



# League of Women Voters of Washington

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## Action Priority

January 31 - February 6

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

**Support** – **SB 5534** - Changing requirements for the restoration of the right to vote for people convicted of felonies.

The bill creates a system to automatically restore the right to vote for people who were convicted of felonies and who have come out of the criminal justice system.

**League Positions** – League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) believes that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) believes that registration should be simple and convenient for voters, while ensuring accuracy.

**Status** – **SB 5534** will be heard in Senate Government Operations & Elections Monday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. LWVWA will testify. Companion bill, **HB 1517**, has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

**ACTION** - If your Senator is on the Government Operations & Elections Committee, please call or email in support of the bill. (**Fairley**, chair; **Oemig**; **Roach**; **Benton**; **McDermott**; **Pridemore**; **Swecker**.)

**Message** - Please report the bill out of committee. This is a “good government” bill because it simplifies a complicated, costly and ineffective process. It provides a bright line for elections officials and is less costly to administer than the current system. Restoring the right to vote encourages people to reconnect with their communities and become good citizens.

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## Action Items

**Support** – **SB 5735** - Reducing greenhouse gases

The bill, known as Cap and Invest, puts our state on a firm path to meet our global warming pollution reduction goals. The bill requires polluters to buy permits to pollute and invests the revenue generated to spur new clean-tech innovation, put people to work increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy in Washington, and provide assistance to working families struggling with high energy costs. This very important bill has had League input over the last two years. It is one of the four Priorities for a Healthy Washington, (see Background Items below) which the League has endorsed.

**League Position**-LWVUS Climate Change Position

**Status** - This is a Governor’s request bill. It has been heard in the House. Last week’s Senate hearing on this bill is being extended to Tuesday, February 10 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee.

**ACTION** - If your senator is on the above committee, (**Rockefeller**, **Pridemore**, **Honeyford**, **Delvin**, **Fraser**, **Hatfield**, **Holmquist**, **Marr**, **Morton**, **Ranker**, **Sheldon**) call and ask her/him to support the bill, and find some creative funding as we know there is no money in the general fund without cutting existing programs.

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**Support** – **SB 5854** - Reducing climate change in the built environment

This bill will (1) promote super-efficient, low-energy-use building codes (2) require disclosure of buildings’ energy use scores (similar to a vehicle’s MPG rating) to prospective buyers (3) make our public buildings

models of energy efficiency and (4) finance energy-saving upgrades to existing buildings. This important bill is one of four Priorities for a Healthy Washington, (see Background Items below) which the League has endorsed.

**League Position** - The League supports use of a variety of energy sources, with emphasis on conserving energy and using energy-efficient technologies. The League supports mandatory energy conservation measures, and assistance for low-income individuals when energy policies bear unduly on people who are economically poor.

**Status**-The companion bill in the House has been heard. **SB 5854** will be heard in the Senate Environment, Water & Energy Committee on Wednesday, February 11 at 3:30 p.m.

**ACTION** - If your senator is on the above committee, (**Rockefeller, Pridemore, Honeyford, Delvin, Fraser, Hatfield, Holmquist, Marr, Morton, Ranker, Sheldon**) call and ask him/her to support the bill, and find some creative funding as we know there is no money in the general fund without cutting existing programs.

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### **Support** - **PSSB 5282 & PSHB 1180** - Safe Baby Bottle Act

The bill has some revisions, thus the "PS" for Proposed Substitute bill numbers.

This bill bans sale, after 7/1/10, of any plastic bottle, cup or other receptacle intended to hold a liquid, food or beverage for consumption by children age 3 or younger which contains bisphenol A (BPA). It also prohibits the sale of any sports water bottle made with BPA. These two bans remain in the bill. The original bill also banned the sale of any liquid or food containing BPA at .5 parts per billion if the product was intended for children three years of age and under. This section is now added to the process established for the Department of Ecology to assess alternatives to BPA in other food and beverage containers before enacting any further restrictions.

**League Position** - LWVUS Early Intervention for Children at Risk: support for action to reduce or eliminate threats to young children's full growth, development and safety.

**Status** - The bill passed out of the House Committee on Environmental Health on February 4. The bill was heard in the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care on February 4.

