

South Sound Military & Communities Partnership Legislative Update January 28, 2023

SESSION CUTOFF CALENDAR

February 17, 2023	Policy Committee Deadline
February 24, 2023	Fiscal Committee Deadline
March 8, 2023	Chamber-of-Origin Deadline
March 29, 2023	Opposite Chamber Policy Committee Deadline
April 4, 2023	Opposite Chamber Fiscal Committee Deadline
April 12, 2023	Opposite Chamber Deadline
April 23, 2023	Session adjourns - Sine Die

SSMCP's Legislative Priorities

Defense Community Compatibility Account

On Friday, January 27th, the Senate State Government Committee held a public hearing on [Senate Bill 5324](#), which makes technical changes to the Defense Community Compatibility Account (DCCA). This is the third year Senator Conway is sponsoring the bill that will change the report date for the DCCA project list, clarify that the program is for capital projects, clarify tribes can participate in the program and clarify that match funds can be from any non-state source. This year the bill is being requested by the Department of Commerce, who testified in support at the hearing. There was no opposition to the bill and there were seven entities signed in support, including City of Lakewood, City of Tacoma, City of Airway Heights, City of Bremerton, City of Poulsbo, Lakewood Water District, and Greater Spokane Incorporated. To view Shelly's testimony at the hearing, [click here](#). The bill is scheduled to be voted out of committee on February 3rd.

Occupational Licensing Improvements

Workforce development is a bipartisan, bicameral priority for the session. For this reason, there are X professional licensing compacts that have been introduced as well as the military spouse employment act. The compacts under consideration include: mental health counselors, teachers, massage therapists, audiologists/speech pathologists, and nurses. There has been no stakeholder outreach on the nurse license compact so although it has a public hearing this coming week, there is no expectation that it will advance this year. All the other compacts have received favorable hearings with limited opposition. See below for the compacts that have public hearings this week.

Military/Defense Sector Statewide Economic Impact Analysis

SSMCP is requesting \$250,000 be allocated in the state’s operating budget to the Lieutenant Governor’s office for completion of a statewide military and defense sector economic impact analysis. This past week we submitted the operating budget request form to Senator Keith Wagoner who is sponsoring the request in the Senate.

I-5 Mounts Road to Tumwater & Nisqually River Delta

The state allocated \$75 million to this project last year when they adopted the Move Ahead Washington package. However, the state made no commitment of when the \$75 million would be available throughout the course of the 16 year package. SSMCP is requesting the state phase the \$75 million in accordance with the project’s earliest timeline. We are currently working with WSDOT to understand what that timeline is, specifically for the roundabouts on State Route 507.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Appropriations (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 1/30 @ 4:00pm

- SHB 1009 - Public Hearing - Concerning military spouse employment. The military spouse employment act. SSMCP will sign in support.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4 and Virtual JACB - 1/30 @ 4:00pm

- SSB 5071 - Public Hearing - Creating the purple star designation. DoD priority, SSMCP will sign in support.

Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning (House) - HHR D and Virtual JLOB - 1/31 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1451 - Public Hearing - Expanding the child care workforce. Creates a pilot program and grant program designed to expose students to careers in early childhood development.

Finance (House) - HHR A and Virtual JLOB - 2/2 @ 1:30pm

- HB 1005 - Public Hearing - Concerning employer tax incentives for the support of veterans and military families. Provides a B&O tax credit to employers who hire a veteran, spouse of a veteran or spouse of an active duty service member. SSMCP has supported in the past, recommend sign in support.

Postsecondary Education & Workforce (House) - HHR B and Virtual JLOB - 2/3 @ 8:00am

- HB 1417 - Public Hearing - Concerning the multistate nurse licensure compact. SSMCP will sign in support.

SSMCP Bill List

Bill #	Title	Status	Sponsor	Position
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HB 1001 (SB 5021)	Concerning the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.	H Rules R	Leavitt	Support
HB 1005	Concerning employer tax incentives for the support of veterans and military families.	H Finance	Abbarno	Support
SHB 1009	Concerning military spouse employment.	H Approps	Leavitt	Support
HB 1017 (SB 5307)	Expediting licensure for cosmetologists, hair designers, barbers, manicurists, and estheticians.	S Labor & Comm	Ryu	
HB 1069	Adopting the mental health counselor compact.	H Exec Action	Leavitt	Support
HB 1346 (SSB 5071)	Creating the purple star award.	H Education	Shavers	Support
HB 1359	Expediting professional licenses for new Washington residents.	H ConsPro&Bus	Cheney	
HB 1360	Concerning alternative professional licensing standards.	H ConsPro&Bus	McClintock	
HB 1417	Concerning the multistate nurse licensure compact.	H Postsec Ed & W	Volz	Support
HB 1437	Concerning the interstate massage compact.	H Postsec Ed & W	Kloba	Support
HB 1451	Expanding the child care workforce.	H Human Svc, You	Senn	
HB 1576	Concerning the dentist and dental hygienist compact.	H Postsec Ed & W	Caldier	Support
SB 5021 (HB 1001)	Concerning the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.	S Health & Long	Wagoner	Support
SSB 5071 (HB 1346)	Creating the purple star designation.	S Ways & Means	Nobles	Support
SB 5180	Adopting the interstate teacher mobility compact.	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Support
SB 5219	Enacting the interstate counseling compact for licensed mental health counselors.	S Health & Long	Muzzall	Support
SB 5324	Concerning the defense community compatibility account.	S State Govt & E	Conway	Support
SB 5358	Expanding veterans' services and programs.	S State Govt & E	Gildon	
SB 5499	Concerning the multistate nurse licensure compact.	S Health & Long	Mullet	Support