

Washington Family Leave Coalition: Campaign 2007 Update

March 15, 2007

Dear Friends of Family Leave:

Senate Passed Family Leave Bill on March 14, 2007 with a Bipartisan Vote of 32 – 17

You did it! Thanks for your calls and emails.
Now Let's Move Family Leave Insurance through the House Committees
and onto the House Floor for a final vote !

- **Call or Email your Two Representatives and Urge them to Support Family Leave Insurance.**
- **Call or Email your Senator and Thank her/him for Supporting Family Leave Insurance (see the list of supporting Senators below)**

Find your legislator's email or phone number: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

Hearing for Family Leave Insurance Bill on Tuesday, March 20th at 1:30

House Commerce and Labor Committee to hear Family Leave Insurance Bill

John L O'Brien Building, Hearing Room C

Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Directions to the Capitol - <http://www.leg.wa.gov/WorkingwithLeg/>

- **Come to the hearing.** Everyone is welcome to attend. *Please sign in at the hearing as a supporter of SB 5659 Family Leave Insurance*
- Call ahead and make appointments with your legislators or stop by their offices and leave them a note asking them to Pass SB 5659 Family Leave Insurance

Email a brief message: 2 or 3 lines or call the hotline 1-800-562-6000

- Pass SB 5659 Family Leave Insurance (See fact sheet attached)
- Share your family leave experiences or those of a loved one with your Legislators. Talk about how this program would benefit you and your family.

SB 5659 Family Leave Insurance

SB 5659 was amended in the Senate. (See fact sheet attached)

It 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), but no longer covers 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 (pro-rated for part-time workers).

Supporting Senators –Thank you to Senators Benton, Berkey, Brown, Eide, Fairley, Franklin, Fraser, Hargrove, Hatfield, Hobbs, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kauffman, Keiser, Kilmer, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Marr, McAuliffe, Murray, Oemig, Poulsen, Prentice, Pridemore, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Shin, Spanel, Tom, and Weinstein.