

Legislative Youth Advisory Council 2007 Annual Report



LYAC meeting on December 8, 2007

As the Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council, we strive to be a voice for youth, examine issues of importance to Washington youth, and vocalize concerns to legislators. We also work to promote youth participation in state and municipal governments and foster long lasting relationships between state legislators, adults, and young people.

LYAC Mission Statement

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Kate (former LYAC Chair)

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Executive Summary: The Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council

Background

Created in 2005, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) is the formal voice for Washington youth in the State Legislature. The 22-member Council works to be the link between young people and the state government.

LYAC was originally created by SB 5254 as the brainchild of twelve year-old Alex Jonlin. The Council was modified in 2007 by HB 1052.

The Council is authorized to meet between three and six times per year. Meetings have occurred in Olympia, Bellevue and Seattle and could be held in other communities as well. LYAC is administered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) through a partnership with the Legislature and the Office of Lieutenant Governor.

Members on the Council are between the ages of 14 and 18 at time of appointment. They come from all different types of personal, educational, political, socio-economic, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Every member serves a two year term; eleven positions are open for new appointments every year. Applications are submitted to the Council, reviewed by students, appointment recommendations are submitted to the Office of Lieutenant Governor for final approval.

Participation on the Council is a unique opportunity for teenagers to intimately observe and experience the legislative process. It is an interactive lesson in civic engagement and activism. Rather than learning from a book about how a bill becomes a law, Council members participate in the creation of public policy.

Accomplishments in 2007 in Brief

The Legislative Youth Advisory Council made great strides in 2007! With the passage of ESHB 1052, LYAC was funded for the first time since the program's conception in 2005. The Council members adopted a charter and by-laws, worked in cooperation with OSPI to create an application and rubric in order to select new members, assisted in successfully passing six new laws including ESHB 1052 which modifies the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, and collaborated with OSPI to hire a Program Supervisor for LYAC.

The Road Ahead

The Council has many goals for 2008: LYAC members intend to make changes to the LYAC website, organize and execute town hall meetings targeting youth in Washington State, write legislation for the 2008 and 2009 legislative sessions, work with legislative committees during the interim, complete a large scale survey of youth in Washington State, and design and support other youth councils around the state as well throughout the nation. LYAC members are excited to assist youth in finding their voice in government.

“I have always been searching for ways to delve deeper into the political process, and in this I believe I have truly hit the motherlode. The Councilors are among the most intelligent and knowledgeable people I have ever had the pleasure to meet, and their knowledge and Washington’s government is beyond formidable. I do not believe a more competent body exists to represent the million minors of Washington State—my great hope is that we can show this to the public and win their, the Legislature’s, and the youth of Washington’s confidence.”

Council Member, August 2007

LYAC in Action

“It was an incredible experience to watch Governor Gregoire sign our legislation. Every LYAC member put so much work into making that possible. That moment reaffirmed my hope for LYAC -- to continue engaging young people in the legislative process and, in turn, providing the youth voice to the legislative process. “

Kate (Former LYAC Chair)

On February 7, 2007, LYAC met with Legislators to advise them on issues of interest to the Council. LYAC supported seventeen different pieces of legislation during the 2007 legislative session, including ESHB 1052 modifying the Legislative Youth Advisory Council. 2007 was a success; six of the seventeen bills became law, and two of the bills made it through one house and died in the Rules Committee on the third reading. LYAC members testified before the Senate Early Learning and K-12 Committee and held over forty meetings with lawmakers. The following bills were supported by LYAC in the 2007 legislative session:

