



# Legislative NEWSLETTER

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## 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.*

**No actions to take this week**

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## This Week in the Legislature

### That's a Wrap!

We've heard SINE DIE; bills passed by both houses are either signed or waiting for the Governor's action. It's been quite a session, with many bills reviewed and acted on. We don't have final statistics yet, but there were something like 2,100 bills introduced! All bills that did not pass in this session will be automatically reintroduced in the 2024 session, but must start the process of becoming a law from the beginning. That is, they must redo the policy committee process.

Our Washington legislators worked very hard, and more than a couple of late nights. They deserve our thanks for their hard work, their careful attention to the needs of our state, and passing the bills and budget needed to support them.

Our Lobby Team members get a big round of applause for their devotion to our work. They also put in more than a couple of late nights, studied policies and bills, delivered testimony, talked with legislators and legislative assistants, and watched hours of committee meetings and testimony. Sometimes the effect of a bill changes as amendments are added or other types of changes are made. Attention is required, as well as research into the potential effects of a bill, and the ramifications of changes that are made as the bill passes through both houses. Be sure to check on the wrap up status associated with each area, in this newsletter.

**But our most extensive thanks is to you, our readers, our activists. Your response to our Action Alerts, pro and con submissions on bills, visits, emails and calls to legislators, have made all the difference. We've been able to show that many people care about these issues; you have influenced the outcome. Thank you!**

We'll be back next year, and hope you will be too.

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](#).

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## 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.

#### Democracy

Elections | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Money in Politics | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Education | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Redistricting | [Issue overview](#) | [New task force underway - see updates](#)

#### Environment

Climate Crisis and Energy | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#) (on the webpage)  
Forests | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Growth Management | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Solid Waste Management | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Transportation | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)

#### Social and Economic Policy

Housing and Homelessness | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Health Care | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Behavioral Health | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Children's Services | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Early Care and Education of Young Children | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Criminal Justice | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Revenue | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)  
Gun Safety | [Issue overview](#) | [Read the session wrap-up](#)



## 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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