



TEAMSTERS LOCAL 117

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



2016 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Protect those who protect us

Extend assault benefits for DOC employees



Protect the privacy of public employees

Modify the Public Records Act to Protect Public Employees



Support pregnant workers

Pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act



Fair and sustainable revenue



Promote the Shared Prosperity Agenda



Thank you for your membership in Teamsters Local 117

Public Service Matters

Members lobby lawmakers on why public service matters

A group of Teamsters spent President's Day in Olympia, seeking out legislators in their offices, and pulling them from the Senate floor to discuss our legislative priorities.

Our **Public Service Matters lobby day** was a chance for members to establish relationships with their representatives, and remind lawmakers about the services public employees provide to our communities.

We focused on two bills that are especially important to Local 117 members working in the public sector.

SB 5678 would amend the Public Records Act to protect the privacy of

public employees, while **SB 6286** would extend assault benefits for our state's correctional employees.

Randy Marquis, a Shop Steward and heavy equipment operator at the City of Tacoma, spoke about his experience.

"I had an absolute blast! This was my first time lobbying in Olympia, but it will definitely not be my last. I felt that the legislators we got to talk to were very courteous and willing to listen. It was fascinating to see how things get done in our state government," he said.

We will certainly repeat the event and hope to expand it for next year.

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State Senate and House Pass Assault Benefits

Legislators in both chambers vote unanimously to extend assault benefits for DOC employees

Both the Washington Senate and House voted unanimously to pass our proposal to extend assault benefits for correctional employees.

Our bills have made excellent progress because hundreds of Local 117 members have taken the time to

contact their legislators through email, phone calls, and in-person visits.

At our Public Service Matters lobby day on February 13, we were able to speak directly with 45 out of 49 Senators about the bill. We also met with dozens of legislators in both the House and

Senate at our DOC lobby day on January 25.

Thank you to all of the people who have worked so hard to pass the bill. This is another strong indication that your voice really does make a difference.

BOOST OUR ECONOMY, RAISE UP WASHINGTON!

One of our biggest electoral priorities this year is re-balancing our economy in favor of the middle class and expanding opportunities for all Washingtonians.

We have endorsed Initiative 1433, which would phase in a \$13.50 minimum wage by 2020 and provide all workers with access to earned sick and safe leave.

This initiative will lift up 730,000 low-wage workers and add about \$2.5 billion to our state's economy each year.

We are part of a coalition of labor and community groups that will be gathering signatures to put the initiative on the ballot this November.

The campaign will kickoff March 5 at 8:30 AM at the Washington State Labor Council office in Seattle. We will be going out into the community to talk to voters and collect signatures.



► If you'd like to join us or volunteer, please call Dustin Lambro at 206-794-2606. **Together we can raise up Washington!**



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