- HB 1010 – Requires parental notification when a minor is taken into custody (Rules Committee, second reading)
- HB 1019 – Prioritizes education appropriations (First reading, referred to Appropriations)
- HB 1028 – Creates a state school report card that calls for schools to be held accountable first (Received public hearing in the House Committee on Education)
- HB 1052 – Modifying the legislative youth advisory council (Signed to law)
- HB 1071/SB 5093 – Expands healthcare opportunities for low-income youth (5093-Signed to law)
- HB 1131/SB 5155 – Provides foster care children access to college tuition (1131-Signed to law)
- HB 1201 – Expands Medicaid access to 21-year-olds (Signed to law)
- HB 1297/SB 5297 – Requires comprehensive sexual education (5297-Signed to law)
- HB 1307 – Allows free speech in student newspapers (Passed House, Senate returned to House Rules Committee for third reading)
- SB 5008 – Eliminates the school levy supermajority (Referred to Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee)
- SB 5013 – Regulates the rate of tuition increase at state universities (Passed Senate Committee on Higher Education, referred to Ways and Means)
- SB 5098 – Guarantees college tuition for certain low-income youth (Signed to law)
- SB 5105 – Creates a “college in the high school” program (First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education)
- SB 5277 – Reforms the process of determining visitation rights for non-parents (First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections)
- SB 5370 – Provides educational opportunities in juvenile detention facilities. (Received public hearing in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee)
- SB 5368 – Provides entrepreneurial training in high school (Received public hearing in the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee)
- SB 5497 – Increases school funding to help decrease the drop-out rate (Passed Senate, House returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading)

During the 2008 legislative session, Council members also plan to spend a day at the Capitol to testify before committees and meet with legislators to discuss policy issues of importance to youth. Members in attendance will meet with legislators or legislators’ assistants to discuss the Council’s priorities. They may elect to testify before committee on bills and issues specifically identified by the Council. Members will present legislators with one page outlines of Council’s priorities. LYAC intends to support a variety of issues in the 2008 legislative session, including:

- HB 1307- Freedom of Speech and Press for High School and College Students
- HB 2424-limitation on plastic grocery bags
- HB 2430- to increase punishment for selling illegal drugs to minors
- HB 2420- creating a progressive carbon tax
- Create a disabilities awareness week
- Change primary election voting age requirements to include 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by the General Election

PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR 2008

*“I feel like I might be able to make some change for the better & that excites me!”
Council Member, August 2007*

1. LYAC Website

- OSPI will support members to recreate the look and feel of the website in order to make it more attractive to youth. OSPI intends to do this through a small contract with a web developer.
- The Lt. Governor’s office will link to the new page as well as have a one page informational section about the Legislative Youth Advisory Council
- OSPI will link to this page as well.

2. Town Hall Meetings

- LYAC’s outreach committee will design a series of town hall meetings to target youth across the State of Washington. The intent is to gather information and understand what issues are important to youth from across the state. Once this information is gathered, LYAC will report back to the Legislature as well as work to pass legislation supporting these issues.

3. Writing Legislation for the 2009 Legislative Session

- LYAC members are currently in the process of drafting legislation for 2008 legislative session regarding changing primary election voting age requirements. The Council will also begin meeting with key stakeholders and committees during the interim to begin drafting legislation prior to the 2009 legislative session.

4. Survey

- LYAC members intend to complete a large scale survey of youth in Washington State. The survey will assist in identifying issues that are important to youth as well extend the reach of the Council beyond the twenty-two members and ensure the youth of Washington are given a voice.
- The Council will receive training on how to write effective survey questions that are not leading or biased.
- ESHB 1052 encouraged the Council “to poll other students in order to get a broad perspective on the various issues.”

5. Creation of Youth Councils

- LYAC intends to support and help design more youth councils in local governments, state government offices, and in other states.
- LYAC will work to create a “Youth Council in a Box” to assist in this effort.

*“The ideas that came out of our brainstorming session were great: we are going to change Washington State!”
Council Member, August 2007*

LYAC is Supported by...

The Legislative Youth Advisory Council is administered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) through a partnership with the Legislature and the Office of Lieutenant Governor.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. “The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction shall provide administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance to the Council.” LYAC’s Program Supervisor, Kelly Martin, is housed within OSPI’s Office of Policy and Partnerships. Kelly handles the Council budget, staffing, meeting logistics and other important support services. She maintains the membership database, supports Council communications and meetings and provides background on the Legislative process. However, OSPI does not set LYAC agenda or priorities – those are left up to the Council members themselves. The Program Supervisor supports and advises the council so that the Council is able to take action.

