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ABC Working for You



Here's a look at the great team that ABC has monitoring regulation and advocating government on your behalf:

Clifford Webster, Principal, Carney Badley Spellman, PS

Clifford Webster heads the legislative and administrative practice group at Carney Badley Spellman. He was rated one of the top 10 "lobbyists to call to get things done" by *Washington Law and Politics Magazine*. He received his undergraduate degree from Washington State University and his law degree from Gonzaga University. He is chairman of the Liability Reform Coalition (of which ABC is a member) and he was elected chairman of the State Capitol Global Law Firm Group, a position of respect among attorneys and lobbyists worldwide. Mr. Webster has lobbied for ABC since 1985.



Nancee Wildermuth, Attorney at Law

Nancee Wildermuth is an attorney in private practice. She began her law career at Carney Badley Spellman and continues to assist with several Carney Badley clients including ABC. She has a BA for the University of Wisconsin and a law degree from Seattle University. She was also rated as one of the top "lobbyists to call to get things done" by *Washington Law and Politics Magazine*.



James Curry, Carney Badley Spellman, PS

James Curry works with the government affairs practice group at Carney Badley Spellman supporting the advocacy and lobbying activities of the firm's clients, including ABC. James interacts regularly with legislators and construction industry groups on matters of interest for ABC and is a state registered lobbyist.



Kathleen Garrity, President

Kathleen Garrity has over 20 years of experience in a variety of governmental areas including prevailing wage, apprenticeship and labor. Kathleen serves on the state Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee.



Aran Buchan, Director of Government Affairs

Aran Buchan handles day-to-day issues concerning government affairs, including advocacy, bill tracking, union activity and political fundraising for ABC. Aran is the main advocacy contact for the ABC membership and is the staff representative to the Advocacy Council, and is a state registered lobbyist.



Ann Jarvis, Vice President of Safety and Education

Ann Jarvis monitors safety and regulatory changes and WRD decisions from the Department of L&I, DOSH and OSHA. Ann serves on the state's Construction Advisory Committee and Retro Advisory Committee.

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The ABC National headquarters in Arlington, VA has a staff of 15 government affairs and policy professionals including an award-winning lobbying team working in the US Capitol to support ABC member firms around the country.

Pictured from top: Clifford Webster, Nancee Wildermuth, James Curry, Kathleen Garrity, Aran Buchan, Ann Jarvis

Bill Summaries

Bills from the 2008 Legislative Session

The following are the bills used to determine legislator voting records during the 2008 legislative session.

Senate Bill 6385 - Residential construction liability

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Failed

This measure would have created a new cause of action for “negligent” construction on single family residences based on a “reasonable care” standard. If passed, homebuilders would have been exposed to increased liability and higher insurance rates. The lack of availability of insurance products would have been felt across the construction industry.

Senate Bill 5831 - HVAC/R licensing taskforce

ABC Position: Support / Result: Passed

This bill creates a taskforce of legislators, labor and business officials to further study licensing mechanics in all aspects of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration installation and repair. The original version of SB 5831 would have required thousands of hours of supervised on-the-job training for anyone entering the HVAC/R industry, putting small contractors and their employees at a competitive disadvantage. ABC opposes additional licensing requirements for HVAC/R mechanics but supported the creation of a taskforce to further study the issue.

Senate Bill 6732 - Implementing the recommendations from the taskforce on the underground economy in construction

ABC Position: Support / Result: Passed

This bill implements recommendations of the Joint Legislative Taskforce on the underground economy in the construction industry by providing a civil penalty for persons who falsify information on a contractor registration application. It provides for additional contractor compliance staff and a social marketing campaign aimed at consumers regarding the hiring of unregistered contractors.

Senate Bill 6777 - Clarifying interests in certain state lands (Maury Island Gravel Mine)

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Failed

This bill was introduced to change provisions on state interest of certain state lands for mineral rights in an attempt to stop the building of a gravel mine on Maury Island. This bill would have greatly impacted the price and availability of concrete and other building materials.

Senate Bill 6580 - Addressing the impacts of climate change through the Growth Management Act

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Passed

SB 6580 requires the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development to develop and provide counties and cities with a range of advisory climate change response methodologies, a computer modeling program, and estimates of green house gas reduction. This bill may hinder responsible land use planning, adversely impact private property rights, and limit the supply of buildable land. This bill could open the door for increased litigation on all future development projects.

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Senate Bill 6333 - Establishing a citizens' work group on health care

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Passed

SB 6333 establishes the Washington's citizens' work group on health care reform. The work group will hold meetings around the state to review and develop recommendations to the governor and the legislature related to four major proposals to change Washington's health insurance and health care delivery system.

House Bill 3349 - Providing a review of the need for residential contractor licensing

ABC Position: Support / Result: Failed

This bill would have required the Department of Licensing to conduct a review of the need for regulation of general and specialty contractors involved in the repair, alteration, or construction of single family homes. The Speaker of the House continues to study the issue as an alternative to increasing liability exposure for home builders (see Senate Bill 6385).

