE DEFINITELY HELPING TO MOVE THIS PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING BILL THROUGH THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

The local option bill drafted in the Senate, now called E2SSB 5278, is identical in language to that of HB 1551 previously passed by the House. It will lift the ban on public campaign financing for all local jurisdictions except school districts. The bill stipulates that only funds derived from local sources can be used to fund local public financing programs, and it requires that local governments obtain voter approval of any proposed public financing system prior to implementation at the local level. Passage, upon a House floor vote, is again anticipated.

We look forward to striking a celebratory note in the next newsletter! We might even have the governor's signature on a bill by then!!

League Positions - Representative Government, and Campaign Financing.

Status - Last week House Speaker Frank Chopp and State Government & Tribal Affairs committee chair, Sam Hunt, agreed to move the Senate's local option bill, 5278 (prime-sponsored by Sen. Rosa Franklin), by scheduling a hearing. That hearing took place on Wednesday, February 27, and on Thursday the committee took action on the bill in executive session. The bill is moving quickly through the committee process (it is now in Rules) and should be scheduled for a floor vote at any time.

Action - We are in the home stretch now, and must see that this bill gets past the finish line so we can say we accomplished our objective of restoring public campaign financing option to local governments!

Please contact your representatives on the House Rules Committee - **Speaker Frank Chopp** and Reps. **DeBolt, Armstrong, Bailey, Ericks, Ericksen, Grant, Green, Hudgins, Hurst, Kelley, Kessler, Kristiansen, McCune, McDonald, Moeller, Morrell, Morris, Newhouse, Ormsby, Santos, Springer, Sump, Williams** - asking for prompt action on 5278. Also, please contact your own district representatives urging their support when 5278 comes up for a floor vote. The deadline for this vote is next Friday, March 7.

Contact - Chris Chamberlin, 253-761-1376, bcchamberlin@harbournet.com Please let Chris know how your legislators respond.

SB 6777 - Clarifying state interest in Maury Island aquatic lands

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that necessary time is taken to properly consider documents from the original grant of the land to the state and subsequent conveyance documents in order to determine mineral ownership of the Maury Island property. The dock should be put on hold until the mineral ownership on the upland area is determined.

The substitute Senate Bill 677, which directs the legislature's Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) to contract with an appropriate entity to review the grant and documents, is consistent with our League position. State resources should not be given away without compensation. It is reasonable not to proceed with DNR's lease of state-owned aquatic lands within the Reserve, given the uniqueness and scarcity of those lands as a resource.

League Position - LWVWA Land Use / Resource Management - "All known factors should be considered in making land use decisions and first consideration should be given to the effect on natural elements. ... Uniqueness or scarcity, importance to the community as a whole, promotion of health, safety and welfare as well as the irreversibility of the decisions should be considered in resolving conflicts in each case."

Action - The bill must move out of the House Finance Committee this Monday, March 3rd. Please contact your representative on the House Committee on Finance with this important message: "Please bring SSB 6777 up for a vote in committee and move it on out." Committee members are **Hunter (chair), Hasegawa (vice chair), Orcutt, Condotta, Conway, Ericks, McIntire, Roach, and Santos**.

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

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**Other ACTION ITEMS**

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

**SUPPORT - 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 promoting evidence-based practices and cost containment.

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

**Status** - **GOOD NEWS!** SB 6241, which passed the Senate on February 18, has now also passed out of the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness and is now in House Rules Committee.

**Action** - **An acknowledgment of thanks to those representatives who voted for this bill, despite fierce opposition, would be greatly appreciated. Committee members who voted "yes" on this bill (9 of 13 members) were: Cody, Morrell, Barlow; Campbell, Green; Moeller, Pedersen, Schual-Berke, and Seaquist.** As the bill is now in House Rules, please contact your representatives to urge passage of this legislation on the House floor.

**Contact** - Ann L. Brand, 206-922-2659, [anklbrand@comcast.net](mailto: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 out and has only \$4 million for family planning.

