



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

March 2014

How Did Session End Up?

Many of you know that during a short Session when a bill makes its way through the opposite house the timeline is very short. So SHB 2616 made it through the Senate in very short order. First stop was the Human Services and Corrections Committee. Cheryl Monk, a SAIL member, and Brittany Graves did a fantastic job! This committee also got all of the written testimony about the importance of this bill. Then it was off to the Senate Ways and Means Committee where there was a hearing. It was passed out on the same day. The next stop was the Senate Rules Committee, also known as the graveyard. For the next week it was a constant run to the finish line. Notes to Rules Committee Members asking them to pull the bill, sitting in the Rules Meetings and then doing everything possible to get someone to bring it to the floor for a vote. Thank you Senator O'Ban! Now we are just waiting to hear when the bill will be signed by the Governor!

Thank You Notes

The SAIL meeting was during the last week of session so the day after the meeting Thank You messages were delivered, there was one from the Seattle meeting as well as one from the Tri-Cities meeting. Legislators appreciate it!

CRPD Letter to the US Foreign Relations Committee

At the last meeting the group decided it would be a good idea to write a letter to the Foreign Relations Committee encouraging them to ratify the CRPD. The group voted to approve a draft letter that was brought to the meeting. Anthony was able to sign the letters at that time. At the beginning of April there is a group scheduled to attend the Public Policy Conference. The Committee members will receive a letter from SAIL personally delivered by someone from our state.

Included with this newsletter please find the Final Bills of Interest and Budget for this Session.

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A Note from the Chair

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Hello! Thank you to everyone for coming to the meeting. I have a special gift I am going to donate to the SAIL group, I am looking forward to showing it to you.

Sincerely, Anthony Nash II, Chair of SAIL

Jody Talks About Her Speech at the Independent Living Day Rally



Jody Pechin enjoyed talking about the Independent Living Day Rally. Her speech was a great success!! Way to go Jody! Thanks for representing SAIL!

SAIL Begins Work on Guidelines

As SAIL continues to grow and we add additional locations through technology it has become clear that we need to have conversations about how we do certain things. During the last SAIL meeting the group tried to determine the areas that need further conversation as well as which area the group will tackle first. In the coming months there will be discussions, stay tuned.

SAIL Meeting Announcement



Tuesday April 8, 2014
1:00 pm-4:00 pm
Red Lion Hotel-SeaTac
18220 International Boulevard
Seattle, WA 98188

Highlights of the Next Meeting

- Final Session Update
- Revise the SAIL Membership Brochure
 - Update Rapid Response Team
 - Get Healthy with Sandy

Please remember since Brian will be out of town we are going to do our best with the Skyping! Thanks for your patience!

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