

2024 Lobby Days

Lobby Days Training Questions and Answers

General Questions:

Q: Where can I find the 2024 Bill Tracking Report?

A: On the Public Policy website, under Legislative Advocacy/Legislative Agenda. This link will take you directly to the 2024 Bill Tracking Report: [AAUW California Bill Tracking Report 2024 - Google Sheets](#)

Q: Where can I find information about who supported our bills in the past?

A: See the final 2023 Bill Tracking Report for the outcome of last year's Legislative Agenda including authors of each of our supported bills: [AAUW California Bill Tracking Report 2023 - Google Sheets](#)

Q: Please make sure Bill Tracker is updated with any members who have signed on to our three bills.

A: Authors/Co Authors/Sponsors are noted on the Bill Tracker.

Q: Does the Bill Tracker identify what committee will be considering each bill?

A: This information has been added for the three bills.

Q: Do we share our bills in advance to the legislators?

A: In our meeting requests, we have included the three bills.

Q: What do I need to do for these advocacy bills?

A: Everything you need to do can be found here: [Learn How to be an Effective Lobby Days Advocate - 2024 - AAUW California \(aauw-ca.org\)](#)

Q: Should non-district participants send a short article to the branches in the districts in which they met with legislators? We might want to tell our legislator staff this.

A: Yes, great idea.

Q: Should we make the ask after presenting each bill? Or after talking about all three?

A: After each bill.

Q: Timing for each section? How many minutes?

A: Total meeting time is 15 minutes. It's a good idea to segment this within the team and do a dry run so you can cover everything.

Q: Won't we be told with whom we're meeting ahead of time?

A: Yes, names are provided. You only need to ask for the spelling of someone's name if you meet with someone different than originally planned.

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Q: When will we learn which member or staffer we will be meeting with?

A: When your meeting is confirmed, the Lobby Days Committee will provide this information together with your meeting date/time and address or Zoom details.

Q: If I have a question for the Lobby Day committee, who do we email?

A: Please email Amy Hom at amyhom99@gmail.com

Q: How do we know who our team lead is? Will they be in touch?

A: All participants should have received an email with your team number, team roster, team leader, and the meetings we are working to secure for your team. Team leaders are responsible for getting in touch with their team.

Q: What if I have not received any information about my team and/or meetings?

A: Please email Amy Hom at amyhom99@gmail.com.

Q: Can we do more than one meeting? (Question from Sacramento participant.)

A: We will be making arrangements for those coming to Sacramento to join more than one meeting.

Q: Should we identify our Branch if we are not a constituent/in the district?

A: Yes, identify your branch whether in or out of district. If you have other participants who are in the district, have them talk about what their branch does in the community and for advocacy; the legislator is most interested in knowing what AAUW members in his/her district are doing for his/her constituents. If no one is in the district, have the Team Leader, during introductions, talk generally about the various programs AAUW branches provide.

Q: When will all meetings be set?

A: This could be at the last minute. The hope is that most if not all offices respond this week.

Q: At the conclusion of Lobby Days, will we receive a list of legislators or staff who participated?

A: Yes, we are happy to share this information.

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Questions about the 3 bills:

AB 2843

Q: AB 2843 does not offer anything for victims who are uninsured, right?

A: Yes, the bill eliminates copay for people with private insurance.

Q: Has Kaiser-Permanente taken a position on AB 2843? Since they cover 50% of our County residents, it would help to know if they support it.

A: Kaiser did one of the studies we used in our research as we worked to author this bill. We do not anticipate that Kaiser or any of the health plans will support this bill, as they will not be in favor of elimination of copays.

AB 2326

Q: Has AAUW taken a position on other Title IX related bills that are part of the package of which AB 2326 is a part?

A: We are supporting AB 1790 as a “B” priority bill. Several other Title IX related spot bills are on our legislative agenda as “watch” bills; we will be monitoring them and may move them up in priority as they take shape.

Q: So what about private California-based colleges and universities? I guess it would be more difficult to require the same kind of reporting from them. Do we think they will follow suit?

A: Private schools are required to comply with Title IX, however the state does not have authority to have them come before the legislature if they are not funded by taxpayer dollars.

AB 2099

Q: What does “a state-mandated local program” mean?

A: This is a typical phrase that is used at the end of bills that require that where California would impose a requirement on a local entity, a local government, anything that would have a cost, the state has to either fund that activity or explain why they will not fund it. This is a legislative tool that will not be questioned in our conversations with legislative offices.

Q: Does the percentage increase in attacks on Repro Health Clinics refer to just California or the whole US?

A: The statistics mentioned in the talking points are national, from the National Abortion Federation. [Provider Security - National Abortion Federation \(prochoice.org\)](https://www.prochoice.org/)

Q: Roe v Wade overturned in June 2022 - the data covers 2021-22. Error if talking about actions post-RvW?

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A: There is a 2023 report from the same org indicating that violence against providers continues to rise: [Violence Against Abortion Providers Continues to Rise Following Roe Reversal. New Report Finds - National Abortion Federation \(prochoice.org\)](#)

Q: Why would subsections a) and b) still remain only misdemeanors on the first violation? What are a) and b)?

A: If you are talking about subsections a) and b) under Section 2, our discussion is not concerned with that Section. Please should focus on Section 1, subsection (a)(3), which makes the conduct described in subsection (1) a felony if it leads to bodily harm.

Q: How do we handle First Amendment questions about AB 2099?

A: Punishment for threats has already been deemed constitutional.

General:

Q: If discussion gets started late and we don't have time to cover all 3 bills, how would you prioritize?

A: Please prioritize our sponsored bills, AB 2843 and AB 2326.

Q: Do we know the fiscal impact of these bills?

A: Not yet. We won't have that information for another 4 weeks.

Q: Why are we not talking to legislators about The Pregnancy Leave for Educators Act, AB 2901?

A: AB 2901 is on our Legislative Agenda, but for Lobby Days we only talk about our top 3 bills.

Q: What if we are meeting with one of the sponsors or authors of one of the three bills?

A: We just generally thank them for their lead, and explain to them why AAUW considers this one of our top 3 priorities – e.g. with AB 2099, how repro freedom is one of our Public Policy Priorities and why we feel so strongly about the need for protection of these providers.