



Residents News-Mail

The WA State Senate has written a bill (SB5691) called Continuing Care Oversight that addresses many of WACCRA's concerns!

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Exciting news! A bill has been introduced in the Senate by Senator Annette Cleveland, the chair of the Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee, that calls for adopting the recommendations in the Department of Social and Health Services report that address a plan for regulatory oversight of Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

Specifically the bill calls for (a) improvements in consumer protections for CCRC residents, (b) enhanced financial and actuarial reviews by the state, and (c) an ombuds to help resolve disputes for CCRC residents in independent living.

It is now time for CCRC residents to express their support of the bill.

There will be testimony taken next week on Friday morning, February 14, in the Senate Health and Long Term Care committee.

Time is short. You must act NOW.

What YOU can do:

1) Log into the legislative portal and express your support. Here is how you do that:

Start at the committee's "homepage" by clicking this link: CSI

If the pop-up window is blocked, here is the link: https://app.leg.wa.gov/csi/Senate? selectedCommittee=28241&selectedMeeting=32791 Choose the button labeled "SB 5691 Continuing care oversight"

Then select: "I would like my position noted for the legislative record" – this is where you can indicate by clicking on the box Position that you are PRO the bill.

- 2) Call or write the Senator and Representatives from your Legislative District (LD). Encourage them to support this bill. Contact information below.
- 3) Sign up to testify on Friday 14 February. Make a plan to carpool to Olympia on Friday and to testify / show your support for protecting resident's rights.
- 4) Support SB 5606 too. It will fund the omsbuds.

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