



## CALL TO ACTION – February 17

### **Monday Noon Protest @ Insurance Building**

Join us tomorrow, February 18 at 12:00 noon in Olympia to protest Trump's bogus declaration of a national emergency at our border. Indivisible Groups across the country will be protesting.

*Where:* In front of the Insurance Commissioner's Bldg., Capitol Campus (north side- across from the Winged Victory statue) Come early as parking will be difficult since the legislature is in session.

*Speakers:* WA State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, US Representative Denny Heck, Victor Minjares, Attorney in Olympia will address the unconstitutionality of Trump's declaration. Bring a protest sign.

## **STATE & COUNTY ACTIONS**

### **Thurston Conservation District Hearing This Wednesday**

The Washington State Conservation Commission hearing to consider the removal of two Thurston Conservation Supervisors will take place on this Wednesday, February 20, 2019 beginning at 8:30 am in the Capitol Room at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Olympia, located at 415 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501.

**ACTION:** It will be helpful to have as many members in attendance as possible. Please do **NOT** bring protest signs. We are there as silent witnesses.

### **Support Voter Power in Washington**

One of Olympia Indivisible's primary goals in 2019 is clean government and election reform. This week, we have the opportunity to advance this goal at the state level. [HB 1722](#), known in election reform circles as the "Local Options bill," is facing an important deadline this week in the House State Government Committee. This bill would allow Washington localities to use [ranked choice voting](#) in their elections, which would go a long way towards empowering independent and forward-thinking political campaigns.

The approaching deadline is for the bill to be voted out of committee by February 22. Many votes are scheduled for that day, and the Local Options bill is on the docket. But we Indivisiblers need to call Laurie Dolan, our representative who sits on the State Gov committee, and let her know that this bill is a priority.

**ACTION:** Call Laurie Dolan (360) 786-7940 and ask her to do her part to get the Local Options bill out of committee.

Script: "Hi, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ with Olympia Indivisible. I'm calling because I want Representative Dolan to know that HB 1722, the Local Options bill, is a priority for our progressive movement, and we would like her to do everything she can to make sure it passes out of committee at the executive session this Friday. Thank you."

# Your Washington State Legislature Is In Session

## Bills for week of 02/18/19

Bills that need your support. Attend a Hearing and/or click to comment on the bill.

2/19/19 Tuesday

### Revenue/Housing

Bills to **Support**:

House Committee on Finance on 2/19/19 at 8:00

[HB 1921](#) Addressing the regressive nature of the Washington state housing market. Change the real estate excise tax from a flat rate to a progressive rate structure and invest the resulting additional revenue in affordable housing throughout the state. Only Democrats support. **Doglio and Dolan** are sponsors.

### Local Government/Housing

Bills to **Support**:

House Committee on Local Government on 2/19/19 at 10:00 AM

[HB 1797](#) Concerning local governments planning and zoning for accessory dwelling units. **Doglio and Barkis** are sponsors. Companion bill [SB 5812](#) was heard on 2/13/19.

### LGBTQ

Bills to **Support**:

Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education on 2/18/19 at 12:30 PM

[SB 5689](#) Concerning harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination in public schools.

By September 1, 2019, each school district must adopt or amend if necessary a policy and procedure that prohibits the harassment, intimidation, or bullying of any student. The training class must include materials related to the Washington state school directors' association model transgender student policy and procedure. Sponsored by Hunt, Doglio, and Dolan.

2/20/19 Wednesday

### Criminal Justice Reform/Transportation

Bills to **Support**:

Senate Committee on Transportation on 2/20/19 at 3:30 PM

[SB 5328](#) Concerning driver's license suspensions and revocations.

Many DWLS offenses result from low income individuals who do not have the ability to pay the money to get their license reinstated. **Hunt** is a sponsor.

2/22/19 Friday

### Government/Criminal Justice Reform

Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections on 2/22/19 at 1:30 PM

[SB 5776](#) Creating the Washington state office of equity. Eliminate systemic inequities for certain racial and ethnic groups. Companion bill [HB 1783](#) heard 2/6/19.

**PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Remind our MOCs to stop our foreign interventions. NO invasion of Venezuela or Iran.**

**ACTION:** call Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281 Senator Patty Murray (253)572-3636

Representative Denny Heck (360) 459-8514

Script: My name is \_\_\_\_\_, a I'm a member of Olympia Indivisible and I am calling to remind \_\_\_\_\_ of the Wars Powers Act. Trump is beating the drums of war in Venezuela and Pompeo is making war overtures in Iran. These are immoral and costly interventions. It is your job in Congress to prevent this it. No wars.