**Action** - Ask your legislators, especially your senators, to work to increase the funding at least to the House level of \$6.9 million.

**Contact** - Wayne Martin, 425-746-9960, [docmartin934@aol.com](mailto: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 January 1, 2009; 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 its Senate policy committee on Friday. It now must pass out of the Senate Ways & Means Committee by Monday, March 3. Committee members are [Prentice \(chair\)](#); [Fraser \(vice chair, capital budget\)](#); [Pridemore \(vice chair, operating budget\)](#); [Zarelli](#); [Brandland](#); [Carrell](#); [Fairley](#); [Hatfield](#); [Hewitt](#); [Hobbs](#); [Honeyford](#); [Keiser](#); [Kohl-Welles](#); [Oemig](#); [Parlette](#); [Rasmussen](#); [Regala](#); [Roach](#); [Rockefeller](#); [Schoesler](#); [Tom](#).

**Action** - Everyone should contact their senator urging support for this bill.

**Contact** - Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, [elizabethd@whidbey.com](mailto:elizabethd@whidbey.com)

### **SUPPORT** - [E2SHB 2844](#) - **Evergreen Cities**

The bill would offer assistance to cities in protecting and restoring the trees in cities, including vest pocket areas where lots of kids live.

**League Positions** - LWVWA Forests; LWVUS Natural Resources.

**Status** - HB 2844 is quite alive coming into the home stretch. It has many champions and great support, but could still languish and die as the clock runs out on this year's short session.

**Action** - This bill is alive, but **needs your help RIGHT NOW!!!!** The following strong supporters on Senate Ways & Means need to be reassured that the public considers it a priority. [Prentice](#), [Fraser](#), [Pridemore](#), [Rockefeller](#), [Regala](#), and [Fairley](#). Remember, these are among our best friends in the Senate for protecting the environment, and just need to know, once again, that we care. Constituent calls and emails could greatly help, but time is of the essence, because there will be a decision on Monday, just a couple of days hence. Full roster of Senate Committee on Ways & Means: [Prentice \(chair\)](#); [Fraser \(vice chair, capital budget\)](#); [Pridemore \(vice chair, operating budget\)](#); [Zarelli](#); [Brandland](#); [Carrell](#); [Fairley](#); [Hatfield](#); [Hewitt](#); [Hobbs](#); [Honeyford](#); [Keiser](#); [Kohl-Welles](#); [Oemig](#); [Parlette](#); [Rasmussen](#); [Regala](#); [Roach](#); [Rockefeller](#); [Schoesler](#); [Tom](#). **Thank you!**

Talking Point - League members can well make the point that promoting and restoring the "urban forest," however small, is important to child development. This has been determined by some solid research. See Richard Louv's book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder*.

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### **SUPPORT** - [SB 6483](#) - **Local Farms, Healthy Kids**

Funding remains the big issue here: the original estimate was \$5 million. The House version of the supplementary operating budget only provided \$1 million; the Senate budget provides \$1.5 million. This bill 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.

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

**Status** - The Senate bill, 2SSB 6483, is now the moving bill. Having passed the Senate February 15, it then was passed to the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources, where it had a hearing, passed the committee, and moved to House Appropriations. On Thursday it passed out of House Appropriations and will need to go to a House floor vote this week.

**Action** - Please contact your senator and representatives with thanks for their support for the bill and to urge support for full funding for this bill.

**Contact** - Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, [elizabethd@whidbey.com](mailto:elizabethd@whidbey.com)

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

**Transportation bills are spared cut off until Monday.** 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). Transportation budget that passed Friday includes \$100,000 to fund 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, where a public hearing was held February 27. Commuter rail service is funded in House version of supplementary operating budget.

