



Thank You!

From People with
Developmental Disabilities
And their Families

We have been *Working in Harmony* with YOU to provide services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

It has been a very busy and fast-paced supplemental legislative session. Advocates have worked hard to educate law-makers about the need for community services and supports. You have passed a number of policy bills that will help people with DD and their families and we want to **THANK YOU** for:

-  SHB 1539—"Erin's Law" creates a legislative taskforce to review and adopt a model curriculum about sex abuse of students
-  ESHB 1239—Health care providers must provide a free copy of health records to a patient when appealing a social security claim
-  E2SHB 2578—SSI income/Section 8 cannot be used to deny rental or lease of housing
-  SSB 6549—Children with DD are covered until age 13 in the Baby and Child Dentistry Program
-  ESHB 2658—Prohibits PFAS chemicals in food packaging (like fast food and microwave popcorn) when safer alternatives are available
-  ESSB 6413—Beginning in 2020, manufacturers cannot sell fire-fighting foam that contains PFAS chemicals
-  SHB 2398—Jury selection provisions prohibit exclusion for people with a disability, service animals and more
-  SSHB 2822—Defines a true service dog and the tasks they perform and creates a fine for misrepresenting a service animal
-  SB 6221—Allows ABLE accounts to be invested in self-directed investment options, provides other modifications

Last, but certainly not least, we need a budget that builds **COMMUNITY** services!

-  \$570,000 GFS (\$1.1 M total) 380 new Individual and Family Services waiver openings
-  \$290,000 GFS—(\$290,000 total) Parent to Parent Program additions
-  \$1,400,000 GFS (\$2.7 M total) Move 47 clients from RHCs to community settings
-  \$100,000 GFS (\$200,000 total) Workgroup to determine the future of RHCs
- PLEASE SUPPORT A Budget Proviso for HB 2448 (DD Housing) \$13,000 GFS
-  \$11,113,000 GFS (\$25.1 M total) NO to RHC upgrades and even more FTEs!

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SHB 2658: Toxic Chemicals in Fast Food Packaging



42% of fast food and most microwave popcorn is packaged in paper with chemicals added to keep grease from leaking through. These harmful PFAS (per and polyfluoralkyl substances) are dangerous to people with developmental disabilities who often have weakened immune systems.

Toxic levels of PFAS were found in much higher quantities in commercial compost facilities than from a backyard compost bin. Samples that had mixed food and yard waste and included compostable food wrappers in were high in PFAS.

By passing SHB 2658, you decrease the exposure to these harmful chemicals and allow people with DD to live healthier lives.

SB 6413: Toxic Chemicals in Fire-Fighting Foam



The biggest source of ground water contamination by PFAS chemicals in our water supply is in the fire-fighting foam used by our fire-fighters. PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam contaminate drinking water when foam is sprayed over the ground. This is happening across the state, from Airway Heights to Issaquah to Coupeville on Whidbey Island.

By passing SB 6413, you help to begin reducing the contamination of our water supply by PFAS from fire-fighting foam.

Thank you for passing
SHB 2658—the Healthy Food Packaging Act!

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SB 6413—the Healthy Food Packaging Act!

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Self-Advocates in Leadership (SAIL) is a coalition of over 200 people with developmental disabilities who are interested in shaping public policy in Washington State.



Take Note Advocacy Day

It is always important to thank legislators for passing bills we support! These are a few bills that we were able to get passed through the House and Senate. They are now either waiting for concurrence or headed to the Governor's desk!

House Bill 2658:

This bill would get rid of chemicals that are put in food packaging or wrappers. While these chemicals do help keep grease away, they also cause people to get sick. Lots of people with disabilities have weakened immune systems that can allow them to get sick easier. All people need to be able to eat food that does not make them sick.

House Bill 2398:

This bill will make it so people with disabilities can't be denied jury duty because of a disability or the presence of a service animal. SAIL members support this because we want to be treated as equal citizens.

Senate Bill 6221:

This bill helps complete the process of making ABLE accounts usable in Washington State. SAIL members support this because we want to start being able to save our own money.

Senate Bill 6363:

This bill makes it so people can get medical help without having to go into a clinic or emergency room. For lots of SAIL members that can't drive, this is very helpful and needed. We don't want to use an ambulance every time we just need to talk to a doctor. Lots of people with disabilities don't have transportation.



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