**ACTION** - Contact your House Representatives urging their support for this bill. If your legislator is on the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care (**Keiser, Franklin, Pflug, Becker, Fairley, Marr, Murray, Parlette**) please contact him/her to urge support for this bill.

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### **Support** – **SB 5279 & HB 1165** - Providing for the safe collection and disposal of unwanted medicines.

This bill stipulates a producer provided and funded product stewardship program. Producers of drugs sold in Washington must prepare a plan for these unwanted drugs by 1/1/12. The plans must provide a collection system from residential sources in all counties of the state. Fees will be charged to the producers for the costs of administering the program. There will be no charge to consumers to dispose of these drugs at the collection places.

**Fiscal information** - The fiscal issues have been cleared up. The initial costs for Department of Ecology to establish the program are under \$50,000, and would be paid as a loan from the state's Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) fund. That loan would have to be repaid within two years.

**League Positions** - LWVUS Natural Resources: support for protection and improvement of water quality, and reduction of pollution. LWVUS Early Intervention for Children at Risk: support for action to remove threats to the health and development of very young children.

**Status** - The bill passed out of the House Committee on Environmental Health, 6-4; it is now in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations. The Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care held its public hearing on February 4.

**ACTION** - Contact your representatives urging support for this bill. If your senator is on the Senate Committee on Health & Long Term Care (**Keiser, Franklin, Pflug, Becker, Fairley, Marr, Murray, Parlette**) contact him/her urging passage of the bill out of committee.

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

### **Support** – **HB 1612 & SB 5629** - Pregnancy Prevention Programs

The bills remove the requirement that the Department of Health (DOH) apply for abstinence only funds and allows DOH to apply for comprehensive sex education funds.

**League Position** – LWV supports reproductive rights.

**Status** - **SB 5629** will be heard in the Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee at 8:00am on Wednesday, February 11.

**ACTION** - If your Senator is a committee member, (**Keiser, Franklin, Pflug, Becker, Fairley, Marr, Murray, Parlette**) please ask him/her to support this bill and vote it out with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

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**Support** – **HB 1412** Neurodevelopment Disabilities Insurance & **SB 5203** Autism Spectrum Insurance

Both require that insurance coverage be included in health insurance and both are worthy of our support. The differences are that **HB 1412** includes all neurodevelopment disabilities while **SB 5203** is limited to autism spectrum disorders. However **HB 1412** will come into force in 2011 while **SB 5203** appears to come into effect earlier. We prefer the broader definition and the earlier effect date but will support whichever is passed.

**League Position** - Accessible and affordable health care.

**Status** - Both bills have had their Committee hearing.

**ACTION** - If your Representative is on the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness (**Cody, Driscoll, Ericksen, Bailey, Campbell, Clibborn, Green, Herrera, Hinkle, Kelley, Moeller, Morrell, Pedersen**) or your Senator is on the Health & Long Term Care Committee, (**Keiser, Franklin, Pflug, Becker, Fairley, Marr, Murray, Parlette**) please ask her/him to bring these bills to a vote and pass them out with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

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**Support** - **HB 1892** - Concerning health care financing - Washington Health Security Trust (WHST)

**HB 1892** is an update of the WHST bill that was introduced in 2007. This legislation creates a single financing entity, which would provide health care financing for all Washington residents, cover a comprehensive package of health care services, make health care coverage independent of employment, preserve choice of providers, keep clinical decisions in the hands of health professionals and patients, promote health care quality, and control excessive health care costs. Funding for the health security trust is generated from a health security assessment on employers and residents (18 years old or older) of Washington State, not including federal employees or those receiving federal health care coverage. Residents with incomes less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level are assessed on a sliding scale. A Board of Trustees, in accordance with the direction of this bill, determines the amount of the assessment. Additional funding comes from taxes on tobacco and alcohol products and from current funding to the Health Care Authority. Included in this bill is training for workers displaced as a result of this health care reform. The start up date of this bill would be May 15, 2011.

**League Position** - "Quality health care at an affordable cost" is a basic goal for health stated by the LWVUS. This bill is designed to provide quality health care to all Washington residents at an affordable cost.

**Status** – **HB 1892** has been referred to the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness and is awaiting a hearing.

