

## **Friday 15 Jan 2021 Wrap-Up and Next Week Forecast**

The week of January 11, 2021 started our 2021 WA State Legislative Session out with a roar. Let's quickly review what happened:

The start of the session always sees a lot of bills being introduced, but not all will make it through the process. Currently, we are following 27 bills that touch on our subject areas of Life, Religious Freedom, Marriage & Family, Parental Rights, and Christian Social Justice.

For this week, we had a few of our priority bills heard in their respective committees:

Last week, FPIW testified on the following bills:

**HB 1009, HB 1074, HB 1019**

**SB 5044, SB 5030**

This week, FPIW will testify on the following bills:

**HB 1141, HB 1071**

**SB 5052**

### **Sanctity of Human Life**

#### **Oppose Abortion Expansion**

- **HB 1009** – This bill adds abortion coverage to student health plans.
  - First public hearing was on 1/13/21; the Committee voted to pass it on 1/14/21. FPIW testified in opposition.
  - **Call and email your House Representative and tell them to Vote NO on HB 1009.** We do not need to subject more people or force people to be a party to the violence and devastation of abortion.

#### **Support Life Affirming Programs**

- **HB 1008** – Preventing abortion on the basis of Down's Syndrome
- **HB 1031/SB 5072** – Provides a certificate of birth and death after a stillbirth and recognizes that there was a live human being.
  - HB 1031 was heard on 1/13/21; the Committee voted to pass it on 1/14/21.
  - **Call and email your House Representative and tell them to Vote YES on HB 1031**
- **HB 1074** – Review suicide and overdose deaths to find ways of preventing them.
  - HB 1074 was heard on 1/14/21. The Committee will vote on whether to move it forward on 1/20/21 @ 8:00 AM
  - **Call and email the Committee and tell them to move it forward.**

#### **Oppose Assisted Suicide & Euthanasia**

- **HB 1141** – Increasing access to the Death with Dignity act & increasing state-sanctioned suicide.
  - HB 1141 will have its first hearing on 1/18/21 @ 1:30 PM. Submit your written testimony, sign up to testify, and/or state your position for the record [here](#).

- **Call and email the Committee members and your House members and tell them to Not Expand State-Sanctioned Suicide**

### **Religious Freedom**

Oppose Vaccine religious exemption elimination: Add parental and personal exemptions

- Support HB 1006 – Prevents mandatory vaccinations for everyone
- Support HB 1065 – Preventing mandatory epidemic or pandemic vaccinations
- Support free exercise of religious worship or religion during emergencies
- Support HB 1004 , HB 1020 , HB 1029 – Restricts the emergency mandates and the Governor’s authority during statewide declared emergencies
- Support HB 1042 – Protecting families from facing the death penalty in foreign countries due to their religion or other factors
  - HB 1042 was voted on by the Committee on 1/15/21
  - **Call and email your House Representative and tell them to Vote YES on HB 1042**
- Support SB 5009 – Protects freedom of all speech, expression, and assembly
  - The Committee will vote on whether to move it forward on 1/21/21 @ 10:30 AM
  - **Call and email the Committee and tell them to move it forward.**

### **Parental Rights**

Support Parental Rights and overturn and overturn any statute that diminishes parental rights in any way.

- Support HB 1048 – Removing religious references regarding criminal mistreatment of children and vulnerable adults; allowing for the use of “religious healing”
- Support SB 5233 – Expanding the pool of qualified persons to conduct home studies and preadoption studies for foster care and adoptions to people trained by, but not employed by the state or court.
- Oppose Child Emancipation: Oppose eliminating parents’ rights to raise or be informed about their child’s activities.
- Oppose SB 5030 – Creating a comprehensive School Counseling program
  - SB 5030 was heard on 1/13/21, but it has not been voted on within the Committee.
  - **Call and email the Committee members and ask them to Vote NO on SB 5030.**
- Support SB 5053 – Notification of the parents or guardians of a minor in cases of abortion (will notify parents if their young daughter has an abortion).

### **Christian Social Justice**

Oppose the New Racism/Critical Race Theory (CRT): Support Truth, Marriage, Family, Faith & Virtue

- Oppose SB 5044 -Concerning Professional learning, equity, cultural competency and dismantling institutional racism in the public schools (forces CRT on our students, teachers and society)

- SB 5044 was heard on 1/13/21, but it has not been voted on within the Committee.
- **Call and email the Committee members and ask them to Vote NO on SB 5030.**
- Oppose HB 1071 – Biased-based criminal offenses (now adds a subjective term of a person's perception of a victim's race, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, or mental, physical, or sensory disability)
  - HB 1071 will have its first hearing on 1/21/21 @ 1:30 PM. Submit your written testimony, sign up to testify, and/or state your position for the record here.
  - **Call and email the Committee members and your House members and tell them to Vote NO on HB 10171.**
- Oppose SB 5052 – Health Equity Zones (will force racial segregation within our health care system)
  - SB 5052 will have its first hearing on 1/18/21 @ 1:30 PM. Submit your written testimony, sign up to testify, and/or state your position for the record here.
  - **Call and email the Committee members and your Senator and tell them to Vote NO, health should not be forced to be racially segregated.**

Support School Choice Vouchers & Homeschooling: Public Schools are indoctrination centers designed to corrupt and abuse children sexually and racially and turn them away from parents and faith. We must encourage parents to vacate public schools for homeschooling or private schools.

- Support HB 1215 – Allows parents/guardians to use a K-12 scholarship program for school choice
  - **Call and email your House Representative and tell them to ask for a hearing.**

Support Drug Reform, Oppose Legalization: Oppose promotion or decriminalization of Hard Drugs, Marijuana expansion, and using Heroin Injection Sites, and support Drug abstinence, Diversion Programs, and treatment per AA model.

- Oppose HB 1019 – Allowing residential marijuana growing
  - The Committee will vote on HB 1019 on 1/22/21 @ 10:00 AM
  - **Call and email the House Committee members and your House members at 1 (800) 562-6000 and tell them to Vote NO on HB 1019.**