House Bill 1873 - Changing the requirements for, and recoveries under, a wrongful injury or death

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Failed

This measure would have expanded the types of damages available and the number of beneficiaries able to claim damages in wrongful death, survival and child death claims. It would have greatly increased the number of wrongful death cases against public and private entities and was opposed by the entire construction industry.

House Bill 2864 - Requiring the filing of certified payroll records on public works projects

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Failed

HB 2864 would have required all general contractors on public works projects to submit to the awarding agency a list of all subcontractors supplying off-site, prefabricated products, including detailed information about product cost and suppliers. Any subcontractor or manufacturer supplying nonstandard, prefabricated products (including out-of-state suppliers) would be required to file a certified payroll identifying hours expended and hourly minimum rate paid for work on each project. It would have created an unnecessary administrative burden on suppliers and required the release of proprietary information.

House Bill 3139 - Pay during appeal

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Passed

This bill changes Washington industrial insurance law and practice by requiring the Department of Labor and Industries to continue to pay benefits during an employer's appeal. A department order awarding benefits is effective and benefits are due on the date the order is issued. An appeal will not operate as a stay on the benefits unless the Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals orders a stay.

House Bill 2537 - Health Insurance Partnership (HIP) expansion

ABC Position: Oppose / Result: Passed

This bill clarifies the authority and activities of the state-run Health Insurance Partnership (HIP) program, making it available to employers who attest that they are not providing coverage to their employees, and that at least 50% of their employees are low wage workers. The business community remains concerned that the HIP will compete with the private sector options while providing only minimal subsidies from the supplemental budget.

Champions of Free Enterprise

The following House and Senate members have an ABC
voting record of 100%

Senate

Senator Don Benton	17th	Senator Curtis King	14th
Senator Dale Brandland	42nd	Senator Bob McCaslin	4th
Senator Mike Carrell	28th	Senator Bob Morton	7th
Senator Jerome Delvin	8th	Senator Linda Evans Parlette	12th
Senator Mike Hewitt	16th	Senator Pam Roach	31st
Senator Janea Holmquist	13th	Senator Mark Schoesler	9th
Senator Jim Honeyford	15th	Senator Joesph Zarelli	18th

House of Representatives

Representative Mike Armstrong	12th	Representative Jim McIntire	46th
Representative Barbara Bailey	10th	Representative Daniel Newhouse	15th
Representative Bruce Chandler	15th	Representative Ed Orcutt	18th
Representative Cary Condotta	12th	Representative Kirk Pearson	39th
Representative Larry Crouse	4th	Representative Dan Roach	31st
Representative Doug Ericksen	42nd	Representative Jay Rodne	5th
Representative Larry Haler	8th	Representative Charles Ross	14th
Representative Jamie Herrera	18th	Representative Joe Schmick	9th
Representative Bill Hinkle	13th	Representative Mary Skinner	14th
Representative Joel Kretz	7th	Representative Norma Smith	10th
Representative Dan Kristiansen	39th	Representative Bob Sump	7th
Representative Jim McCune	2nd	Representative Maureen Walsh	16th

Grade Key

A = 90% - 100%
B = 80% - 89%
C = 70% - 79%
D = 60% - 69%
F = 0% - 59%

Vote Card Legend

Y indicates a Yea vote (support)
N indicates a Nay vote (oppose)
E indicates the legislator was absent
E votes are not used in calculating score

For a bill by bill voting record, individual score and letter grade, see following pages

Senate



ABC Position	Party ID	Legislative District	Senate Bill 6385	Senate Bill 5831	Senate Bill 6732	Senate Bill 6777	Senate Bill 6580	Senate Bill 6333	House Bill 2537	ABC Voting Record	Letter Grade
Marr, Chris	D	6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
McAuliffe, Rosemary	D	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
McCaslin, Bob	R	4	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	100%	A
McDermott, Joe	D	34	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Morton, Bob	R	7	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	100%	A
Murray, Ed	D	43	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	A
Oemig, Eric	D	45	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	A
Parlette, Linda Evans	R	12	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	100%	A
Pflug, Cheryl	R	5	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	86%	B
Prentice, Margarita	D	11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Pridemore, Craig	D	49	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Rasmussen, Marilyn	D	2	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	57%	F
Regala, Debbie	D	27	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Roach, Pam	R	31	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	100%	A
Rockefeller, Phil	D	23	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Schoesler, Mark	R	9	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	100%	A
Sheldon, Tim	D	35	N	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	86%	B
Shin, Paull	D	21	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	43%	F
Spanel, Harriet	D	40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Stevens, Val	R	39	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	86%	B
Swecker, Dan	R	20	N	N	Y	E	N	E	N	80%	B
Tom, Rodney	D	48	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Weinstein, Brian	D	41	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	29%	F
Zarelli, Joesph	R	18	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	100%	A

Get into politics or get out of business!

- Make sure you and your employees have registered to vote. Contact ABC for voter registration forms.
- Research candidates who will be helpful for your business. If you don't have time to research, contact ABC, and we'll provide you with candidates we recommend.
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