

BOG Legislative Committee – Meeting Minutes March 7, 2016

Members present: Phil Brady, Bill Hyslop, Elijah Forde, Mario Cava, Robin Haynes, Sean Davis

Staff present: Paula Littlewood, Jean McElroy, Debra Carnes, Alison Grazzini, Mike Shaw, Dana King



SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
Meeting minutes	N/A	Vote in approval for meeting minutes	No objections Moved: Gov. Forde Seconded: Gov. Haynes

Bill report

- WSBA-request bill, SB 6205, was passed by the House on March 3rd with 98 yeas, 6 nays, and 1 excused.
- SB 6205 was not amended, so it will go to the Governor for a signature.

Bill Watch List

- Alison mentioned that some bills on the Bill Watch List did not pass the March 5th cutoff date, therefore, will not be moving to final passage.

ESSB 5029: Concerning the uniform fiduciary access to digital assets act

- The Elder Law and RPPT Sections worked extensively on ESSB 5029 in collaboration with Sen. Pedersen.
- Alison mentioned that the work put into ESSB 5029 displays a great example of collaborative policymaking on behalf of WSBA.

SHB 2496: Concerning pro bono legal services for military service members, veterans, and their families.

- SHB 2496 did not pass the March 5th cutoff date.
- The LAMP Section was named in the bill so WSBA Legislative Affairs has been following this bill closely.

- Alison conveyed that this bill will be a part of interim conversations as it is a priority of the Attorney General. The discussions will be monitored by WSBA Legislative Affairs.

Additional information

- Alison stated that Gov. Inslee signed one bill into law last week which was E2SSB 6195: Concerning basic education obligations.
- Legislature has until 11:59PM on March 10, Sine Die, to work out budget negotiations.
- Gov. Inslee believes that not enough progress has been made regarding the budget. He stated that he will veto bills if the Legislature cannot come to a budget consensus by March 10. Alison plans on watching this closely since the WSBA-request bill has been sent to the Governor for a signature.
- Alison conveyed that the House did not make significant budget cuts to the court system.
- Alison reported that some committees have held interim planning sessions. She attended the hearing for the House Judiciary Committee where Chair Laurie Jenkins, D-Tacoma, mentioned she wants to focus more on guardianships and mental health issues.
- Alison mentioned that WSBA Sections may be involved with interim work sessions and can act as subject matter experts on different issues.
- Alison conveyed that issues regarding adjudicative proceedings will be another topic of interest during the interim session.
- Issues such as deadly force have a large constituency, so this will be an interim discussion priority.
- Alison also relayed there may be a special session; Gov. Inslee can call a special, 30-day session and the Legislature may take the full 30 days to finalize an operating budget.

Outreach

- Alison stated that issues discussed over the interim may provide opportunities for WSBA Sections to engage in the legislative process. The discussions will continue to build a foundation for the 2017 legislative session and potential future WSBA-request bills.
- Alison also mentioned that the makeup of the Legislature may change significantly next year due to the outcome of the fall elections.
- Alison conveyed that she would like to further connect with WSBA Sections to get an idea about how the legislative process has worked for them.
- President Bill Hyslop mentioned that he was grateful that the WSBA-request bill has made final passage and congratulated Alison. She mentioned that the WSBA Business Law Section was great to work with in moving the bill through the legislative process.

**Gov. Davis made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Gov. Haynes; no objections.
Meeting adjourned by Gov. Brady at 4:17PM on Monday, March 7, 2016.**