

BOG Legislative Committee – Meeting Minutes February 8, 2016

Members present: Phil Brady, Bill Hyslop, Robin Haynes, Mario Cava, Angela Hayes, Sean Davis, Keith Black

Staff present: 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. Hayes

Bill Report

- WSBA-request bill, SB 6205, was placed for a second reading by the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is the last stop before the bill is moved out of the Senate and progresses through the legislative process.

HB 1390 (SB 5713)- Concerning legal financial obligations

- Prime Sponsor: Rep. Goodman
- The House Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to pass the bill to the Senate; Vote was 97-0.

SB 6642- Modifying legal financial obligation provisions

- Prime Sponsor: Sen. Ranker
- SB 6642 had a hearing in Senate Law and Justice Committee last week.
- The bill came from a prosecutor in Sen. Ranker’s district; stakeholders are working on the bill to make improvements, but it may not pass this session.

HB 2401- Providing procedures to allow court orders for visitation with adults

- HB 2401 will not be eligible to continue in session because it did not pass the House.

HB 2461- Concerning extreme risk protection orders

- Prime Sponsor: Rep. Jinkins
- HB 2461 did not pass the House Judiciary, therefore, will not be progressing further in the legislative process.

HB 2907- Addressing the use of deadly force by a public officer or peace officer

- This bill did not make it out of committee. Therefore, will not be moving forward in the legislative process.

SB 5635- Enacting the uniform power of attorney act.

- HB 5635 was voted out of the Senate Law and Justice Committee and has been sent to the Rules Committee; The Elder Law Section and the RPPT Law Section are in support of the bill.

HB 1745- Enacting the Washington voting rights act.

- HB 1745 has been passed out of the Senate and will be moving forward in the legislative process; this bill has been referred to the Civil Rights Law Section.

Committee Hearings

- Legislators are scheduled for Floor action this week so there are not many committee hearings.

Cabinet Changes:

- The Department of Transportation Secretary, Lynn Peterson, was relieved of her duties by Senate Republicans refusing to confirm her.
- Alison explained that this controversial action will play a role in session as many legislators are upset regarding her forced resignation and subsequent communication breakdown between caucuses.

Section Update

Family Law

- The Family Law Section testified in opposition to HB 2612 in House Judiciary last week. The House bill is not moving forward but its companion bill, SB 6452, is scheduled for executive action. Alison expressed that she does not believe that this bill will progress to full passage.
- Alison mentioned the Section representative displayed unprofessional behavior and that she had to remind him he is testifying on behalf of WSBA and his behavior was causing negative attention.
- Alison recommended that there should be a phone call with the chair of the Family Law Section. She expressed that more negative actions can cause additional challenges for WSBA during session.
- Jean mentioned she had a voicemail that entailed unfavorable statements about the testimony.
- Debra mentioned that this same person posted on the WSBA Facebook page and she relayed that further action was not necessary.

- Gov. Haynes mentioned that she spoke with the Family Law Section last year when there was an unauthorized testimony that took place. She explained that the Section has a history of not following the legislative process correctly and should be given a warning.
- Gov. Haynes also mentioned, though last resort, the BOG Leg. Committee has the authority to prohibit a section to participate in legislative action.

Civil Rights

- The Civil Rights Section has expressed that they are upset they were not authorized to testify regarding the Voting Rights and Fair Chance Acts.
- Gov. Brady wants to promote a way to provide more transparency with the GR 12.1 analysis as some sections feel uneducated about the process.
- Alison mentioned that any section has the opportunity to use her as a resource if they had any questions about the legislative process.
- Per request from Pres. Hyslop, Alison communicated that after the next cutoff date there should be less controversy, as the process significantly reduces the number of bills.

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

Meeting adjourned by Gov. Brady at 4:55PM on Monday, February 8, 2016.