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PACS BUILD POLITICAL POWER IN SOUTH SOUND



DOC Teamsters from Thurston/Mason County attend their regional PAC meeting on Friday, January 13.

If you work at DOC and live in Thurston or Mason county, you probably received a phone call recently from Teamsters Local 117.

Political Action Coordinator, Lily Wilson-Codega, made literally hundreds of calls last week to members in the South Sound, inviting them to the regional Political Action Committee meeting held on Friday, January 13 at the Little Creek Casino in Shelton.

The high-intensity outreach paid off as a group of members, eager to learn more, gave up their Friday afternoon to support their Union's political program.

At the meeting, participants discussed the status of bills critical to Teamsters at DOC, reviewed their Union's legislative agenda, and received a video update from Olympia, courtesy of Local 117 Lobbyist Teresita Torres.

Several members took the opportunity to sign up for DRIVE, the Teamsters' PAC that helps hold politicians accountable and keeps members informed about issues that impact working families. Attendees also signed up for Local 117's lobby days, scheduled for February 1 & 23, and March 27.

Upcoming PAC meetings are currently scheduled for members in King County on January 25 & 26 and for members in Pierce County on January 27. For the next PAC meeting in your region, visit your Union's website at www.teamsters117.org.

Interest arb. sitting in House Rules committee

Call your legislators! Tell them to push interest arb. out of Committee!

One of your Local Union's key legislative priorities this session - passing interest arbitration legislation for correctional employees - is facing a stubborn roadblock: the House Rules committee.

ESB 2011, a bill which would allow a neutral arbitrator to address safety-related issues that are not resolved during collective bargaining, has been languishing in Rules since last year.

In order for critical work on the bill to continue, ESB 2011 must be pulled from the House Rules Committee and sent to the Senate.

Local 117 Lobbyist, Teresita Torres, has been

working to push interest arbitration over the next legislative hurdle, but she needs your help.

Call the Legislative Hotline in Olympia at [1-800-562-6000](tel:1-800-562-6000) and tell your representatives to pass interest arbitration for correctional employees!

In particular, we need Teamsters at DOC to contact their legislators on the House Rules Committee and to tell them to move the bill out of committee. To find your representatives on House Rules, go to the Washington State Legislature's website at www.leg.wa.gov.

Hearing for HB 2346 officer uniform bill!

HB 2346 to be heard on Friday, January 27 at 8 AM

Our officer uniform bill - HB 2346 - has been getting some attention lately.

An article discussing the bill appeared in the Tacoma News Tribune earlier in the week after a press release on HB 2346 was issued by Republicans in the House. The Walla Walla Union Bulletin followed up with a contradictory editorial that ultimately opposed the bill, but recognized some of our concerns.

The week's most exciting news is that the bill is scheduled for a public hearing before the Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee next Friday, January 27 at 8 AM.

It is critically important that we pack the hearing room with supporters of the bill!!

Please let Political Action Coordinator, Lily Wilson-Codega, know as soon as possible if you are able to attend and/or testify at this important first hearing. Lily can be reached at 206-794-2606.

Any press related to the bill can be viewed on the DOC News Ticker of your Local Union's website at www.teamsters117.org.

COME TO OLYMPIA!

HEARING FOR OFFICER UNIFORM BILL

WHAT: Public hearing for HB 2346, bill that would exempt officers from wearing uniforms made by inmates.

WHEN: Friday, January 27, 2012 at 8:00 AM

WHERE: Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee, House Hearing Room D - Olympia, WA.