



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 sending a suggested, editable email to legislators, encouraging them to vote to promote the League issue in question.

Improve waste reduction and recycling in Washington

The Washington Recycling and Packaging (WRAP) Act will be heard in two committees on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The same bill is being heard in:

- SB 5154 – Environment, Energy & Technology Committee – 1:30 p.m. **(must sign in by 12:30 p.m.)**
- HB 1131 – Environment & Energy Committee - 4:00 p.m. **(must sign in by 3 p.m.)**

The WRAP Act addresses the recycling crisis and the increasing amount of plastic pollution in Washington. The WRAP Act establishes product stewardship for packaging and printed paper, including recycling and reuse targets, accurate labeling provisions and requirements for post-consumer recycled content in plastic tubs, thermoform containers (e.g., clamshells), and single-use cups. Importantly, the WRAP Act includes a “bottle bill” section. Check this [Fact Sheet](#).

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This Week in the Legislature

Democracy Lobby Week Is Almost Here!

[Register now](#) for Democracy Lobby Week, February 6-10. The virtual program will be deep and wide, and will include a number of our Issue Chairs. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your legislators to

discuss our priority legislation. You'll be with other members of your Legislative District. It's a great way to participate in our state government, and to develop a relationship with your representatives and senators. We'll have a panel of legislators on Monday, Feb. 6th, opening evening. The detailed schedule will be on our [website](#) this week.

Week One Was a RUSH!

Last week was the first week of this session, and committee chairs and membership have been established. There have been numerous committee meetings and public hearings. *Committee hearings have a virtual option, so folks who cannot come to Olympia are able to testify, as was the case last year.* This year, the process is handled individually by committee chairs. So far this is working well, and folks from across the state have been able to testify from their homes. You can also watch a great deal of the action via TVW, and keep track of what is happening on the legislature's [website](#).

Thanks to everyone who responded to our Action Alert last week! Several of our Issue Chairs testified on the question of Advisory Votes, and in other areas as well. *Your help by signing in on bills is significant!* **Please read on to find out what's happening this week, and see where your support would be helpful.**

The 2023 Legislative Issues

LWWA 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.

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Calendar and Events

- Democracy Lobby Week, Co-sponsored with Fix Democracy First, **February 6th-9th**, register [here](#).
- WRAP Act Grassroots Demonstration, **Tuesday, January 17 at 12-1 pm** in Olympia at the Capitol - South side of the legislative building. There will be games and educational displays about how packaging design can negatively affect recycling, and how the WRAP Act can improve recycling outcomes in Washington. *Please wear **GREEN** and arrive for a group photo at noon.* [RSVP here](#).



Other Ways to Follow the State Legislature

- Washington State Legislature [website](#).
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