



## 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.

### Urge your Legislators to Abolish Advisory Votes

[SB 5082](#), Abolish Advisory Votes, has been placed on second reading by Senate Rules Committee. This is as far as it got last year. This year, please urge your Senator to support this bill, and Representatives to support its companion HB 1158, which is still in committee. It needs to be put to a Senate floor vote. Required to appear first on the ballot, Advisory Votes, which are costly and confusing, are a barrier to fully voting the ballot. They are non-binding, and are not really a vote. The bill includes other, simpler ways to include fiscal information when needed. As a constituent, please urge your Senator and Representatives to support Abolish Advisory Votes out of committee and to the floor for a vote!

[Click here](#) to ask your Legislators to bring SB 5082/ HB 1158 to a floor vote.

### Support Increasing access to the provisions of the Death with Dignity Act.

Sign in Pro on [SB 5179](#) (Increasing access to the provisions of the Death with Dignity Act). This bill will face opposition by some on religious grounds and by some in the disability community. The bill was passed by initiative in 2007. This simply allows more access to EXISTING provisions in the law. The League has supported this bill over many years.

[Click here](#) to sign in PRO on SB 5179

### Support Traffic Safety for All

The Traffic Safety for All bill helps law enforcement officers focus on traffic stops related to road safety issues such as impaired driving, distracted driving, and speeding – the leading causes of traffic accidents. It also reduces a key contributor to racial and socioeconomic disparities in the criminal justice system caused by unnecessary low-level traffic stops that can lead to debt, involvement with the criminal legal system, and even death. And, it makes our communities safer by providing funds for people to repair their vehicles and take other steps to comply with our traffic laws.

[Click here](#) to Sign in PRO on HB 1513



## This Week in the Legislature

### More, More, More!

Bills, that is. Many bills, both new and refiled from last year, are making their way through policy committees. Our Advocacy team members were very involved delivering testimony in public hearings on a wide range of areas, within our three areas of Democracy, Climate Crisis and Energy, and Social and Economic Policy. Some of the areas where we testified this week are mail-in ballots from overseas, improved voting rights, and voter registration in the Democracy area. In the Climate Crisis and Energy area we testified on protecting carbon stored in forests, reducing plastic pollution, and creating a climate corps for young adults as workforce development. Social and Economic Policy testimony included extended foster care for young adults, regulation of rent increases, and a tax credit for working families. All of our testimony is based on League positions carefully researched and approved by our membership.

The first cutoff for this session, Feb. 17th, is about 2 ½ weeks away. At that time most bills that have not been approved by the policy committees will be eliminated from consideration for this session.

### Events

**Democracy Lobby Week, Feb. 6-10, is almost here. There is still time to join,** and take advantage of an opportunity to meet with your legislators, in the company of fellow constituents. The week includes five evening programs, containing lots of information about the League's priority legislation for this session, and tips for advocating with your representatives and senators. [Click here to sign up!](#)

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

### 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. 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 this week's update](#) ⚠️  
 Money in Politics | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#)  
 Education | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#)  
 Redistricting | [Issue overview](#) | [New task force underway - see updates](#)

#### Environment

Climate Crisis and Energy | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
 Forests | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#)  
 Growth Management | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
 Solid Waste Management | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
 Transportation | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#)

#### Social and Economic Policy

Housing and Homelessness | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️

Health Care | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
Behavioral Health | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
Children's Services | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#)  
Child Custody and Support | [Issue overview](#) | No updates this week  
Early Care and Education of Young Children | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
Criminal Justice | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
Revenue | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#) ⚠️  
Gun Safety | [Issue overview](#) | [Read this week's update](#)

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