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Dear Friends of Family Leave:

LET'S PUMP UP THE VOLUME !

PLEASE TELL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND THE GOVERNOR

THIS IS THE YEAR FOR FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE

Where Does Family Leave Insurance Go From Here?

SB 5659 Family Leave Insurance must pass out of the House Commerce and Labor Committee, Appropriations Committee, and the full House of Representatives by April 13, 2007. Then it goes to the Governor to be signed into law.

Call or Email your Two Representatives and Governor Gregoire today.

Find your Representative's email or phone numbers at:

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

Call the Governor at 360-902-4111 or email her at:

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/default.asp>

Call the Legislative Hotline at 800-562-6000

- **Email a brief message:** Share your family leave experiences or those of a loved one with your Representatives and the Governor. Talk about how this program would benefit you and your family.
- **URGE YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO PASS SB 5659 FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE** (See the attached fact sheet)
- **URGE GOVERNOR GREGOIRE TO SIGN FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE INTO LAW** (See the attached fact sheet)

2SSB 5659 Family Leave Insurance

2SSB 5659 was amended in the Senate. (See the attached fact sheet)

It now 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 a 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).