

## BOG Legislative Committee – Meeting Minutes January 18, 2016

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

**Staff present:** Alison Grazzini, Mike Shaw, Dana King

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### SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

Item Discussed	Bill Number	Vote	Comments
Meeting Minutes	N/A	In approval for weekly meeting minutes	No objections

**Updates:**

- WSBA-request bill, 6205, will be heard Thursday afternoon in the Senate Law & Justice Committee. A representative from the Business Law Section will testify in support

**Watch List:**

**HB 2401/ HB 2402:** Visitation with adults/ Relatives of incapacitated persons

- Prime sponsor: Rep. Kochmar
- These bills have a background with the Casey Kasem family case with the argument that vulnerable adults need to be well cared for and families should be granted visitation
- The Elder Law Section will be testifying with concerns through Alison’s recommendation
- Rep. Kochmar supports WSBA to share information
- Rep. Jinkins may include guardianship as an interim work plan for the House Judiciary Committee, so the bill may not reach final passage this session.
- Alison mentioned that the press will have a presence as this bill progresses. There has been a press release submitted to the Seattle Times along with possible coverage on King5. She also expressed that the Elder Law will be attentive to this.

**SB 6300/ HB 2326:** Concerning pro bono legal services for military service members, veterans, and their families.

- Prime sponsor(s): Sen. O’Ban (co-sponsor of the WSBA-request bill) and Rep. Kilduff
- SB 6300 will have a hearing on Jan 19; the LAMP Section supports
- The LAMP Section is specifically named in the bill
- Alison will sign-in pro on behalf of the LAMP Section

**HB 2423/ SB 6212:** Creating a Homeowners' Association ombudsman

- Prime sponsor(s): Rep. Kilduff and Sen. Rivers
- HB 2423 will have a hearing Tuesday in the House Judiciary Committee; RPPT opposes.
- A fiscal note is attached to this bill and further progress will have to be made through the fiscal committee.
- Sen. Pederson expressed interest in homeowners association issues as he believes consumers need to be more aware when purchasing a home.

**HB 2375/ SB 6197:** Concerning cybercrime

- Prime sponsor(s): Rep. Magendanz and Sen. Miloscia
- The Business Law Section could not reach the required 75 percent threshold to take a formal position; therefore, no formal position will be made.
- The Cyberspace Committee has expressed concerns internally regarding these bills.
- Based on the bill sponsors, both bills have legs and will continue to move through the legislative process.
- Mike Shaw reported that the SB 6197 hearing was short and a large number of stakeholders are working on the bill with the sponsors.

**HB 2461:** Extreme risk protection orders

- Prime sponsor: Rep. Jinkins
- Rep. Jinkins asked that the WSBA not testify on this bill.
- It is scheduled for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on Thursday afternoon.
- Alison mentioned that she did not hear back from the Family Law Section regarding a formal position or if they have a desire to attend the hearing on Thursday.
- Gov. Brady expressed that caution should be taken regarding this bill, per the committee chair's request (Rep. Jinkins).

**Deadly force:** bill TBD

- Those in support of the bill are looking to amend statutes to make it easier to prosecute law enforcement who use deadly force in the line of duty.
- Deadly force may become a bill when Rep. Ryu introduces it within the week.
- Alison expressed that if it becomes a bill, she will bring it before the BLC.
- The Black Alliance of Thurston County volunteers are proponents and are working with prosecutors and law enforcements regarding bill language.
- Alison communicated that this issue may be important in Legislature since it has been prevalent in local and national media.

**Death penalty:** bill TBD

- This bill has still not been introduced and may not, given opinions expressed in both chambers of the Legislature.
- Conversations about this bill will be postponed until there is a bill number
- Alison expressed that she has no expectation the death penalty bill will reach final passage.

**Committee work sessions:** Department of Corrections

- The Senate Law & Justice Committee: Department of Corrections— Chair Padden and Sen. Miloscia have expressed continued interest in obtaining agency data for performance metrics and overall public safety.
- Chair Padden and Sen. O’Ban announced last week that they are seeking their own investigation via a committee resolution (that will be formally voted on before the Senate Rules Committee).
- Gov. Inslee’s third party investigation was seen as insufficient by the Majority Coalition Caucus.
- Although not directly, Alison mentioned that this issue could indirectly impact the larger criminal justice/legal community if reforms are introduced during the 2016 session.

**President Hyslop/Alison legislative meetings:**

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| - Rep. Marcus Riccelli, Deputy Majority Whip | - Rep. JT Wilcox, Minority Floor Leader    |
| - Sen. Andy Hill, Chair, Ways & Means        | - Sen. Mark Schoesler, Majority Leader     |
| - Rep. Kevin Parker, Member, Appropriations  | - Sen. Sharon Nelson, Democratic Leader    |
| - Rep. Pat Sullivan, House Majority Leader   | - Sen. Mike Padden, Chair, Law & Justice   |
| - Sen. Mike Hewitt, Member, Ways & Means     | - Sen. Steve Litzow, Chair, Early Learning |
- Sen. Hill’s staff was pleased to learn that the WSBA-request bill will not require money and enjoyed the meeting.
  - Rep. Sullivan was appreciative of the meeting. He mentioned that the WSBA has a good standing in Olympia and appreciates the Bar’s efforts.
  - President Hyslop and Alison talked about WSBA interests during these meetings and also emphasized WSBA is available to assist with legislative requests/needs if necessary.
  - Bill and Alison mentioned how these meetings and relationships will be beneficial for the 2017 session. They have also helped clear up misconceptions about WSBA and created potential opportunities for the future.

**Gov. Brady made a motion for the meeting to adjourn; no objections. Meeting adjourned by Gov. Brady at 4:42PM on Monday, January 18, 2016.**