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.

Ensure Access to Needed Reproductive Healthcare!

SB 5768, Protecting Access to Abortion Medicine, seeks to protect the right to reproductive freedom by making pregnancy terminations safe and effective before 10 weeks of pregnancy. Medication is now used in more than 50% of abortions have been authorized and used safely for more than 20 years for this purpose by the FDA. Tell your legislators you support access to necessary reproductive healthcare!

Click here to sign-in PRO on SB 5768

This Week in the Legislature

Heading for Wrap Up

We’re in the home stretch now. The next couple of weeks will be very busy with floor votes and budget work. Between now and April 12th there will be long hours of floor votes, including debates and party caucus meetings. Then between April 12th and April 23rd, the two houses will be resolving differences in bills, and in some cases moving to House-Senate conference committees to reach agreement.

The operational, capital and transportation budgets must be passed by both houses, which means lots of negotiating. This is very sensitive and important since revenue forecasts may not be as positive as they have been previous years. It may mean that everything cannot be funded, and choices will have to be made.

Please see the Action Alert, it concerns ensuring a supply of abortion medication for our state, in view of efforts to restrict its availability.

Newsflash!

The House has passed the repeal of advisory votes and the Senate had previously passed it, so there will be no Action Alert on this bill - instead a virtual celebration! This bill, 5082, paraphrasing: Encourages electoral participation and makes ballots more meaningful by abolishing advisory votes.

Thank you for supporting the League’s priorities—and please take action this week!
There are several other ways you can follow the hearings and legislative process:

- Via TVW (Washington State's public affairs TV network), and

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

**LWVWA 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
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- Behavioral Health | Issue overview | Read this week's update ⚠️
- Children's Services | Issue overview | Read this week's update
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- 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

## 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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