LYAC members played a significant role in selecting their new program supervisor; it was important to the Council that they select someone who understands the intent of the program as well as someone who is knowledgeable about the political process and could work with young people in a supportive role. Resumes and applications were received for this position and LYAC members had the opportunity to review the applicants and participate in the hiring committee. During the actual interview process, two members participated in the interview team and were an integral part of selecting their new program supervisor.

The program supervisor is also responsible for the Daniel J. Evans Award as well as the Civic Education Travel Grant. The Civic Education Travel Grant is available through iGrants for Washington State public schools and not for profit agencies.

The Legislature appropriated \$114,000 for the use of LYAC and the Civic Education Travel Grant. Specifically, OSPI will administer \$40,000 each year in civic education grants for travel taking place between January 2008-June 2008 and July 2008-June 2009. \$74,000 is available for the use of LYAC for the following purposes: the Program Supervisor’s salary and benefits, organize and prepare for meetings, payment and reimbursement for travel related expenses, and to support LYAC’s mission to promote youth participation throughout Washington State.

The Legislature. “The Senate and House of Representatives may provide policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed legislation. The Senate and the House of Representatives shall each develop internal policies relating to staff assistance provided to the Council. Such policies may include applicable internal personnel and practices guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates.” The Legislature’s support of LYAC keeps the Council connected to the legislators. The Legislature funds LYAC and reauthorizes the Council. Legislative staff support help LYAC members plan meetings and events at the Capitol and contribute to the general functions of the Council.

The Office of Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor makes the final appointments to LYAC based on recommendations from existing Council members. The Lieutenant Governor hosts the LYAC webpage on his website.

Selecting new members for the council

“We received over one hundred applications from incredibly qualified candidates.”

Kate (Former LYAC Chair)

ESHB 1052 authorized the Legislative Youth Advisory Council members to, “develop selection criteria and an application review process.” By June 2007 an application and rubric were created by members of LYAC in collaboration with OSPI as an efficient way to select new members for the council. The Council paid close attention to the diversity of the candidates including geographic location, ethnicity, culture, background, and individual experiences in order to ensure the council is well balanced and truly represents the youth of Washington State.

Members of LYAC gathered on July 23, 2007 in order to review applications for open council positions. Upon completion of this process, the council sent their recommendations to the Lt. Governor’s office where he has the final appointment power.

Refer to appendix B and C to view the application and rubric.

Summaries of LYAC meetings in 2007

January 27, 2007 Bellevue, WA

At this meeting LYAC members discussed issues of the legislative sessions, including HB 1052, reauthorizing the Council. LYAC members voted to support the following issues: passport to college program, healthcare for low income kids, establishing a state report card for education, freedom of speech and press for high school and college students, increasing maximum levy percentage for school districts, foster care youth medical, defining “at risk” youth, notifying parents when child is in custody, dropout prevention grants, tuition setting, create a college in the high school program, scholarship fund for free/reduced lunch kids or kids w/parent(s) that have no bachelor degree, putting education 1st, sexual education in schools, passport to college, job skills for juvenile offenders, entrepreneurial education new program in vocational education, and visitation for non-parents.

June 2007 Bellevue, WA

LYAC met to evaluate its performance during the Legislative session and plan for the future. Applicants for open LYAC positions were considered. LYAC decided that several Council members would meet in July to make recommendations to the Lt. Governor as to which applicants to appoint as new Council members. Most of the meeting was spent finalizing the Council’s by-laws. It was also decided that the next LYAC meeting would occur in August. After the Council by-laws had been approved, LYAC decided it would elect their new Chair as the current Chair’s, Kate Berry, term would expire before the next meeting and a new Chair was needed to assure continuity. LYAC decided to elect their Communications Director as well in order to assure continuity. Other executive officers would be elected at the August meeting when the new Council had been selected. Phil Gardner was elected Chair, and Carmen Tubbesing was elected Communications Director.

August 16, 2007 Olympia, WA

LYAC welcomed new members! The LYAC website was discussed and members expressed a desire to create a LYAC.wa.gov website and update the look and feel of the site to make it more attractive to youth. LYAC members attended a one and half hour training on ethics. Members had a chance to discuss issues they would like to support for the 2008 legislative session. Council members informed the rest of the Council about the publicity LYAC received in the Forum for Youth Investment. Members reported on outside conference such as Arsalyn National Conference and the National Conference of State Legislators. Guest presenters included Senator McAuliffe, Lt. Governor Brad Owen, and Representative Sam Hunt. LYAC conducted elections for new Vice-Chair, Legislative Affairs Director, and Outreach Director. Finally, committee assignments were made.