**ACTION** - If your representative is on the Health Care & Wellness Committee, (**Cody, Driscoll, Ericksen, Bailey, Campbell, Clibborn, Green, Herrera, Hinkle, Kelley, Moeller, Morrell, Pedersen**) ask her/him to have a hearing on this bill.

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**Support** - **HB 1493** - Prohibiting the use of patient health care information for prescription drug marketing

**HB 1493** would prohibit sale or sharing of any health care information for the purpose of marketing prescription drugs to patients. This legislation is part of the 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** – The House Committee on Health Care & Wellness had a hearing on this bill on February 3.

**ACTION** - If your representative is on the Health Care & Wellness Committee, (**Cody, Driscoll, Ericksen, Bailey, Campbell, Clibborn, Green, Herrera, Hinkle, Kelley, Moeller, Morrell, Pedersen**) ask them to pass this bill out of committee with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

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**Support** - **SB 5480 & HB 2012** - Creating the Washington health care discount plan organization act

This bill establishes standards for discount plan organizations, to protect consumers from unfair or deceptive marketing, sales, or enrollment practices, and facilitates consumer understanding of the role and function of discount plan organizations. The Insurance Commissioner requested this bill.

**League Position** - "Quality health care at an affordable cost" is a basic goal for health care stated by the LWVUS. The regulations contained in this bill will influence marketing practices that may not be in the best interest of health care consumers.

**Status** - Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee had a hearing on **SB 5480** on February 2 at 1:30 pm. The companion bill, **HB 2012**, was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Care & Wellness Committee and is awaiting a hearing.

**ACTION** - If your Senator is on the Senate Health & Long-Term Care Committee, (**Keiser, Franklin, Pflug, Becker, Fairley, Marr, Murray, Parlette**) ask them to pass this bill out of committee with a **do pass** recommendation.

Contact - Susan Eidenschink, [susaneiden@harbornet.com](mailto:susaneiden@harbornet.com), 253 572 9305

**Support** - **HB 1754** -Concerning continuity of child care.

The bill would reform parts of Washington's subsidized child care system for low-income families. Currently, children who receive subsidized child care are often abruptly moved from one child care setting to another. This occurs if parents lose a job, if parents get a raise and the required co-payment increases too much, or if the Department of Social & Health Services does not complete the authorizing paperwork on time. Frequent moves are damaging to a young child's brain development and her/his ability to form social relationships. Child care providers often refuse to care for children who are subsidized by the State because it is such a complex, complicated system. The bill would set child care subsidy authorizations for a twelve month period, would set co-payments at not more than ten percent of the household's monthly gross income, and would increase absent day payment to 10 days from the current 5 days. The provisions would be phased in—parents with children in Head Start or ECEAP would be eligible in fiscal year 2010; and in fiscal year 2012 all children receiving subsidies would be eligible for the provision.

**League Position** - LWVWA supports "improved components of the child care subsidy and co-pay system".

**Status** - The bill was heard in the House Early Learning & Children's Services Committee on 2/6/09. Prime sponsor is Pettigrew, with Walsh, Goodman, Kagi, Roberts, Priest, Dunshee, Sullivan, Appleton, and Green.

**ACTION** - If you have representatives **Kagi, Roberts, Haler, Walsh, Angel, Goodman** or **Seaquist** please contact them to express support for passing the bill out of committee.

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**Support** - **HB 1581 & SB 5550** require a minimum of three years' notice on closures or conversions of mobile home parks and manufactured housing communities.

These bills would protect senior citizens and low-income residents from the disruption of having to vacate and find a living site in another mobile home park where few, if any, vacancies exist.

**League Position** - All levels of government and the private sector share the responsibility to help alleviate the housing shortage in the low-income sector.

**Status** - **HB 1581**, sponsored by Liias, Priest, Nelson, Miloscia, Rolfes, Ormsby, Morrell, Green, Simpson, Appleton, and Kenney, had its first reading on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. No hearing has been scheduled. **SB 5550**, sponsored by McAuliffe, Rockefeller, Kastama, Franklin, Kauffman, and Fraser was referred to Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance Committee. It is scheduled for a public hearing on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION** - Ask your representative to request that the House Judiciary Committee schedule a public hearing on **HB 1581**. If you have a representative on the House Judiciary Committee (**Pedersen, Goodman, Rodne, Shea, Flannigan, Kelley, Kirby, Ormsby, Roberts, Ross, Warnick**) ask for a public hearing. If your senator is on Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance Committee (**Berkey, Hobbs, Benton, Franklin, Parlette, Schoesler**) tell him/her that you support **SB 5550** and that you want the senator to support this bill.  
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**Support** - **HB 1387** - Repeals nonresident exemptions from tax on retail sales.

