



Residents News-Mail

2022 Legislative Update

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Greetings WACCRA Members!

A couple of days ago you got our first News-Mail of 2022 in your inbox. If you haven't seen it yet, please take a few moments to locate it in one of your inboxes. In it, you will find information on how you can renew your WACCRA membership. You can always go to our [website](#) to access membership renewal forms as well

This edition of the News-Mail gives you some information about a handful of Bills moving through the Washington State Legislature. Your WACCRA Board has endorsed support for these Bills, and we invite you to voice your support. As you know, one Mission of our organization is that of Advocate. We advocate for CCRC Residents, and also for WA State Seniors in general. WACCRA is not sponsoring a Bill this year, but we do endorse the Bills listed below because they do address the needs of seniors in Washington State.

A very brief statement about each Bill is given below, with a link. If you have interest in any particular Bill, just click on the link button "About..." and you will be taken to the Washington State Legislature web page for that Bill. There, you can read the Bill, see the progress of the Bill through Committee, and send a comment to the Committee members about the Bill.

A reminder: The Legislative Session this year is short - your comments should be sent within the next month.

Here are the Bills your WACCRA Board supports:

SB 5247: The Multi-state Nurse Licensure Compact in part provides

opportunities for interstate practice by nurses who meet uniform licensure requirements. [About SB 5247](#)

HB 1616: The Charity Care Act makes changes to the Act which requires hospitals to provide medically necessary health care to indigent persons. This bill is sponsored by the Attorney General's Office. [About HB 1616](#)

HB 1646: Codifies the Dementia Action Collaborative to assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias on Washington residents, and to update the Washington State Alzheimer's Plan. [About HB 1646](#)

HB 1732: relates to the Washington Cares Act. As you may know, the Governor announced just before the holiday that the Washington Cares Act was to be placed on hold while revisions were being worked out. HB 1732 is the revision bill. [About HB 1732](#)
[Seattle Times article](#)

UPDATE: HB 1732 WAS SIGNED BY GOV. INSLEE ON JAN. 27, 2022

HB 1802: the “Nothing About Us Without Us Bill” ensures that people with disabilities have full and meaningful access and representation in policy-making processes that impact them. [About HB 1802](#)

HB 1854: relates to requiring insurer coverage for hearing instruments, including those for bone induction. [About HB 1854](#)

Thank you for your interest in Legislation for Seniors and people with disabilities, and for your continued support of WACCRA!

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