

Washington Family Leave Coalition: Campaign 2007 Update

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Dear Friends of Family Leave:

[Substitute Senate Bill 5659](#)

Senator Karen Keiser introduced the Family and Medical Leave Insurance bill. Co-sponsors include: Sen. Kohl-Welles (D-36th), Sen. Fairley (32nd), Sen. Franklin (29th), Sen. Brown (3rd), and Sen. Kline (37th).

Like HB 1658, SSB 5659 provides for up to 5 weeks of leave for the birth or placement of a new child, care of a seriously ill family member (child, spouse, domestic partner, or parent), or for the worker's own serious illness. Benefits would be \$250 per week, financed by a premium of 2 cents per hour worked paid by workers – about \$40 per year for a full time worker, or \$3.50 per month.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS TODAY!

Deadlines are coming!

Bills must pass out of the House Appropriations Committee by Saturday, March 3rd and the Senate Ways and Means Committee by next Monday, March 5th.

- **Members serving on these important committees are listed below by districts with their email addresses. (Find your district at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>)**
- **Email a brief message: 2 or 3 lines**
 - **Pass Family and Medical Leave Insurance**
 - Share your family or medical leave experiences or those of a loved one with your Legislators. Talk about how this program would benefit you and your family.
 - Use the *Washington Family and Medical Leave Insurance Quick Facts* (attached) and write a short message highlighting why you believe family and medical leave insurance is important.

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