



Residents News-Mail

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2023 – April 6, 2023

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Hello WACCRA Members!

To all renewing and NEW members: We thank you for your interest in assuring that our CCRC experience is all that it can be by supporting your grass-roots resident organization WACCRA!

While the big 2023 membership drive push is behind us, we are ready to process your renewal if you have not yet renewed! Each renewing member received a custom-printed renewal form from your WACCRA Coordinator or in the mail. If you cannot locate that form, please contact your WACCRA Coordinator, or respond to this News-Mail and we will make sure you get a membership form. You can also download the membership form from our website, waccra.org.

In our January 19th News-Mail, we voiced support for some Bills before the 2023 Legislature. With this News-Mail, we bring you up-to-date on the status of those Bills, and provide an update on our ongoing work with the Legislature regarding the recommendations made in the OIC (Office of Insurance Commissioner) report, made public in December 2022. You can find a link to that report on our website waccra.org

Here is a summary, to date, of progress (or not) on the 5 Bills that WACCRA supports:

HB 1417 Concerning the multistage nurse licensure compact. Enacts the Interstate Nurse Licensure Compact.

This Bill did not make it out of Committee.

HB 1541 Establishing the "Nothing About Us Without Us" Act. The phrase "nothing about us without us" is a mantra that has historically resonated with the disability rights community in advocating for full and direct participation in all decisions that impact their lives.

House: Passed on 3rd reading. Yeas: 83 Nays: 12, March 7, 2023

Senate: First reading, referred to State Government & Elections Committee, March 9, 2023. Public Hearing, March 21; Referred to Ways and Means, March 27; Scheduled for Public Hearing in Ways and Means, March 31.

Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, April 3, 2023.

HB 1431 Clarifying that meals furnished to tenants of Senior Living Communities as part of their rental agreement are not subject to sales and use tax.

House: Referred to Rules 2 Review, Feb. 17, 2023; Passed on 3rd reading, Yeas: 95, Nays: 0, March 16.

Senate: Public Hearing in Ways and Means, March 23.

Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means, April 4, 2023.

Majority; do pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

SB 5640 Establishes a living residents' rights work group to recommend a bill of rights for nonresidents residing in an assisted living facility.

This Bill did not make it out of Committee.

SB 5179 Increasing access to the provisions of the Washington Death with Dignity Act.

House: Passed on 3rd reading, Yeas: 53 Nays: 43, March 24, 2023.

Senate: Passed on 3rd reading, Yeas: 28 Nays: 20, March 10, 2023. **Signed by Senate President, March 29, 2023; Passed the Legislature.**

Companion **HB 1281**

House: Returned for 2nd reading, March 13, 2023.

CURRENT WORK WITH THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DEC. 2022 OIC REPORT

Our Legislative Liaison Committee members and WACCRA's part-time Lobbyist continue to work with Legislators in Olympia, securing support for greater protections for CCRC residents. Currently, we are hoping to secure a budget proviso that will allow us to begin work on recommendations made by the OIC in its December 2022 report.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of WACCRA! Your voice matters to Legislators!

Regards,
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