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Teamsters Local 117

News for DOC Teamsters - 2012 Legislative Session in Olympia



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GREAT NEWS! Uniform bill passes House 92-3 Bill faces difficult test in the Senate - your support needed!



DOC Teamsters at House hearing on uniform bill.

We have some exciting news to report out of Olympia! The correctional officer uniform bill - HB 2346 - passed out of the House of Representatives on a vote of 92-3! If enacted, HB 2346 would exempt correctional officers from wearing uniforms made by inmates.

BILL REVERTED TO ORIGINAL FORM

Better yet, the bill passed in its original form without three proposed amendments that would have weakened the bill.

This is a fantastic victory! Thank you to all of

the Teamsters at DOC who testified, lobbied, made phone calls, and sent emails to voice your support. Your tireless work made all the difference. It should also be noted that this victory would not have been possible without the tremendous work of your Local Union's Lobbyist Teresita Torres. *Thank you, Teresita!*

UNIFORM BILL MOVES ON TO THE SENATE!

Now begins what is likely to be an uphill battle in the Senate. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Human Services and Corrections Committee, with Senator James Hargrove (D -24) as its chair.

The bill is scheduled for a committee hearing on Thursday, February 23 at 10 AM.

To keep the bill alive, we need as many correctional employees as possible to come to Olympia to show your support. We will also be looking for members to testify at the hearing. To RSVP or for more information, contact Lily Wilson-Codega at 206-794-2606.

Once again, congratulations on getting this important bill passed out of the House!

EHB 2011 - Interest arbitration dies in the House Bill misses February 14 deadline - the fight for safety at DOC continues!

On February 14, we passed the deadline for bills to receive a vote on the House floor and EHB 2011 - safety-related interest arbitration for correctional employees - was not heard.

This means that the bill is officially dead for this legislative session.

This is a tremendous disappointment for everyone who has worked so hard in trying to achieve interest arbitration rights for correctional workers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you to everyone who testified, lobbied, made phone calls, and sent emails in support of the bill. In the end, the perceived economic impact was too great a hurdle

to overcome in light of the current budget crunch.

The fight for safety at DOC is far from over. We will be pushing to pass interest arbitration legislation for correctional employees next session and calling on you to talk with your fellow Teamsters and your representatives about the importance of this bill for DOC.

County correctional employees, the State Patrol, local police officers, firefighters and other law enforcement and public safety professionals have broad interest arbitration rights.

It is due time that our State's Correctional Employees are afforded this basic protection.

Come to Olympia for your
Local Union's 2nd

LOBBY DAY!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Meet in Olympia at 8:30 AM



Teamsters meeting with Legislators on Feb 1.

Our elected leaders in Olympia have the power to prevent job loss and ensure safe working conditions for many Teamsters across Washington State.

Please join us for your Local Union's second lobby day of 2012. We will be meeting with legislators throughout the day to discuss:

- ✓ Public safety & staff safety at DOC
- ✓ Uniforms for correctional officers
- ✓ Job creation
- ✓ Revenue for public safety
- ✓ Healthcare
- ✓ Retirement security

The group will meet on Thursday, February 23 at the Capitol in Olympia at 8:30 AM. For more info., contact Lily Wilson-Codega at 206-794-2606.

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard!

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