

## BOG Legislative Committee – Meeting Minutes February 22, 2016

**Members present:** Phil Brady, Elijah Forde, Sean Davis, Mario Cava, Angela Hayes, Robin Haynes

**Staff present:** 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. Hayes
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The authorization for the Civil Rights Law Section to comment publicly on HB 1745: Voting Rights Act	HB 1745	Vote in approval for the Civil Rights Law Section to propose a draft letter	No objections  Moved: Gov. Forde Seconded: Gov. Cava

#### Bill Report

- WSBA-request bill, SB 6205, will have a public hearing in the House Judiciary Committee, February 23.
- Alison is confident the request bill will pass House Judiciary by Friday, the policy committee cutoff date.

#### **SB 6019:** Addressing adjudicative proceedings by state agencies

- Prime Sponsor: Sen. Padden
- The Admin Law Section believes this bill will cause issues to the current adjudicative process along with questioning the role impartiality.
- This bill will not pass this session; stakeholders will work during the interim on a solution for the 2017 session.

#### **HB 1390:** Concerning legal financial obligations

- Prime Sponsor: Rep. Goodman
- This bill will be heard in the Senate Law and Justice Committee on Wednesday.

**SB 5635:** Enacting the uniform power of attorney act

- Prime Sponsor: Sen. Pedersen
- Alison explained that this bill has a background of five years in the legislative process. This year, the bill passed the Senate and will have executive action on Friday, making SB 5635 the furthest it has gone in the legislative process.
- The Elder Law Section and the RPPT Law Section have testified in support of this bill.
- This bill is scheduled for executive action in the House Judiciary Committee on Friday.

**SB 5029:** Concerning the uniform fiduciary access to digital assets act.

- SB 5029 is scheduled for executive action in the House Judiciary Committee on Friday.
- Alison conveyed that this bill demonstrates collaboration between legislators.
- This bill has also provided a good example of relationship building for WSBA due to the ongoing communication between the RPPT and Elder Law Sections with legislators.

**HB 1745:** Enacting the Washington voting rights act

- The Civil Rights Law Section provided a draft letter of support for the BOG Leg. Committee to authorize.
- This bill has been scheduled for a public hearing on Thursday in the Senate Government Operations and Security Committee.
- Gov. Brady expressed that he believes this bill does affect administration of justice and wants to support.
- Gov. Forde agreed with Gov. Brady that this bill meets the GR 12.1 Analysis.
- Gov. Hayes wanted to clarify if this vote has already been taken. It was mentioned in the January 25 meeting minutes.
- Gov. Forde asked if anyone believed that there should be changes before the letter goes out publicly. Alison offered the idea to focus on HB 1745 as opposed to adding the companion bill; the BOG Leg. Committee agreed.
- Gov. Forde moved to send the letter with the proposed revision; Seconded by Gov. Cava; unanimous with ayes.
- Gov. Brady announced that the Civil Rights Law Section is authorized to send the letter of support with Alison's revision.

**Department of Corrections**

- This issue involves the early release of about 3,000 prisoners due to a software-coding error.
- Gov. Inslee has announced that he plans to take some form of action after viewing the investigation report.
- Alison mentioned that the Senate Republicans investigation interviewed DOC staff in the Senate Law and Justice Committee hearing earlier today.
- Alison further stated that the investigation will be ongoing.

## **Committee Hearings**

- The House's proposed budget is being heard today and will be voted out on Thursday.
- Alison explained the Senate will respond to the proposal and present their supplemental budget on Wednesday.
- Session will be ending in approximately two weeks. Alison plans to watch closely for changes in court funding.
- The next policy committee cutoff date is Friday and the fiscal committee cutoff is Monday. These cutoff dates will be narrowing the number of bills within the next week.

## **Outreach**

- A meeting with Gov. Inslee took place last week where Gov. Hyslop, Gov. Haynes, and Paula Littlewood attended.
- The ideas of the guardianship and deadly force bills will have further discussion during the legislative interim.

**Gov. Hayes made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; seconded by Gov. Davis; no objections.**

**Meeting adjourned by Gov. Brady at 4:37PM on Monday, February 22, 2016.**