October 13, 2007 Olympia, WA

The Council ratified changes in membership. Greg Williamson from OSPI discussed ethics for LYAC members. Nineteen policy issues were discussed and a priority list was created. Each committee was allotted a brief time to meet and discuss pressing matters. Planning began for the December meeting, the next legislative session, and a future town hall meeting. Finally, members evaluated the meeting.

December 8, 2007 Seattle, WA

LYAC members welcomed Kelly Martin, new program supervisor, and new members! The members planned for the 2008 legislative session by looking at prefiled bills, discussed communication with legislators, presented the idea of meeting with committees in the interim, and planned Action Day. Committees met and discussed pressing issues such as the annual report and the possibilities of holding town hall meetings. LYAC members voted on which issues/bills they would support in the upcoming session. LYAC voted to support Disabilities Awareness Week, HB 2420 creating a progressive carbon tax, and student free press. LYAC is also working with a bill that is currently being drafted which allows 17-year olds who will be 18 by the general election to vote in the primary election. Finally, three upcoming opportunities were discussed with Senator McAuliffe's Youth Council, Operation Military Kids, and National Youth Council.

LYAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

| Member's Name | City | Legislative District | LYAC Committee |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Alex Jonlin | Seattle | 43 | Application Review Committee Executive Committee Legislative Affairs Committee—Chair |
| Andrew Beckmann | Colfax | 9 | Outreach Committee |
| Anne Jun | Bellevue | 41 | Application Review Committee—Chair Executive Committee—Vice Chair |
| Brady Seroshek | Longview | 19 | Application Review Committee Legislative Affairs Committee |
| Cameron Boyd | Lakewood | 28 | Outreach Committee |
| Carmen Tubbesing | Redmond | 45 | Communications Committee—Chair Executive Committee |
| Cody Seeger | Buckley | 31 | Legislative Affairs Committee |
| Desirae Martin | Vancouver | 49 | |
| Greg Heinicke | East Wenatchee | 12 | Outreach Committee |
| Kaitlin DeWitt | Yakima | 13 | Communications Committee |
| Kit Vanderboll | Oak Harbor | 10 | Outreach Committee—Vice Chair |
| Megan Kinney | Yakima | 14 | Communications Committee |
| Melissa Karapostoles | Sequim | 24 | Communications Committee |
| Michelle Stanley | SeaTac | 33 | Application Review Committee Outreach Committee |
| Naomi Meyer | University Place | 28 | Executive Committee Outreach Committee—Chair |
| Nathan Haugen | Camano Island | 10 | Application Review Committee |
| Phil Gardner-Chair | University Place | 28 | Executive Committee—Chair |
| Randyn Morris | Tacoma | 27 | Communications Committee |
| Ryan Katz | Seattle | 43 | Legislative Affairs Committee |
| Stephanie Vis | Lynden | 42 | Application Review Committee Communications Committee—Vice Chair |
| Tucker Cholvin | Snohomish | 1 | Legislative Affairs Committee |
| Zoe Hamilton | Seattle | 36 | Application Review Committee Legislative Affairs Committee |

Thoughts from Members of the Council

"I learned about how much of a voice this council can have. Everyone of the students I've met is a motivated, intelligent individual."

Council Member, August 2007

"I joined LYAC because I feel youth needs a voice in Washington."

Council Member, August 2007

"The youth in this state are becoming more empowered, and are taking on a role that has never been seen before. "

Stephanie, Council Member, December 2007

"Watching the government process and participating in it are two separate things, and LYAC is all about participation. "

Stephanie, Council Member, December 2007

"LYAC has been a great way for me to become acquainted with my government and my representatives."

Megan, Council Member, December 2007

"I've learned that everyone, even those under 18, can have a say in our government.

I realize how crucial it is that we all do our part to be heard because it is what makes our democratic system possible."

Lissa, Council Member December, 2007

"I have become far more involved than I thought previously possible. I may be still in high school, but now I know how big a difference I can make."

