



Interagency Committee of State Employed Women

November/December 2019 Bulletin

November 19 Meeting Preview



The Legislative process can be complex and confusing. But it doesn't have to be. The ICSEW's November meeting will have sessions on understanding the legislative process, how to track bills that are important to you and easy ways to engage with your legislators and make them work for you.

This free meeting runs **from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the Washington State Department of Corrections' Headquarters 7345 Linderson Way SW in Tumwater.**

All attendees must register through Event Brite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/icsew-meeting-november-19-2019-registration-76841122867>

Parking: The DOC has a few visitor spaces and there are a few spaces on 78th Ave. However, we encourage carpooling or utilizing the Mountain View Church parking lot which is located at the corner of Linderson Way and Israel Road. Please make sure to have photo ID with you at check-in. InterCity Transit also provides free bus fare for state employees with a STAR pass. To receive your star pass, please contact your agency's commute trip reduction coordinator.

About the Presenters

Nick Streuli, Getting Involved in the 2019-20 Legislative Session



Nick was appointed as the Legislative & Executive Operations Director for the Washington State Employment Security Department in October 2016. Nick has served in a variety of roles most recently as

Special Policy Assistant to the Commissioner and Federal Government Liaison.

Nick works with the legislature on unemployment insurance, workforce development, and Paid Family and Medical Leave issues. He provides legislative strategy, and advocates for legislation to develop the nation's best and most future ready workforce.

Karen Fraser, Legislature 101



Karen Fraser was a Washington State Senator (Democrat) and served 24 years in the Washington State Senate, representing the 22nd Legislative District, which includes Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and North Thurston County.

She held many senior leadership positions in the Senate. Prior to service in the Senate, she served four years as a state representative. She served as a local elected official for 15 years, including becoming the first woman mayor of Lacey, second woman Thurston County Commissioner, and the first woman president of the Washington State Association of Counties.



Nov. 19 Lunch and Learn: FMLA, State LGBTQ+ Resources

Washington State Employees'
LGBTQ+ Business Resource Group



The ICSEW's November 19 meeting will have a lunch and learn session on the Paid Family Medical Leave Act and the work of the RAIN Business Resource Group. It will take place during the lunch portion of the meeting. ICSEW will provide some light refreshments, but you're always welcome to bring a lunch.

FMLA: State Employees can start using benefits from the Paid Family Medical Leave Act in 2020. by April Amundson, a policy and rules manager for the Employment Security Department will give an overview of the program and how to use it.

The ICSEW's partnerships subcommittee will also host a Q& A panel with representatives of RAIN, the Rainbow Alliance and Inclusion Network .RAIN helps Washington state create safe and inclusive workplaces where every LGBTQ+ employee can bring their authentic self to work, enabling them to do their best work for Washingtonians. Ayanna Coleman will be leading the panel discussion.

Subcommittee Spotlight: Legislative & Policy

Goal

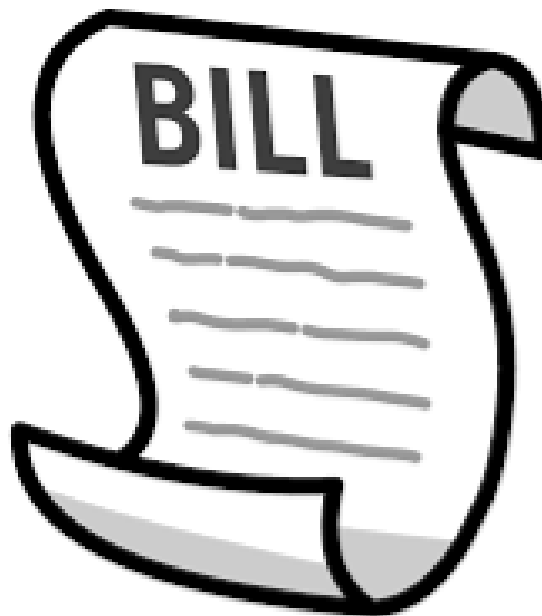
Improve the lives of state-employed women by making policy recommendations to the Governor and state agencies with respect to desirable changes in program and law especially in the area of education, training, career development and other conditions of employment.

Members

Chair—Cheryl Flynn, Employment Security Department

Members:

Vesna Agina—Health Care Authority
Renee Berry—Office of Insurance Commissioner,
Melissa Chessman—Utilities & Transportation Commission
Debra Lefing—Attorney General's Office
Kelly Olson— Student Achievement Council



Kayley Paigio—State Auditor's Office
Jessica Schwing—Department of Ecology
Jolene Stanislawski—State Auditor's Office
Cynthia Wisdom—Department of Revenue
Jenny Word,—Office of Superintendent of Public Institution

What We Do

- ◆ Represent the voice of women through ICSEW
- ◆ Advise the Governor concerning changes to legislation, rules, regulations and policies relating to improving the lives of state-employed women.
- ◆ Advise state agencies on policy and workplaces issues relating to improving the lives of state-employed women
- ◆ Train subcommittee members to track and report legislation
- ◆ Prepare and distribute Bill alerts for the *InterAct* blog.