## Small Yield Nukes Are Not Good For You

FYI, speaking of US military might, here is a link to an article well worth reading about our new small yield nuclear warheads. The W76-2, "isn't designed as a deterrent against another country launching its nukes; it's designed to be used."

<http://www.tomdispatch.com/post/176526>

**SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY**

## SAY NO TO DICTATORSHIP!

This week the President violated the will of the American people and our Congress by declaring a false emergency in order to fund his obsession with a symbolic border wall. We need to stand up and speak out against this blatant abuse of power. **Remaining silent is how democratic norms are lost. Call Senators Murray and Cantwell as well as our Congressman Heck with this message:**

**ACTION:** I am a member of Olympia Indivisible. I am calling today because I am alarmed that our president is using a pretend national emergency to push his own personal agenda in order to fund his wall. These are the actions of a dictator.

I would like (senator, congressman \_\_\_\_\_) to do 2 things. First, to support a resolution to terminate this false emergency, and second, to call for investigations into this clear abuse of power.

Thank you.

Senator Patty Murray Phone: (253) 572-3636 (DC) 202-224-2621

Senator Maria Cantwell Phone: (253) 572-2281 DC: (202) 224-3441

Congressman Denny Heck phone: 360-459-8514 hours: M-F 8-5:00pm PST

Crowd size matters, apparently to Trump more than most people. We must demonstrate our opposition to Trump's abuse of power, loudly and through many channels. Including making sure that there is a big crowd on the nationwide protest on Monday. This is a great opportunity to show Trump what a big crowd really looks like.

As Eugene Robinson put it, "Trump is the emergency". In addition to participating in the protest on Monday, please let our MOCs hear your voice in protest of this. And, since the most effective form of resistance to this act of tyranny will be the Federal Courts, add your voice to others requesting that Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson join other state Attorneys General in filing suit against Trump's proclamation.

**ACTION:** Join your fellow OI members tomorrow (Monday February 18) at 12 noon for a one hour rally at the Old Insurance Building. Come early as parking will be difficult since the legislature is in session. Congressman Denny Heck and Attorney General Bob Ferguson will be speaking. The weather should be great, and this is as important as any threat we have faced yet! Be there!!!

**ACTION:** Call Attorney General Bob Ferguson's office to urge him to file a lawsuit against Trump's fake emergency.

## Telephone

- **Main Office:**  
(360) 753-6200

## Online

- [General Contact Form](#) (for NON consumer-related correspondence)

### Script:

I am \_\_\_\_\_, a member of Olympia Indivisible. I urge Attorney General Ferguson to follow through with his commitment last Thursday to “take appropriate steps to block this unlawful action” if Washington is being harmed. Of course, Washington is being harmed. Our entire nation is harmed by this action in many ways: it is an illegal usurpation of power, it takes federal funds from many worthwhile projects and dedicates them to building a wall that a majority of citizens do not want, that damages our borderlands and sets a horrible precedent.

# NEW TEAM UPDATES

## Protect the Environment Team Wants You

The Protect the Environment team is welcoming new, enthusiastic members! Here's a preliminary list of objectives for the team:

1. Help inform members regarding local issues and legislation, as well as on the federal level, (e.g. the Green New Deal) via website postings, links, google docs, and OI Call to Action. This can also include having representatives of local environmental action groups speak to our membership.
2. Provide links to local groups so members may directly seek out information and involvement opportunities (on the website and google docs.)
3. Reach out to local orgs to let them know OI supports initiatives for environmental protections and that they can call on members for support if they need it.

If you're interested in helping Olympia Indivisible have an impact on environmental issues such as climate change, orca recovery, etc., please contact Lisa C. at <https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/protect-the-environment-team.html>

## Clean Government Team Meets this Thursday

Do you care deeply about the problems that plague our democratic process? Do you get fired up about getting money out of politics, fixing the many inadequacies in our voting system, or ending the stranglehold of the two main parties over our government? Then Olympia Indivisible needs YOU on our new action-oriented Clean Government committee. Join the team! <https://www.olympiaindivisible.com/clean-government-team.html>

# COMING SOON

**February 20 Wednesday 8:30 am**

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**February 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm**

**Cookies and Conversation** (and wine)

Topic: Media Literacy/Mindful Social Media

Please RSVP (Just the date in the subject will do) to

[CookiesAndConversationRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:CookiesAndConversationRSVP@gmail.com). Directions will be sent in reply.

**February 22 Friday 6-8:00 pm**

**Olympia Indivisible Members TGIF Gathering!**

Wrap up another week of resistance! **RJ's Gourmet Grill 318 4th Ave E Olympia**