

Important Advocacy Opportunities for Attendees of the Mass for Life and March for Life 2018

On Monday, January 22, the Washington State Senate will conduct two important hearings on three bills concerning life issues (see below for details and talking points on each bill).

- The Senate Law & Justice Committee will hear SB 6052, a bill to repeal the death penalty, at 10:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 4, Cherberg Building
- The Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee will hear SB 6102 and SB 6105, bills related to contraception and abortion mandates, at 10:00 am in Senate Hearing Room 1, Cherberg Building

It is very important that your senator and two representatives hear from you today about these bills impacting human life. Here's how to find your legislators:

- (1) Go to <http://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder> to find your district and legislators OR
- (2) Call the state legislative hotline 1-800-562-6000. You only need to know your address.

Volunteer guides at the March for Life will be available to help you find legislators' offices. Once there, be sure to leave your name, address, and your message. Your courteous message will make a difference for life. Thank you!

SB 6052 – This bill would repeal the state's death penalty. Bishop Mueggenborg, Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle, will be testifying in support of repealing the death penalty on behalf of all the Bishops of Washington State.

- The death penalty merely adds violence to violence, and perpetuates the illusion that the taking of one human life for another can somehow balance the scales of justice.
- The judicial system is not perfect. There can be significant racial bias and innocent people do end up on death row.
- Capital punishment costs the taxpayers far more than incarcerating convicted murderers for life.

SB 6102 – This legislation would elevate access to artificial contraception to a right and put every employer in the state in legal jeopardy if contraceptives are not offered.

- As currently written, this legislation does not adequately protect religious liberty nor conscience rights.

SB 6105 – This bill would be limited to undocumented immigrants but provide free coverage for abortion, contraception, and sterilization.

- While the Catholic Church cares deeply about the wellbeing of all undocumented immigrants and frequently advocates on behalf of justice for immigrants, the Church opposes providing greater access to services that are contrary to the life and dignity of all human life.



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