



# Legislative ACTION Newsletter

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## This Week in the Legislature

### The 2024 Legislature Ended Sine Die, March 7

The final day of the 2024 legislative session was Thursday, March 7. After 60 days in session, *sine die* was called. *Sine die* is a Latin term that references the closing of a session “without day” set for reconvening. This concluded the legislative biennium, as well as the 2024 session. The new biennium begins January 13, 2025, after the 2024 elections.

There were many successes and some disappointments during the biennium, and particularly this year, after which three-fourths of the legislators face reelection. A number of those have decided to retire from the legislature, but most will try to retain their seats. That means that many controversial bills did not get considered or did not pass.

The three supplemental budgets—operating, capital and transportation—were passed in the final days of the session.

Legislators chose to adopt three of the six Initiatives that were signed by the statutorily required number of voters and submitted before the session began. Those included:

- I-2081—Parental Rights;
- I-2111—Prohibiting Income Tax; and
- I-2113—Vehicle Pursuits.

The other three initiatives will go to the November ballot for a vote of the people:

- I-2109—Repeal the Capital Gains Tax;
- I-2124—Long-Term Care; and
- I-2117—Repeal the Climate Commitment Act.

You will read about how decisions affected each of the LWVWA legislative issues in the specific issue pages and weekly updates below.

A huge thank you to the LWVWA Lobby Team for their tireless diligence during this session—and many thanks also to YOU, our readers, for taking action in support of League positions!

There are still two ACT via Zoom sessions left for this year. The March 18 session focuses on news literacy and March 25 on election security. [Register here.](#)



## The 2024 Legislative Issues

### LWVWA Legislative Issues From the 2024 Washington State Legislative Session

Click on an issue overview to learn more about the bills the League is following and "This Week's Updates" to read the issue chair's report on this past week.

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