There are four exemptions covered in this bill. They include (1) an exemption for tangible personal property purchased by a nonresident residing in a state with a sales tax rate below 3% or a state that provides Washington residents with an exemption; (2) an exemption for tangible personal property incorporated into machinery or other personal property during the installing, repairing, or improving of the machinery or other personal property if the property is delivered to the buyer outside the state; (3) an exemption for farming machinery and equipment and repair services if the machinery or equipment is immediately transported outside the state; and (4) an exemption for sales to residents of Alaska, Hawaii, and United States possessions and territories if the seller delivers the property to an in-state receiving terminal for immediate export. Sales of boats or motor vehicles to nonresidents are exempt under separate provisions of law. Washington Tax Fairness Coalition estimates a repeal of these exemptions **would generate \$60 million in new revenue for the 2009-2011 Budget**.

**League Position** - LWWA believes that any tax exemption proposal should be carefully evaluated for purpose, benefit and cost; and, all tax exemptions should be periodically reviewed.

**Status** - **HB 1387**, sponsored by Representatives Wallace, Ormsby, Moeller, and Flannigan, was referred to the House Committee on Finance on January 20<sup>th</sup>. A public hearing was held in the Committee at 1:30 p.m. on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The report is not available as of Friday morning.

**ACTION** - Let your legislators know what our position on tax exemptions is. Tax exemptions should be reviewed more often than is now the case.

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

**Support** - **SB 5912 & HB 1738** The Supreme Court Fair Elections bill

Establishes a program of optional public financing of campaigns for the Washington State Supreme Court thereby allowing candidates the option of financing their campaigns solely or primarily on public financing.

**League Positions** - LWWUS believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process.

**Status:** **SB 5912** was introduced this past week with 9 co-sponsors and referred to Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

**ACTION** - Contact the following senators and thank them for co-sponsoring: **Oemig** (prime sponsor), **McDermott, Kline, Kastama, Pridemore, Kilmer, Jarrett, Kohl-Welles, Haugen**.

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**Support** - **SB 5476** - Abolishing the death penalty.

**League Position** - LWW opposes the death penalty.

**Status** - **SB 5476** will be heard in Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday, February 10, at 10:00 a.m. LWWA will testify.

**ACTION** - Please contact your Senator if he/she is on the Senate Judiciary Committee (**Kline**, (chair) **Regala, McCaslin, Carrell, Hargrove, Kohl-Welles, Roach, Tom**). Ask them to vote to report the bill out of committee.

Contact - Barbara Seitle, [bseitle@whidbey.com](mailto:bseitle@whidbey.com), 360 221 3792

**Support** with Concerns - **SB 5880, SB 5889, & SB 5890**: Providing flexibility in the education system

These bills would repeal, suspend or amend unfunded mandates imposed by the Legislature on School Districts,

Education Service Districts, and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). In the past LWVWA has supported some of these programs assuming they would be fully funded by the state.

**League Positions** - LWVWA believes the state has the responsibility for fully funding all programs mandated by the Legislature.

**Status** - A public hearing was held on [SB 5880](#), [SB 5889](#), & [SB 5890](#) by the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee on February 5.

**ACTION** - Contact your local Legislators and remind them of the state Constitution's Article IX, Section 1: "It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provision for the education of all children residing within its borders..." Ask them to support these bills or to provide the necessary funding to support programs critical to the health and safety of students.

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## Issue Background Items

### GOVERNMENT

LWVWA testified last week on 3 good government bills:

1. In support of [HB 1475](#), requiring state agency rule-making information to be posted on each state agency's web site.
2. In support of [HB 1289](#), restricting campaign contributions to candidates for Public Lands Commissioner by persons regulated by, contracting with, leasing to, or selling commodities to the Public Lands Commission.
3. In support of a provision in [SB 5270](#) to leave voter registration open until 8 days before an election, and opposing a provision in the same bill that would require organizations conducting voter registration drives to submit registration forms within 3 days.