**Action** - Urge your senators to pass this legislation.

**Contact** - Pat Matteson, 206-232-8028, [patricialpm@cs.com](mailto:patricialpm@cs.com)

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

SB 6333 would create a nine-member citizen work group representing various interests to be impacted by health care reform. This bill includes a single-payer option, the Washington Health Security Trust. This is the single-payer bill that we supported last year. The bill has been amended to complete the study of four different plans, including a single payer model of health care coverage, in late 2008 and begin work groups after that. This is later than was originally expected. This may delay any legislation in 2009 on health care reform.

**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."

**Status** - **SUCCESS, THUS FAR** - Senate Bill 6333 passed in the Senate on a vote of 31 to 17 on February 18 and was passed by the House Health Care & Wellness Committee. This bill is now in House Appropriations Committee, where it got a public hearing March 1.

**Action** - If your representative is on the House Appropriations Committee, thank him/her for supporting Senate Bill 6333 and urge a vote to recommend passage out of committee. Also, all of our representatives need to hear from us to urge their votes in favor of this bill when it reaches the floor of the House.

**Contact** - Ann L. Brand, 206-922-2659, [anklbrand@comcast.net](mailto:anklbrand@comcast.net)

**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 regarding distribution of voter registration forms. Higher education institutions would collaborate with their student government associations to conduct nonpartisan voter information activities.

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

**Status** - This House bill passed out of Senate Committee on Higher Education and is now in the Senate Rules Committee.

**Action** - If you have a Senator in Rules, please call and ask that this bill be supported. It passed the House with a 62/33 vote, so there is opposition: **Franklin (vice chair); Hewitt; Brown; Eide; Fraser; Haugen; Keiser; Kline; Kohl-Welles; McAuliffe; Murray; Parlette; Pflug; Regala; Schoesler; Spanel; Stevens; Zarelli.**

**Contact** - Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240, [jaybetty2@msn.com](mailto:jaybetty2@msn.com)

### **SUPPORT - SHB 1534 - Modifying provisions affecting candidates for elective office**

This bill would change procedures for minor party and independent candidate nomination. Some of the changes are:

- The requirement to have a nominating convention for minor party and independent candidates is removed.
- The term “ballot qualifying petition” will be used in place of “nominating petition.”
- Signatures needed to qualify for the ballot are: 1,000 for President, Vice President, U.S. Senator, or statewide office; 250 for U.S. representative; 100 for any other partisan office.
- The filing fee for minor party and independent candidates is reduced to one-half the fee required by law to be paid by major party candidates for the office.
- The requirement that a PCO (precinct committee officer) must receive at least 10% of the votes cast for the highest vote-getter in that party in the precinct is removed.
- Candidates for a city or town elective position must file with the county auditor not more than 45 nor less than 30 days prior to the primary.

**League Position** - Improved access to the ballot by minor party candidates.

**Status** - This bill has passed the House, been voted out of Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections, and is now in Senate Rules Committee.

**Action** - Call your senator on Rules Committee and ask that they support this bill: **Franklin (vice chair); Hewitt; Brown; Eide; Fraser; Haugen; Keiser; Kline; Kohl-Welles; McAuliffe; Murray; Parlette; Pflug; Regala; Schoesler; Spanel; Stevens; Zarelli.**

**Contact** - Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240, [jaybetty2@msn.com](mailto:jaybetty2@msn.com)

### **SUPPORT - ESB 5261 - Review individual health benefit plan premium rates**

This bill restores the authority of the state’s elected insurance commissioner to review premium rates for the individual market. The commissioner held this authority before 2000.

**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** - This Senate bill passed the House on February 29.

**Action** - Thank all of your legislators in both houses of the legislature for supporting this bill.

**Contact** - Ann L. Brand, 206-922-2659, [anklbrand@comcast.net](mailto:anklbrand@comcast.net)

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

**Transportation bills are spared cut off until Monday**, so please call or e-mail your senators and representatives to support our top priorities for transportation, including this bill which 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.

**Contact** - Pat Matteson, 206-232-8028, [patricialpm@cs.com](mailto:patricialpm@cs.com)

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

HB 3096 is enabling legislation that is vitally important to financing 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** - Passed the House and is scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 1:30pm Monday March 3 in anticipation of other legislative action.

