

# SAIL LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

2025



**SAIL TOP BILLS**

**AND  
OTHER  
ITEMS**

# THE INSTITUTIONS BILLS

- HB 1472 and
- SB 5393 and
- The House Bill would close both Rainier School and Yakima Valley School for long-term residents by June 30, 2027, and would relocate current residents to other settings. The Yakima location would still be available for short-term respite or crisis stabilization services.
- The Senate Bill would close Rainier School by June 30, 2027 and would relocate residents to other settings.
- As of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, both bills are sitting in House Rules.

# THE COMMUNITY PROTECTION BILL

- HB 1390
  - This bill removes references to the Community Protection Program from statute effective January 1, 2026.
  - It requires the Developmental Disability Administration to move program participants to other waivers and ensure that they can access the same programs and services by December 31st, 2025.
  - Unfortunately, this bill didn't pass this year but we will be advocating for it again next year.

# WAIVER PRIORITIZATION

- HB 1130
  - This bill would prioritize specific populations when placing people on waivers. This would only happen if there were a shortage of waivers.
  - It would also require the Developmental Disability Administration to collect data on the prioritized populations and post it on their website.
  - This bill was passed and is headed to the Governor.

## OTHER LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

- At the State Level
  - We advocated for a few housing bills, including HB 1217, which improves housing rules for tenants.
  - Advocated for people's right to use independent repair shops to repair wheelchairs. SB 5680.
  - Advocated to get 50 million for DD Housing projects in the Capital Budget.
  - Advocated to make sure we don't see cuts to critical direct services in the operating budget.
- At the Federal Level
  - Members are participating in the Medicaid Matters campaign to help us stop Federal cuts to Medicaid.
  - Advocating to keep other vital services the same for people with disabilities.
  - Working with all of the Developmental Disability Network Partners to make sure they keep their funding.

# LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

- SAIL staff spoke at 16 Legislative Public Hearings
- At least 8 SAIL members (non staff) spoke at 1 hearing or more.
- Many SAIL signed in to state their position for the record.
- Contacted each State Legislator several times throughout the session over email.
- Staff and SAIL met with Legislators in person or over Zoom throughout the session.

Interviewed by King 5 News, Cascade PBS and ended up with statements in at least three newspapers.

Wrote an editorial about deinstitutionalization that was published in the Tacoma News Tribune.

A member of SAIL and the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council member participated in a Federal press conference on Medicaid.

Worked on 5 bills directly plus the budget bills

- Helped pass 2 bills with another 2 as possibilities.
- Co-hosted a Community Living Rally that had around 200 people.

# WHAT POLICY ITEMS ARE NEXT

- Work to pass the Community Protection Bill
- Work with Legislators to make sure our equipment goes with us during times of emergencies.
- Improve and strengthen supported living and community residential placement.
- Follow the deinstitutionalized bills
- Follow the Nothing About Us Without Us Act
- Improve transportation
- Improve access to medical services
- Protect Federal services
- Possible other items



# WORKING WITH OUR CONSULTANTS

- Starting In 2024 we met with several consultants Lisa Latchford, Anna Kashner, and Chuck Goodwin.
- Chuck helped Staff update their Job Descriptions
- Lisa and Anna helped the SAIL Leadership create three year goals and complete several trainings like conflict management.
- Lisa and Anna are back this year to help us
- Complete our long-term goals
- Help us figure out our structure
- Help us with Officer descriptions
- Help the Coalition work better together through various trainings.
- We are halfway through this year's work

# WHERE DOES SAIL GO FROM HERE

## **Admin Side**

- SAIL wants to expand our membership on zoom and in person at the quarterly meetings.
- SAIL wants to work with youth more to be able to get more youth members on the coalition.
- SAIL wants to reach out to diverse populations so we can have members from different backgrounds.
- Create new officer roles.

## **Policy Side**

- Work with our Self-advocacy partners to help with new legislation.
- Break into committees to focus on different emerging issues.
- Train coalition members on ways to connect with Legislators during session and out of session.
- Create the 2026 Legislative Agenda

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