



Action Alerts

Click on the links below to learn more about bills currently being reviewed in the state legislature. You can "take action" on these most pressing bills by following the links below.

Protect Our Health Data. Keep it Private!

Urge your legislators to support the Senate version, the strongest version of [ESHB 1155](#), the Washington My Health, My Data bill, and send it to the Governor's desk.

Privacy protections for health care data are always important, but now, in a post-Roe world, they are particularly critical. These Privacy protections are a necessary part of defending and extending access to abortion and gender-affirming care. As lawmakers in some states move to criminalize health care access, Washington must act firmly to defend it. While many people think that the federal Health Information Portability and Accountability Act law (HIPAA) protects all of their private health data, HIPAA actually only covers data collected by specific health care entities. Health data collected by websites and apps, and other sources of data, are not protected by HIPAA. As a result, our health data is left vulnerable to be used by anti-abortion and anti-LGBTQIA2S+ groups, or used in prosecutions, or employed for targeted advertising.

[Click here](#) to **ask your legislator to support the Senate version of ESHB 1155**—add your own comments to the suggested message for a more impactful letter!



This Week in the Legislature

One More Week—An Important One!

We really are on the homestretch! But this week is very important because the three budgets, the operational, transportation and capital, will be finalized and voted upon.

This last week is generally a period of negotiation, much of it behind the scenes, and will probably continue until the very end of the session.

Also, when different versions of a bill have been passed in the House and the Senate, a process of reconciliation between the two versions must take place. There can still be some surprises!

There will be no newsletter next Sunday, the last day of this session, April 23rd, but there will be a final one on April 30th, containing some summary (and celebratory!) information. And then a final-final note identifying bills that the governor has signed or vetoed. This will be mid-May, since the governor has a period of time after the end of session to decide about signing bills that have been passed by the

legislature. Also, look for some detailed follow-up in an upcoming League newsletter, the Evergreen Voter, describing successes and failures, and how our League priority legislation fared.

Be sure to note the Action Alert at the top of this page, and take action.

Thanks so much for your valued and consequential participation this session—it matters and it counted!

There are several other ways you can follow the hearings and legislative process:

- Via TVW (Washington State's public affairs [TV network](#)), and
- On the Washington State Legislature [website](#).

Check out the weekly updates for each issue (below) for information on how to testify, and how to sign on PRO or CON to proposed legislation.



The 2023 Legislative Issues

LWWWA Legislative Issues From the 2023 Washington State Legislative Session

Click on an issue to learn more about session results on bills the League supported and "This Week's Updates" to read the issue chair's report on this past week. When a "⚠️" appears next to an update, it indicates there are actions to take for this week. Click on the "⚠️" to be taken to our Action Alerts page.

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Calendar and Events

- The League of Women Voters of Washington's [Biennial Convention](#) will be May 4-7, in Pasco, WA

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