LWVWA Action Processes & Tools
Marty Gibbins & Cynthia Stewart

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Please type your questions into the Zoom Chat.
Issue Chairs Testify in Committee Hearings
February 24, 2020

Chair Carlyle, Vice Chair Lovelet, Ranking Member Ericksen, and Members of the Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee

Regarding: 2SHB 1853 Developing and coordinating a statewide don’t drip and drive program.

The League of Women Voters of Washington supports 2SHB 1853, and encourages passage out of committee for the following reasons:

- Non-point runoff is a primary source of pollution in our rivers, streams, and lakes.
- Such pollution degrades the habitat of our salmon, shellfish, and other marine life in our surface waters including Puget Sound.
- Polluted water ultimately affects human health, with often the greatest impacts falling on those who can least afford to mitigate it.
- The cost avoidance of not maintaining motor vehicles to minimize leaks is more than offset by the cost transferred to those who depend on clean water sources and the future liability of purifying needlessly polluted water.
Issue Chairs Communicate with Voters

- Legislative Newsletter
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- Washington Legislature information web site

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Welcome to League Action!

If you are a returning participant, thank you for your actions, and more opportunities are below. If you are new to this Legislative Newsletter, here are some helpful tips to get started.

Next Deadline – February 28

The pace seems to be picking up! Legislators have until Friday, February 28, to pass bills out of the policy committees. The first wave of bills will be heard by the Appropriations Committees. Please be in touch if you have questions.
An efficient opportunity for influencing legislation

This Week's Action Alerts!

If you do nothing else this week, these are the most important actions you can take. Responding to these alerts is a great way for you to have a big impact with a very small investment of time.

If you think that you may have missed an earlier Action Alert – the alerts for this session can be found here.

A Once-in-a-decade Opportunity

Since the House of Representatives passed SHB 2575 on February 19, we must now alert our Senators to the importance of passing this bill that increases transparency and accountability and maximizes public input to the Washington State Redistricting Commission.

Tell them you believe in increasing access to democracy, transparency in government processes, and maximizing people’s ability to give input. Tell them you believe in making things better before something goes wrong. Tell them you want the process to work for everyone.

Help make sure SHB 2575 passes the Washington Senate. Email your Senator today with this pre-filled out letter. Don’t forget to add your own story of why access to democracy is important to you.

Support SB 5395, Requiring Comprehensive Sexual Health Education In All Schools

SB 5395 has to be voted out of the House Education Committee by Friday, February 28. It is critical to provide this medically accurate and age-appropriate sexual health education for all students. Urge your Representatives to help pass this bill.

Help Reduce Pollution From Plastic Bags

Single-use thin plastic grocery carryout bags clog recycling equipment and pollute our waterways with trash and smaller bits as they break down. ESSB 5323 will prohibit such bags across the state. Grocery companies, recyclers, and trade organizations support this bill because it makes the regulations uniform across the state. The details in this bill have been thoroughly negotiated, so email your Representatives to help pass it.
Please Support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We need you to contact your Representatives NOW and urge them to support I-1000 which would enable every qualified Washington citizen, regardless of their race, gender, disability or military status to be protected from discrimination when seeking opportunities in public education, public employment or public contracting. Sunday, April 28 is the last day of session and **this is our last chance!**

You can find your Representative's office phone numbers here—hearing a constituent's voice carries the greatest impact if you are able to call. You can also send the brief email below by putting in your address to get connected to your district’s Representatives.

In order to address your message to the appropriate recipient, we need to identify where you are.

[Street Number and Name: *](#) [5 Digit Zip Code: *](#)  

[Submit]
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Subject:
Please support I-1000

Your Letter:

I am writing to urge you to vote to pass I-1000. It is past time to mitigate the harm caused by systemic racism and sexism. This Initiative is a good step in the right direction.

Rep. Lisa Callan
District: Washington Representative
Phone: (360) 786-7876
Fax: (360) 786-1283

Rep. Bill Ramos
District: Washington Representative
Phone: (360) 786-7852
Fax: (360) 786-1283

You can edit the message to your legislators
Finding the Issue web pages from the LNL

**Status and Actions Needed for Legislative Priorities**

Did you follow a specific issue that the League did? Please click on your area(s) of interest to see what happened to those bills that a specific Issue Chair has worked on this session. The issue web pages include the Lobby Team contact information, League positions, and history of bills the League is tracking for this Legislative session. Please realize that you do not need to follow all of these – only select your area of interest and know that there will be others selecting other areas.

**DEMOCRACY**

**Elections:** *NEW UPDATES* Bills encouraging youth voting and citizen engagement and providing state support for election funding PASS!

**Census & Redistricting:** *NEW UPDATES* Redistricting reform work moves to the Commission: Join a Speak Up School, draw maps, and testify in 2021!

**Campaign Finance & Government Ethics:** *NEW UPDATES* Bill to fight foreign campaign interference PASSES!

**Election Security:** *NEW UPDATES* Bill to improve election security breach reporting requirements PASSES!

**FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE & ITS EFFECTS**

**Climate Change:** *NEW UPDATES* Several important climate victories PASS, and with more climate work is still needed!

**Energy:** *NEW UPDATES* Community solar, zero-emission vehicles, and grid reliability PASS!

**NATURAL RESOURCES:** Protect and restore:

**Forests & Rivers:** *NEW UPDATES* Endangered fish protection and motorized suction dredge mining ban PASS!

CURRENT ISSUES

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MEET THE ISSUE CHAIRS
JOIN THE TEAM
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Elections
Improve access to the ballot
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Campaign Finance & Government Ethics
# Bill Tracking

League priority bills are in **bold** below.

