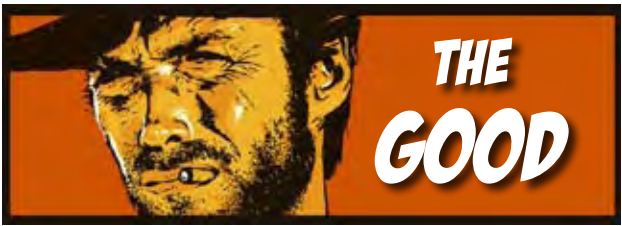


What didn't get a vote

Lots of legislation affecting working families never gets a floor vote. Here are some of these bills and the legislators who sponsored them. (Democrats in bold.)



■ HB 1095—Protects patient safety by establishing safe nurse staffing levels at hospitals.

SPONSOR: Rep. **Tami Green** (D-28th)

CO-SPONSORS: **Eileen Cody, Dawn Morrell, Chris Reykdal, Sherry Appleton, Cindy Ryu, John McCoy, Steve Bergquist, Gerry Pollet**

■ HB 1313/SB 5594—Establishing statewide minimum standards for Paid Sick and Safe Leave.

SPONSORS: Rep. **Laurie Jinkins** (D-27th) and Sen. **Nick Harper** (D-38th)

CO-SPONSORS: Reps. **Jessyn Farrell, Dawn Morrell, Tami Green, Hans Dunshee, Kristine Lytton, David Sawyer, Mike Sells, Joe Fitzgibbon, Marcus Riccelli, Jim Moeller, Sherry Appleton, Chris Reykdal, Mary Helen Roberts, Cindy Ryu, Gerry Pollet, Luis Moscoso, Sens. Steve Conway, Karen Keiser, Sharon Nelson, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Bob Hasegawa, Adam Kline, David Frockt, Paull Shin, Maralyn Chase**

■ HB 1440/SB 5526—Addressing wage theft & employee misclassification in the underground economy.

SPONSORS: Rep. **John McCoy** (D-38th) and Sen. **Steve Conway** (D-29th)

CO-SPONSORS: Reps. **Pat Sullivan, Cindy Ryu, Mike Sells, Tami Green, Eileen Cody, Luis Moscoso, Roger Goodman, Steve Bergquist, Marcus Riccelli, Sam Hunt, Joe Fitzgibbon, Gerry Pollet, Larry Seaquist, Mary Helen Roberts, Timm Ormsby, Monica Stonier, Eric Pettigrew, Kevin Van De Wege, Zack Hudgins, Chris Reykdal, Brian Blake, Roger Freeman, Jim Moeller, Laurie Jinkins, Sherry Appleton, Ruth Kagi, and Sens. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Karen Keiser, Bob Hasegawa, Kevin Ranker, Karen Fraser, Sharon Nelson, Nick Harper, Christine Rolfes, Brian Hatfield, Steve Hobbs, Paull Shin, Adam Kline**

■ HB 1490/SB 5387—Providing interest arbitration for Department of Corrections employees.

SPONSORS: Rep. **Mike Sells** (D-38th) and Sen. **Kirk Pearson** (R-39th)

CO-SPONSORS: **Chris Reykdal, Steve Tharinger, Gerry Pollet, Maureen Walsh, Tami Green, Joe Fitzgibbon, Roger Goodman, Mike Hope, Luis Moscoso, Roger Freeman, Kristine Lytton, Timm Ormsby, Derek Stanford, Cindy Ryu, Marko Liias, Jake Fey, Steve Bergquist; and Sens. Steve Conway, Bob Hasegawa, Pam Roach**

■ HB 1953/SB 5773—Allowing local transportation districts the option of raising their own revenue.

SPONSORS: Rep. **Marko Liias** (D-21st) and Sen. **Nick Harper** (D-38th)

CO-SPONSORS: Reps. **Luis Moscoso, Derek Stanford, Mary Helen Roberts, Hans Dunshee, Mike Sells, John McCoy, Cindy Ryu, Jake Fey; and Sens. Tracey Eide, Paull Shin, Rosemary McAuliffe, Sharon Nelson, David Frockt, Adam Kline**



■ SB 5275/HB 1150—Creating a sub-minimum wage for new employees.

SPONSORS: Sen. **Janéa Holmquist Newbry** (R-13th) and Rep. **Cary Condotta** (R-12th)

CO-SPONSORS: Sens. **John Braun, Randi Becker, Tim Sheldon, Mark Schoesler, John Smith, Jim Honeyford; and Reps. Matt Manweller, Jeff Holy, Shelly Short, Liz Pike, Chad Magendanz, Kevin Parker**

■ SB 5728—Banning cities and counties from enacting Paid Sick and Safe Leave ordinances.

SPONSOR: Sen. **John Braun** (R-20th)

CO-SPONSORS: **Mike Padden, Rodney Tom, Mark Schoesler, Barbara Bailey, Don Benton**



■ SB 5935—Making Washington a so-called “right-to-work” (for less) state.

