

Washington Family Leave Coalition: Campaign 2007 Update

March 1, 2007

Dear Friends of Family Leave:

Family Leave on the Move: Your Voice is Essential

Both House and Senate Family and Medical Leave Insurance Bills Have Passed Out of Their Policy Committees

- HB 1658 passed out of the House Commerce and Labor Committee on Friday, February 23rd and must pass out of the House Appropriations Committee on **Saturday, March 3rd**.
- SB 5659 passed out of the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research and Development Committee, Tuesday, February 27th and must pass out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on **Monday, March 5th**.

New Statewide Poll Finds Strong Support Across the State for Family and Medical Leave Insurance

A poll of Washington state voters found strong support for the family and medical leave insurance proposal. Overall, **71%** supported the proposal, saying it would promote good family values, give workers peace of mind to care for a new child or elderly parent without fear of losing their job or facing financial crisis, and be good for the economy.

**Your efforts have gotten Family Leave this far
Now let's take it the rest of the way –
SO, LET'S HEAR YOUR VOICE!**

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**.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS TODAY!

- Members serving on these important committees are listed below (by district) 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 HB 1658 and SB 5659 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.

Appropriations

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