Cody, Council Member, December 2007

Appendix A
Charter and By-Laws

Legislative Youth Advisory Council

Washington State

Adopted June 9, 2007

As the Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council, we strive to voice youth opinion, examine issues of importance to Washington youth and vocalize concerns to legislators. We promote youth participation in state and municipal governments and foster long-lasting relationships between state legislators, adults and young people.

Article I: Name

Section 1: This organization shall be known formally as the Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council. The informal name of this organization shall be LYAC.

Article II: Membership

Section 1: The Council consists of twenty-two members who, at the time of appointment, are between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. Members shall serve two-year terms and, if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms. The Council shall develop selection criteria and an application review process in order to recommend members to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. The Office of Lieutenant Governor shall make the final selection and notify all applicants. If an Educational Service District is not represented by the members on the Council, the Council may seek one ex-officio member from each of those districts.

Section 2: Ex-officio members. An ex-officio member may be recognized at the Chair's pleasure for the remainder of the Council year. The ex-officio members may participate in discussions but may not vote.

Article III: Officers

Section 1: Officers. The Council must nominate and elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Communications Director, Outreach Director, and a Legislative Affairs Director. Other positions may be appointed at the Chair's pleasure. Candidates for these positions are nominated and subsequently elected by the Council.

Section 2: Chair. The Chair must be a second-year member of the organization and will serve until his or her term expires. The duties of the Chair shall include, but are not limited to: the role of executive officer, planning and coordinating meetings, facilitating discussions, creating meeting agendas, appointing ex-officio members, committee members, and special officers, serving as official spokesperson, overseeing other officers and committees, and coordinating with OSPI and Legislative staff.

Section 3: Vice-Chair. The duties of the Vice-Chair shall include, but are not limited to: chairing the application review committee, answer Council e-mail, assisting the Chair as requested, monitoring and reporting on the budget, and serving as Chair in the absence of Chair.

Section 4: Communications Director. The duties of the Communications Director shall include, but are not limited to: taking accurate and complete minutes of all Council meetings, chairing the Communications Committee, overseeing annual legislative reports, preparing press releases, administering website and maintaining membership records.

Section 5: Legislative Affairs Director. The duties of the Legislative Affairs Director shall include, but are not limited to: chairing the Legislative Affairs Committee, planning and executing Action Day and other legislative activities with the Lieutenant Governor's office, participating in Civic Education Day, overseeing communication between the legislature and LYAC, preparing "one-pagers" for legislators, assigning members to contact legislators and track bills, and overseeing bill trackers and analysts.

Section 6: Outreach Director. The duties of the Outreach Director shall include, but are not limited to: keeping accurate databases of community and youth groups, contacting other relevant youth organizations, including but not limited to schools, representing LYAC to such groups, overseeing the conduction of youth surveys, and chairing the

Outreach Committee.

Section 7: In the confirmed vacancy of an officer position, the Council shall nominate and vote to elect a new officer who will remain in that position for the remainder of the term.

Article IV: Replacement of Officers

Section 1: Impeachment. The process for removal of any officer, whether elected or appointed, shall be as follows:
Grounds. Grounds for removal shall be misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in the performance of an officer's duties.
Charges. A motion for removal must be made at a regular meeting. In order for the Council member to be removed from the Council, charges must be supported by a two thirds majority vote.
Inability to charge. If the Council does not determine by majority vote that the charges are proper grounds for removal, said charges shall be dropped and stricken from the record.
Removal. Once the Council has determined the charges before the body to be proper grounds for removal, the Council shall place the motion for removal on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled general meeting. A detailed statement of the charges shall be mailed to each member of the Council in good standing at least fifteen days prior to the meeting where the removal proceedings will be heard, which shall be held more than thirty days following the day charges were first brought before the Council.
Right to face accuser. The parties calling for the removal of an officer must be present at the general Council meeting at which removal is considered. The Council member subject to removal must be present, or proof must be offered that the officer subject to removal was notified of the meeting and chose not to attend. If proper notice to the officer was proven to have been delivered, failure to attend will be considered an official act of resignation. The Council member subject to removal must be given the opportunity to respond at or before the meeting at which removal is considered.