SPONSOR: Sen. **Michael Baumgartner** (R-6th)

CO-SPONSORS: None

2013 VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

SENATE

1 ESSB 5127 (Holmquist Newbry)—**Expanding lump-sum buyouts** in workers’ compensation by lowering age restrictions. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 30-19, Feb. 4)

2 ESSB 5312 (Hobbs)—**Expanding payday loans** that allow high fees and promote long-term debt. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 30-18, Feb. 20)

3 ESSB 5242 (Litzow)—Circumventing collective bargaining agreements to make it **easier for school administrators to fire teachers**. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 27-22, Mar. 6)

4 ESSB 5328 (Litzow)—Creating a punitive new **letter-grading system for public schools**. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 26-23, Mar. 6)

5 SB 5158 (Braun)—Creating “**good-faith defense**” for employers that violate minimum wage and overtime pay laws. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 25-24, Mar. 11)

6 ESB 5726 (Braun)—**Undermining local paid sick leave ordinances** by creating geographic limitations. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 29-20, Mar. 11)

7 ESSB 5684 (King)—**Exempting certain workers from prevailing wage standards** on public works projects. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 26-23, Mar. 12)

8 ESB 5903 (Braun)—**Repealing Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act**. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 27-21, Apr. 22)

9 ESSB 5905 (Hill)—**Eliminating health insurance** for part-time state employees and college faculty. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 25-23, Apr. 22)

10 2ESSB 5895 (Hill)—**Raiding public works funds** to fund education rather than closing tax loopholes. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 25-23, Apr. 23)

11 ESSB 5851 (Bailey)—**Replacing state employee pensions** with 401(k) style defined-contribution plan. “Right” vote: NO (Passed 25-22, Apr. 25)

12 ESSB 5127 (Holmquist Newbry)—Special session revote on **expanding lump-sum buyouts** (see Vote #1). “Right” vote: NO (Passed 27-18, June 9)

HOUSE

1 EHB 1470 (Ormsby)—Extends workers’ compensation **vocational rehabilitation pilot program**. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 96-0, Feb. 18)

2 SHB 1536 (Seaquist)—Including **labor representative on community college boards of trustees**. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 58-40, Mar. 4)

3 SHB 1413 (Moscoso)—**Washington Voting Rights Act**. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 53-44, Mar. 7)

4 EHB 1891 (Reykdal)—**Increasing safety and health protections**. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 65-32, Mar. 8)

5 HB 1348 (Reykdal)—**Step pay increases for academic employees** at community and technical colleges. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 61-36, Mar. 8)

6 ESHB 1922 (Moscoso)—**Supporting apprenticeship programs** on state Department of Transportation work. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 57-41, Mar. 9)

7 ESHB 1753 (Jinkins)—**Granting collective bargaining rights** for language access providers/interpreters. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 55-42, Mar. 11)

8 ESHB 1817 (Hudgins)—Granting U.S.-born children of immigrants, or “**Dreamers,**” **access to college financial aid**. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 77-20, Mar. 13)

9 ESHB 2038 (Carlyle)—**Closing certain tax loopholes** to meet the state’s obligation to improve education funding. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 50-47, Apr. 24)

10 ESHB 1954 (Clibborn)—**Transportation funding package**. “Right” vote: YES (Passed 51-41, June 27)

It's time to build labor's political farm team

By KAREN DEAL

For decades, the labor movement has been frustrated by corporate influence over government at the local, state and federal levels. It has blocked a progressive pro-worker agenda and forced unions to defend against attacks on basic worker rights and social safety nets. Look no further than this year’s legislative session to see plenty of examples.

But there’s hope. We can recruit, train and support our own leaders to run for elected office. While organized labor will continue to support the best pro-worker candidates running for office, unions must also look long-term and identify our farm team of candidates from within our movement and among our community partners.

To accomplish this, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO needs your help.

Our intention is to build a team of viable, high-quality, pro-worker candidates to run for office in all corners of the state. We imagine most of them may begin with a campaign for school board or a fire commission, some of them may begin with the State Legislature, and some may not be ready to run for another 10 years. But we need to find, recruit, prepare and train them now.

The WSLC plans to hold a short training this year in six to eight locations around the state for union members and community part-

ners who may seek elected office in the future. Many of these people aren’t even thinking about running right now, but you know who they are. They’re our community partners, your top shop stewards, your Executive Board members, your PAC members, and perhaps even your staff. The idea of this training is to get folks to think about running in the future, not to commit now, but to be part of labor’s farm team.

Our intention is to have a WSLC committee assess the candidates once they get close to running for office and to provide our affiliates and the Central Labor Councils the background information they need on a candidate’s viability so we can determine together when one of our own is ready to run.

Once a farm team member is assessed and endorsed, the WSLC will work with the candidate directly in connecting them to our community partners and allies, including providing strategic campaign assistance and training, and Labor Neighbor assistance where appropriate.

Please take a look at the leadership potential within your union. As you think about who your union’s potential farm team members are, please call WSLC Political Director Karen Deal at 206-254-4910 with names and information about how to contact these members.

Thank you for your help in building this new, exciting program!

SENATE



* As a courtesy, Sen. Jim Hargrove (D) voted on behalf of the late Sen. Mike Carrell (R) while he was absent due to illness. Those votes were not included in Sen. Hargrove's voting record. Rep. Steve O'Ban was appointed to fill Sen. Carrell's seat in June.

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