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**Weekly Reports**

These weekly updates will provide you with a "deep dive" into the progress of each bill, along with more analysis of the potential impact of the bill if it should pass.

- Week 9 4/15/2021
- Week 8: 4/8/2021
- Week 7: 4/1/2021
- Week 6: 3/26/2021
- Week 5: 3/19/2021
- Week 4: 3/12/2021
- Week 3: 3/5/2021
- Week 2: 2/28/2021
- Week 1: 2/21/2021

**Bill details for each issue in weekly summaries**

**Bills Descriptions** [This info would remain static the whole session]

- **SB 5126** Washington Climate Commitment Act. Creates a cap and trade and invest program on greenhouse gas emissions with an environmental justice task force to ensure equity in implementation.

- **HB 1091** Reducing greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the carbon intensity of transportation fuel. The intent is to reduce greenhouse gas release from the fuels we will continue to use, to improve the air quality by reducing pollution, and to ensure Washington has the incentive to create a clean fuel industry. We think this bill represents an important step in achieving Washington's decarbonization goals.

**Links to legislative details at leg.wa.gov**
Comment to your Legislators at any time

To know more about a particular bill...

SB 6313 - 2019-20
Increasing opportunities for young voters.
Sponsors: Liias, Kuderer, Hunt, Randall, Mullet, Keiser, Billig, Saldaña, DARneille, Hasegawa, Takko, Rolfes, McCoy, Stanford, Das, Dhingra, Lovelett, Nguyen

Companion Bill: HB 2558

Bill Status-at-a-Glance

See Bill History for complete details on the bill

As of Thursday, May 28, 2020 09:25 AM

Current Version: Engrossed - ESB 6313
Current Status: C 208 L 20

Where is it in the process?

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Passed Legislature On Governor’s Desk Governor Acted Session Law

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Bill History

2020 REGULAR SESSION

Jan 15  First reading, referred to State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections. (View Original Bill)
Jan 22  Public hearing in the Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM. (Committee Materials)
Jan 24  Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM. (Committee Materials)
Jan 29  Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections at 8:00 AM. (Committee Materials)

SGTE - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. (View 1st Substitute) (Majority Report)
Minority; do not pass. (Minority Report)

Jan 30  Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Feb 11  Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Feb 13  Held on calendar.
IN THE HOUSE
Feb 17  First reading, referred to State Government & Tribal Relations.
Feb 20  Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations at 10:00 AM. (Committee Materials)
Feb 21  Executive action taken in the House Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations at 8:00 AM. (Committee Materials)
        SGOV - Majority: do pass with amendment(s). (Majority Report)
        Minority: do not pass. (Minority Report)
Feb 25  Referred to Appropriations.
Feb 29  Public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM. (Committee Materials)
Mar 2   Executive action taken in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. (Committee Materials)
        APP - Majority: do pass without amendment(s) by State Government & Tribal Relations. (Majority Report)
        Minority: do not pass. (Minority Report)
        Minority: without recommendation. (Minority Report)
Mar 3   Referred to Rules 2 Review.
        Placed on second reading.
Mar 5   Committee amendment not adopted.
        Committee amendment(s) adopted with no other amendments.
        Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
        Third reading, passed; yeas, 56; nays, 41; absent, 0; excused, 1. (View Roll Calls)

IN THE SENATE
Mar 7   Senate concurred in House amendments.
        Passed final passage; yeas, 27; nays, 21; absent, 0; excused, 1. (View Roll Calls)
Mar 10  President signed.

IN THE HOUSE
Mar 11  Speaker signed.

OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Mar 12  Delivered to Governor. (View Bill as Passed Legislature)
Mar 27  Governor signed.
        Chapter 208, 2020 Laws. (View Session Law)
        Effective date 6/11/2020*.

Available Documents
For a complete list of documents, go to Online Reports Text of a Legislative Document.

Bill Documents  Bill Digests  Bill Reports
Original Bill Senate Bill Report (Orig.)
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Amendment history

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Available Videos

(View links take you to the TW website)
Live video is available at the stated time. Archived video becomes available approximately two hours after the close of the hearing or floor session.

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Archived videos of committee hearings
Leg.wa.gov – a rich source of information
League Positions: our criteria for analyzing legislation and other issues.
If you want to help on an issue...
Communicating with your Legislators

Cynthia Stewart

• Get to know your legislators – now is better than during session
  – Make a phone call
  – Ask for a meeting

• Be familiar with LWVWA legislative priorities
  – You may have a favorite
  – Or encourage legislators to review them all

• Understand the legislative process; that’s what this workshop is all about.
How to Get Your Point Across Well

• Be prepared; be brief

• 5 steps to crafting your message
  – Introduce yourself and where you live
  – Introduce your issue
  – Explain why you care
  – Explain why it’s important to your legislative district (or the state)
  – Make the “ask”: “Will you support ...?”
    “Can we count on you ...?”
We have Strength in Numbers

• Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper.
• Get others involved: Ask friends, neighbors, and colleagues to contact their legislators.
• Join a group working on your issue.
• Organize a forum (invite your legislators)
• Attend Lobby Days
Questions?