Section 2: Replacement of general Council members.

If a Council member does not attend three meetings in a row without proper notification, the Council may elect to recommend that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor appoint a new member in his or her place for the remainder of the term.

If a member notifies the Council that he or she cannot serve the remainder of the term, the Council may elect to recommend that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor appoint a new member in his or her place for the remainder of the term.

Article V: Committees

Section 1: Communications Committee. The duties of the Communications Committee shall include, but are not limited to: writing the annual report, maintaining the LYAC website, taking and posting minutes from all general Council meetings, maintaining membership records and preparing press releases.

The Communications Committee shall include a minimum of three members: the communications director (Chair of communication committee), annual report writer and website manager. The communication director shall request additional committee members as needed.

Section 2: Legislative Affairs Committee. The duties of the Legislative Affairs Committee shall include, but are not limited to: helping plan Action Day, tracking bills, researching bill policy as requested by the Council, overseeing communication with legislators, and assisting the Legislative Affairs Director.

Section 3: Outreach Committee. The duties of the Outreach Committee shall include, but are not limited to: supporting the Outreach Director, compiling lists of youth directors, conducting youth surveys, and assigning individual Council members as contact points for youth groups.

Section 4: Executive Committee. The executive committee shall include all committee Chairs, standing officers, and the Council Chair.

The duties of the executive committee shall include, but are not limited to, coordinating Council activities and discussing conflicts, questions, and concerns.

Section 5: Application Review Committee. The Application Review Committee shall be a standing committee effective only when it is necessary to select new members for LYAC.

The duties of the Applications Review Committee shall include, but are not limited to: reviewing applications and making recommendations to the general Council based on the applicants' qualifications, changing the format of the application and establishing dates, no later than July 2, by which they must be returned to the Council and establishing the application analysis method for evaluating the applications every year. Following the Council's decision, the Chair shall send the recommendations to the office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Section 6: Ad Hoc Committees. Non-permanent committees may be formed at the pleasure of the Chair and exist as deemed necessary by the Chair and Council.

Chairs and members of these committees may be appointed at the pleasure of the Council Chair.

Article VI: Meetings

Section 1: Regular meetings. The Legislative Youth Advisory Council shall meet at the call of the Chair three to six times annually.

At least 30 days notice must be issued to all Council members including the date, time and location.

A quorum shall be a simple majority of members in good standing.

Section 2: Special meetings. Special meetings shall be held at the call of the Chair or fifty percent of the membership.

At least ten days notice must be issued to all Council members including the date, time and location.

A quorum shall be a simple majority of members in good standing.

Special meetings include all electronic or videoconferencing formats.

Section 3: Committees. Committees may be formed at meetings at the Council's pleasure. Appointments may be made to committees at the Chair's pleasure.

Article VII: Endorsements

Section 1: Endorsement meetings. All regularly scheduled meetings shall be open to agenda items relating to the endorsement of pending legislation or new bills created by the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

Section 2: Issues of public interest. Resolutions on issues of specific public interest may be debated and voted upon without prior notice. Such resolutions must be passed by simple majority.

Section 3: Public statements. No public statement of endorsement may be made without the Council's specific endorsement as defined in this article.

Article VIII: Policy

Section 1: Ideals. It shall be the policy of this organization to endeavor and to uphold all ideals set forth in this Charter.

Article IX: Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: Rules. The rules contained in the 1990 Scott, Foresman edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*, newly revised, shall govern actions of this organization in all cases in which they do not conflict with this charter or the regulations noted in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1052.

Appendix B

Legislative Youth Advisory Council Application

The Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council is a 22-member council of 14-18 year-old students from across the state of Washington. Applications to the Council are reviewed by the Council and final selection is conducted by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Half of the Council (eleven students) is replaced every year. Students then serve for two years.

Meetings are held three to six times per year, usually every other month. So far they have been held either in Olympia or the greater Seattle area, but there may be meetings in other areas in the future. Students are expected to attend every meeting they can, and travel expenses are covered. Occasionally meetings are planned during the school week, especially during session; so many students have to take a day off from school. Meetings are usually one day events, but there are occasional overnight meetings.

