



Residents News-Mail

UPDATE: Legislative Committee Report; Great Membership News; Lobbyist Report

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Hello WACCRA Members!

This short News-Mail will get you up to speed on WACCRA's ongoing efforts to secure consumer protections for you, grow our membership and support legislation that helps all seniors in Washington State. Use the links to delve deeper.

Our Current Work with State Regulators

Our Legislative Committee has been continuing its work with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) and the Attorney General's Office (OAG) regarding the \$300,000 Budget Proviso and the report due to Legislature on improving consumer protections and financial transparency to CCRC residents.

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Membership Drive Update

Hats off to the CCRC membership team for all their work during WACCRA's Spring Membership Drive! Due to their hard work, as of March 31st we were able to increase membership by 6.6% and our membership includes residents in 19 Washington CCRCs. We welcome eighty-four new WACCRA members and twenty-one new family members of CCRC residents who also joined this year. Thank you for your support!

With an important Legislative Session coming in 2025, it is critical that we

continue to build membership. Please continue to ask your friends and family to join so your voices can be heard in Olympia. If you have not gotten around to it, there is still time to complete your membership application. You can go to our website waccra.org if you are in need of a membership form, or you can talk with your WACCRA Liaison. Please, join us in our efforts!

2024 Legislative Wrap Up Report from WACCRA's Lobbyist

The Washington State Legislative Session is over, and the various bills and budgets have been signed by Governor Inslee. Several Initiatives were considered with three being passed by the Legislature and three put forward to the voters in the November election. Five bills supported by WACCRA were passed and signed by the Governor while two bills WACCRA supported did not move forward.

There are a number of Representatives and Senators that are either retiring or seeking different offices either here in our state or that other Washington. In addition to the election of new Washington State House representatives which occurs every two years and the election of half of the Senate, a new Governor, a new Attorney General and a new Insurance Commission November's ballot should be full! [Click here](#) for full details.

As always, thank you for your continued support of WACCRA! We could not do this work without you.

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