

To Do list for Lobby Day.

- 1) Register for Lobby Day. (link in our events calendar) Register using this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlce6qqT4oGNyYz5FUNE7dynWpAh0Vz7yc
- 2) Invite your branch members to join you on Lobby Day and ask them to register.
- 3) Sign up for the weekly legislative update "This Week in Olympia" from Nancy Sapiro our legislative consultant. Use this <u>link</u> (link also on our home page and public policy page)
- 4) Ask your branch members to sign up for This Week in Olympia.
- 5) Check to see what districts your members live in and if other branches share your districts. SIf you have more than one district, try to find a member from each district who would take the lead in meeting with their district legislators.
- 6) Check to see which other branch has members in your legislative districts and coordinate with their public policy chair for meetings. If your legislator(s) were in office last session check their Scorecard for 2024 bills to see how they voted on AAUW bills. You may find it helpful to refer to this information when you talk to them and to know where they stand issues. You can ask them why they vote for or against a bill as friendly inquiry to try to get to know them and their priorities.
- 7) Contact information for your legislators:
 - a. Check the WA state webpage 2025 roster https://app.leg.wa.gov/Rosters/Members to find their most current legislative assistants name and email. This is your main contact person be very nice them.
 - b. Check to see what bill they are primary sponsor on is it a bill of interest to AAUW? Check our folder: Bills Under Review.
 - c. Check what committees your legislators are on.
 - You can view the committee work sessions and hearings by searching <u>here</u> or go to main page and click on billings, meetings and sessions: https://leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/
 - ii. Most legislators only know well the bills that come through their committees and a few others they may be following closely and bills in the NEWS or that their constituents or colleagues tell them about.
- 8) Send an email to your legislators letting them know AAUW-WA Lobby Day is January 27th.
 - a. Ask the meet with them (in-person or virtually) to advocate for issues you care about as an AAUW member. Take any meeting time they offer!!! They are super busy and book up fast.
 - b. If you can't set up a meeting, let them know you will email with a list of bills AAUW is supporting and key talking points. See sample "save the date" email and sample "Bills AAUW supports" email. [these documents will be in our folder soon].
- 9) Follow-up periodically, for example, thank them for voting for a bill if they did, or for sponsoring a new bill on AAUW's list or that you like.
- 10) Other good advocacy actions:
 - a. Sign up for their newsletter.
 - b. Go to one of their town hall meetings.
 - c. Invite them for coffee and conversation once the session is over.