Outside of meetings, Council members are asked to continue the Council's work by contacting legislators to advise on pending legislation, drafting letters and legislative reports, and reaching out to other youth groups.

Applications are due by July 2, 2007. Please note that a teacher's evaluation is required. If you have any questions, please contact the Council by emailing lyac@leg.wa.gov.

Submit applications to:

Legislative Youth Advisory Council
c/o Judi Best, Senate Civic Education Coordinator
P.O. Box 40482
Olympia, WA 98504-0482
best.judi@leg.wa.gov

Thank you for your interest! We hope to meet you soon!

Sincerely,

Kate Berry
Chair, Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council

Legislative Youth Advisory Council Application

(Please print)

Full name: Age:

Address:

City: State: **WA** Zip Code:

School: Grade:

School district: Date of Birth: / /

Home phone: ()_ Cell phone: ()

E-mail Address:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Work number: () Home number: ()

Cell number: ()_ Email address:

Please briefly answer the following questions.

Why do you want to be on the Legislative Youth Advisory Council?:

What skills or resources will you bring to the Council?

Please describe any relevant activities and organizations (incl. community service, clubs, etc.):

What would you change about your community or school if you had the power to do so?

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM:

Name:

School/Organization:

Email address: Phone: ()

Address:

City: State: WA Zip Code:

Relationship to student:

This student is applying to serve on the Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council – a 22-member council with the purpose of advising the legislature on issues of importance to youth. Members meet up to six times per year and participate in outreach among the youth community and lobby the legislature. Every student on the Council serves for two years and must be between the ages of 14 and 18.

| | Strongly Agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly Disagreed | N/A or Unknown |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mature | | | | | |
| Knowledgeable about & interested in politics | | | | | |
| Good work ethic | | | | | |
| Strong Leadership Ability | | | | | |
| Dedication | | | | | |

I recommend this student I do not recommend this student.

Comments:

Appendix C

Rubric/Selection Criteria for new LYAC members

| | Not there yet | Getting there | Right there | Definitely there! |
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| Why do you want to be on the Council? | Candidate shows little or no evidence of having thought through why they want to participate. | Candidate has an answer, but it seems unclear (even to them). Little evidence that the candidate explored beyond the surface. | Answer expressed is persuasive, and shows evidence that the candidate put some effort into answering the question. | Clearly this candidate has been thinking about this. Shows evidence of having explored reasons at a deeper level. |
| What skills or resources do you bring to the Council? | Candidate lists few skills and resources, or lists skills and resources unrelated to council needs. | Candidate provides a list of skills, but seems to be struggling to make them relevant or meaningful to the council's work. | List includes a variety of skills and resources (eg. personal, interpersonal, academic, and legislative). | Goes beyond a list of skills; demonstrates personal mastery of key attributes, personal values, core competencies. |
| Please describe any relevant activities and organizations. | The list is insubstantial or based on unrelated activities. | List of activities seems random, or not focused toward civic engagement. | List is comprehensive, and targeted at civic engagement, or at other issues the council needs. | Activities and organizations show exceptional commitment to civic engagement or activism. |
| What would you change about your community or school if you had the power to do so? | Candidate shows little or no evidence of awareness of issues that affect them. | Candidate expresses interest in change, but doesn't see their role. | Candidate shows one or more issues where they appear to have depth of knowledge and commitment. | Candidate shows more than one issue, or one issue in significant depth. |
| How the candidate would contribute to the overall diversity of the council. | The candidate's and teachers' responses show no evidence of unique individual perspective. | The candidate's and teacher's responses show some evidence of unique individual perspective. | Candidate's and teacher's responses and profile show clear evidence of unique individual perspective. | Responses and profile show how the candidates' unique individual perspective has contributed to other efforts. |

Appendix D

Link to ESHB 1052 and supporting document information

ESHB 1052/Session Law

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bills/Session%20Law%202007/1052-S.SL.pdf>

Final Bill Report

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/documents/billdocs/2007-08/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/House%20Final/1052-S.FBR.pdf>

Budget Proviso Language

\$114,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2008 and \$114,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal year 2009 are provided solely for the implementation of Substitute House Bill No. 1052 (legislative youth advisory council).