



IE All Group Meeting **NOTES**

March 16, 2024 3:00 - 4:30 - 90 minutes

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Welcome!

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Initiatives Update

Show 5 minutes from WIP **Wrapping Up the 2024 Legislative Session w/ Senator Manka Dhingra**
https://youtu.be/m-uSob_Atgo

3 Initiatives passed by the legislature- having six initiatives on the ballot in November is risky for some of the most impactful. This will allow more resources to combat the remaining three that will be on the ballot in November.

- Ban Income Tax - Current law in our constitution does not allow for an income tax already. The Office of Financial Management says there is no fiscal impact for this passing.
- Parents Bill of Rights - Current law already has these provisions. Every child who is LGBTQI is protected by HIPPA laws. If there is any fallout from this, the legislature can make a fix, whereas if it passed on the November ballot the legislature cannot fix it.
- Roll back Police Pursuits - The law against vehicular pursuits initially passed in 2021, but now it has been completely repealed. Most likely for political reasons.

Show 5 minutes from [March 11 WIN meeting - Rosey Barber from FUSE WA](#).

- I-2109 - repeal Capital Gains Tax - This would take away 800 million to education and children.
- I-2117 - Roll back Climate Commitment Act (CCA) - Really important for reaching our climate goals.
- I-2124 - WA Cares (Long term care) - 8 billion for people who need long term care.

There will be three big campaigns for this as well as one combined one from Fuse Washington called Defend WA to take on the whole slate.

Defend WA Volunteer Sign-Up -

https://fusewashington.actionkit.com/signup/DefendWA_Volunteer_interest/

Donate to Defend WA - <https://fusewashington.actionkit.com/donate/VOTERSDEC2023/>

Learn about the 3 Initiatives in FUSE's Blog: <https://fusewashington.org/news/blog>

Sign up to receive alerts from the No on I-2117 (climate commitment act rollback) campaign: <https://NoOnI2117.com/>

Legislative Update

Listen to Wrapping Up the 2024 Legislative Session w/ Senator Manka Dhingra - will also be in Monday's newsletter

- YouTube https://youtu.be/m-uSob_Atgo

In 2024 (60 days) WILA bill trackers hosted or promoted 304 Action Alerts on 147 bills resulting in 13,714 actions being taken with an additional 2,562 click-throughs (total 16,276). 49 of the bills we actively supported were passed by the legislature.

During the past two months, state legislators in Olympia passed a stack of 359 bills that Gov. Jay Inslee has been working through signing into law this week.

Highlights: (Sen. Manka Dhingra covers those marked with (Manka) in the podcast)

Climate

- Advancing geothermal energy exploration
- Reducing Food waste in WA
- Grant program for school districts to transition to electric busses (Paid for by Climate Commitment Act) (Manka)
- Assisting with electrification of school buses.
- Banning a dangerous pesticide that harms bees.

Good Government

- Banned Child Marriage (Manka)
- Improve Working Families Tax Credit (Manka)
- Strengthened Election Security
- Banned mandatory anti-union meetings - employees can opt-out without ramification
- Expansion human trafficking laws (Manka)
- Supporting sexual assault victims (Manka)
- Easier to change your address when moving between WA counties.

Education:

- more funding for paraeducators

- increased support for special ed
- stopped would-be book bans
- LGBTQ+ representation in K-12 curriculum

Housing:

- \$127 million for Housing Trust Fund
- Utility bill relief for 750K households
- allow co-living housing (also known as single-room occupancy) within an urban growth area
- Cut the fat from numerous zoning regulations to unlock more kinds of homes for Washingtonians,

Gun Safety:

- Penalties for not reporting lost or stolen guns
- Gun Dealer Security measures
- Banning open carry at Libraries, zoos, aquariums, transit stations (Manka) - expands laws passed in previous years
- Allowing State Patrol to destroy seized guns

Police Accountability:

- banned “hog tying”

Criminal Justice Reform:

- stronger “hate-crime” laws

Healthcare:

- Protect Abortion Providers
- Expand behavioral Health Services
- Expands Basic Healthcare for undocumented immigrants (Manka) - helps keep people out of using expensive ER services.

Other:

- Banning cosmetics that were tested on animals
- From Jan K in chat: PSE gas utility bill (requiring them to plan for transitioning off gas).

It's detailed, but it's well written:

<https://www.sightline.org/2024/03/14/how-governor-inslee-can-rebalance-was-utility-decarbonization-bill/>

WIN Workshops

People First Redistricting Reform: Better Redistricting for Better Representation w/ Alison McCaffree - League of Women Voters of WA

Learn how our bi-partisan Redistricting Commission failed us in 2021 - leading to a Federal lawsuit, potentially 13 legislative districts redrawn and over 300,000 people redistricted and countless taxpayer dollars wasted.

April 6th 10:30-12pm

Register Today @ https://bit.ly/Redist_Reform2024

2024 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Series w/Lillian Hawkins and LaTricia Kinlow

In order to save our democracy, grass-roots organizers must have the awareness, skills & language to be good partners & collaborators without doing harm.

- Understanding and Mitigating the Impact of Implicit Bias and Stereotype
- Intersections of Identity and Racial Privilege
- Racial Microaggressions: What are They and Why are they Harmful

**April 20th, April 27th and May 4th
10:30am - 12pm**

Open to All!

Register Today @ https://bit.ly/2024_DEI_Series

These are stand alone workshops - attend 1, 2 or all of them!

Reach out to Robin at washindivisible@gmail.com with any questions.

Speaker: Melissa Taylor from King County Dems - Why to Become a PCO

Email that went out last week:

<https://mailchi.mp/e4c833289bb8/indivisible-eastside-pco-2024-unknown>

See the slide deck at the top of this page for the information.

King County has 2,700 precincts, 1,100 have PCO's, so we need 1,600 more people. 80% of PCO's are uncontested and therefore will not appear on the ballot. They are just automatically elected.

Freedom Writers Collaborative:

You can share these videos and use their toolkits on your social media.

Social Media Campaign: Shout it from the Rooftops <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIqDxrbKTkY>
<https://share.demcastusa.com/campaign/7E0CE714-4AEF-49F6-92B8-7E201113EF53>

Announcements:

- **Next meeting April. 13th, 3:00-4:30pm at the Kirkland Library.**

Announcements from Members

State and National Democratic Conventions are coming up and the LD's are selecting delegates. This year the State Democratic Convention is being held in Bellevue at Meydenbauer Center, so super convenient for all of us! The party platform is created by these delegates at the convention.

How to become a delegate: <https://wadelegateregistration2024.com/>

See who is running to be a delegate in your LD:

<https://wadelegateregistration2024.com/delegate-candidate-directory/>

Tuesday 3/23 is Sustainable Bellevue Townhall at Crossroads Community Center. Register here. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sustainable-bellevue-townhall-tickets-837945115397>