**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, [patricialpm@cs.com](mailto:patricialpm@cs.com)

### **SUPPORT - HB 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** - This House bill has made it to Senate Ways & Means.

**Action** - If your senator is on that committee, email or call and ask for support: Prentice (chair); Fraser (vice chair, capital budget); Pridemore (vice chair, operating budget); Zarelli; Brandland; Carrell; Fairley; Hatfield; Hewitt; Hobbs; Honeyford; Keiser; Kohl-Welles; Oemig; Parlette; Rasmussen; Regala; Roach; Rockefeller; Schoesler; Tom.

**Contact** - Toni Potter, 206-365-8949, [antoniapotter@comcast.net](mailto:antoniapotter@comcast.net) & Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, [mwineman@comcast.net](mailto:mwineman@comcast.net)

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### **Additional BACKGROUND**

#### **Priorities for a Healthy Washington**

Three of the environmental priorities successfully emerged from their policy committees in the opposite house: Climate Action Green Jobs, Evergreen Cities, and Local Farms Healthy Kids. The next cutoff date is Monday, March 3rd, when they must pass out of their financial committees. For an update on the Local Solutions to Global Warming, see the article by Ann Aagaard. For updates on the other three priorities, see articles by:

Toni Potter & Marian Wineman on Climate Action Green Jobs;

Peggy Bruton on Evergreen Cities;

Elizabeth Davis on Local Farms, Healthy Kids.

**Contact** - Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, [elizabethd@whidbey.com](mailto:elizabethd@whidbey.com)

### Reasonable fares for frequent ferry users

This bill would require the Washington State Transportation Commission to consider the desirability of reasonable fares for frequent ferry users. It passed the House and was referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, but is likely to be held until next year because of the freeze on ferry passenger tolls.

**Contact** - Pat Matteson, 206-232-8028, [patricialpm@cs.com](mailto:patricialpm@cs.com)

### Local Solutions to Global Warming

This important first step to help local governments reduce their climate impact through land use and transportation plans failed to move out of the House Local Government Policy Committee. An emergency meeting of the Committee to reconsider the bill was scheduled Friday afternoon. Some meaningful compromise may result. Look for an update in next Legislative Newsletter.

**Contact** - Ann Aagaard, 425-488-8418, [ann\\_aagaard@verizon.net](mailto:ann_aagaard@verizon.net)

### Granting discretion to State Department of Health

SB 6305 died in committee.

**Contact** - Wayne Martin, 425-746-9960, [docmartin934@aol.com](mailto:docmartin934@aol.com)

### Home Environment Bills

Legislation on Lead Education & Screening, HB 1847 and SB 5981, did not make it out of the financial committees this year. Also, SB 6852, which would update the existing mold notification and provide for a task force, did not make it out of the Senate Ways & Means Committee. Finally, the budget proviso to help over 700 low income children in Pierce County with asthma did not make it into the House or Senate budget. We encourage the supporters of these measures to write notes of thanks to our legislative champions, Sens. Rosa Franklin, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, and Debbie Regala as well as Reps. Tami Green, Shay Schual-Berke, Ross Hunter, Tom Campbell, and Eileen Cody. The Pierce County Asthma Action group also plan to discuss whether there are other ways to help these children where there will be high return on the investment in reduced expenses for Medicaid.

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### FOR REFERENCE

## Key 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.lwwa.org/about/officers.html](http://www.lwwa.org/about/officers.html)

Legislators - [www.lwwa.org/advocacy/newsletters/Legislators.pdf](http://www.lwwa.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.lwwa.org/advocacy/newsletters/DistrictReps.pdf](http://www.lwwa.org/advocacy/newsletters/DistrictReps.pdf)

## **L**EAGUE POSITIONS

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

## **R**ESOURCES

League action website - [lwwa.org/advocacy](http://lwwa.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.