

Domestic Partner Benefits Legislation Introduced in 09 Washington State Legislature

Thank you for your willingness to take a stand against the bills that have been introduced concerning this crucial issue. Here are some thoughts regarding participants in legislative hearings for [Senate Bill 5688](#) and [House Bill 1727](#):

Factors Determining Who in Your Family Should Attend?

- ★ It will be a long day. Participants should arrive at the hearing room by 9:15 at the latest to sign in and get a seat. And the second hearing won't be over until late in the afternoon.
- ★ The topic of the debate will likely not be "family friendly."
- ★ There will be a large representation by those favoring the bill and likely demonstrations on the Capitol grounds.

Therefore, Attendance Would Seem Best For:

- ★ Adults
- ★ Mature older children--those who are able to understand the issues and not be negatively affected by the tone or content of some of the other testimonies or attendees/demonstrators.

Family Policy Institute and Washington Values Alliance:

These organizations are spearheading opposition to these bills (see links below). They remind us that our behavior must be gracious & above reproach and that our tone be always patient & respectful toward bill proponents while opposing their legislation.

NOTE: Emotionally charged rhetoric by Christians should be avoided at all times.

- ★ Such testimony or discussion makes the speakers look like haranguers and "hate mongers."
- ★ This can only harm the cause of Christ among all present.
- ★ And it plays into the hands of those wishing to discredit God's people opposing these bills.

For those wishing to testify, the leaders also recommend that speakers stick to the basic talking points included in the links below.

Please Read the Helpful, Practical Information on These Sites:

Family Policy Institute :

[Domestic Partnerships Benefits Legislative Hearing Information & Talking Points](#)

Washington Values Alliance :

[Domestic Partnerships Benefits Legislative Hearing Information ~ Reasons to Oppose](#)

And please RSVP: These organizations ask that hearing attendees RSVP with one or the other of them, as soon as possible. Please indicate whether:

- ★ 1) you are just attending, or
- ★ 2) you are also wanting to testify

This will allow these organizations to contact you and coordinate testimonies for maximum effectiveness. Stickers will be available through the Family Policy Institute to identify you as opposing the bills.

May God bless the efforts of His people to stand for His truth.

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16