

Basic Lobbying in a Pandemic

Website

- Can be found at leg.wa.gov
- Find your legislators' information
- Find bill information
 - Can search by bill number OR by document text
- Design a personalized bill tracker

Considerations for a Pandemic

- No in person meetings
- Legislators working remotely from their districts
- Fewer bills than previous sessions
- Fewer methods to stall and/or amend bills
- Limited means of direct communication

What is our role?

- Get information from our legislators
- Insist on the urgency of the legislation
- Provide up-to-date information on our priority legislation
- Build relationships with legislators that can last more than a single session
- Hearings

Pre-Session Meeting

- Plan with other constituents, working groups, and neighbors
- Most are using Zoom and will provide you with a link
- Thank them for previous legislation
- Ask them about their upcoming priorities
- Listen
- Say something about yourself
- Ask for one thing at a time
- Stories go further than facts

During/After Session

- Thank them for their time
- Make new appointments as needed
- Follow bills through the website
- Timing and action alerts
- It takes more than one message and meeting
- Get to know the staff

Resources

- How to use Zoom:
- <https://westernfriend.org/quaker-worship-and-fellowship-online>
- Quaker Voice Toolkit for Activists:
- <https://www.quakervoicewa.org/toolkit-for-activists/>
- Legislative Website:
<http://leg.wa.gov/>