### 2009 ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES

For its seventh year the Environmental Priorities Coalition (formerly Priorities for a Healthy Washington) has put forward its four priorities for environmental legislation in Olympia. Three of the four following priorities, center on actions to combat global climate change; one has its focus on clean waters in our state.

#### 1. Cap and Invest

Limits would be set on emissions of global warming gases. Permits to emit these gases would be given or auctioned off, and could be traded. The caps would be reduced over time. The bill implements the climate change goals set in last year's legislation, [SB 6001](#), and fulfills Washington's participation in the Western Climate Initiative. See reports by Toni Potter and Marian Wineman, LWVWA Energy & Climate Change co-chairs.

#### 2. Efficiency First

Energy efficiency and energy conservation are the goals of this legislation. Energy use in buildings accounts for 30% of Washington's global warming emissions. The bill makes changes in the State Energy Code and State Building Code to achieve these goals. The bill seeks to implement the recommendations of the state Climate Action Team (CAT). See Toni and Marian's reports on this priority.

#### 3. Transit Oriented Communities

Almost half of global warming gas emissions in Washington State come from transportation. This legislation aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through land use and transportation requirements and changes in the Growth Management Act. These changes would encourage more growth in already developed areas, reduce further urban sprawl, concentrate growth and affordable housing near major transit centers, and encourage greater use of public transportation and alternatives to the single occupancy vehicle. See reports by Ann Aagaard, LWVWA Shorelines/Wetlands/Growth Management/Land Use chair.

#### 4. Invest in Clean Water

Storm water is the largest pollutant in the state's surface waters; petroleum products constitute the single greatest pollutant in storm water. Runoff from our roads, urban areas and residences carry petroleum products into our lakes, rivers, and into Puget Sound. This bill aims to reduce the amount of petroleum products in storm water. A fee would be put on petroleum producers whose products are sold in the state in proportion to

the amount of their sales. It is anticipated that these **polluter fees would generate \$100 million** annually which could be invested in storm water projects to reduce pollution into the waters.

See Ann Aagaard's reports on this priority.

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## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

**HB1688** - Addressing abortion procedures or treatments performed on minor females and females subject to guardianship

The bill would raise the age of consent from 16 to 18. It is unlikely to get a hearing but League will follow it. It was referred to the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness on January 27.

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## HEALTH CARE

**SCHIP** (State Children's Health Insurance Program) Federal Legislation

Reauthorization and expansion of the SCHIP bill including the Legal Immigration Children's Health Improvement Act passed the Senate on January 29 and was **signed by President Obama on February 4**. With an increase in the children covered in this legislation, Washington State may be able to move some of the children covered in the Basic Health Plan (BHP) to be covered under SCHIP. This would free up some of the BHP slots for others who need health care coverage.

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## EDUCATION

There were several bills heard in the Senate and House Education Committees on February 4 regarding the WASL, assessments in general, and graduation requirements. LWVWA will not testify on these bills because we have a position that states: "The state has the responsibility to determine uniform education standards and the means to evaluate performance."



## For Reference

### KEY SESSION DATES

The 61st Washington State Legislature opened its long session on Monday, January 12. The 2009 legislative session in Olympia runs from January 12 to April 26. 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. 12** – First day of regular session

**Feb. 25** – Last day to read in committee reports in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees

**Mar. 2** – Last day to read in committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.

**Mar. 12** – League Lobby Day

**Mar. 12** – Last day to consider bills in house of origin (5 p.m.)

**Mar. 30** – Last day to read in committee reports from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.

**Apr. 6** - Last day to read in opposite house committee reports from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.

**Apr. 17** - Last day to consider opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).\*

**Apr. 26** - Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

\* After the 96th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

### CONTACT LISTS

Portfolios / Lobby Team – <http://www.lwwwa.org/about/officers.html>

Legislators – <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

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

## **L** LEAGUE POSITIONS

LWVWA positions – <http://www.lwwwa.org/advocacy/Program%20In%20Action%20website.pdf>

## **R** ESOURCES

League action website - [http://www.lwwwa.org/advocacy/advocacy\\_index.html](http://www.lwwwa.org/advocacy/advocacy_index.html)

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 (follow “Legislators” link above). 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.