

PROPOSED House Bill 1337 – Enhanced penalties for Assaults on Code Enforcement Officers in Performance of their duties, Assault 3, a Class C Felony.

The first hearing for proposed House Bill 1337 was held on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Several members of WACE attended the first hearing on the proposed bill, Larry Isenhardt, Steve Mauer, Mark Luppino, Valirie Johnson, Melanie Boehm, and Yvonne Reed attended the hearing and leant their support on behalf of WACE members.

Larry Isenhardt, Steve Mauer and I all testified in support of the proposed bill, as well as Kraig Stevenson from ICC. Many thanks to all of you!

Proposed House Bill 1337 is scheduled for a second hearing, this time in Executive Session in the House Committee on Public Safety. Please see the link below:

[February 07, 2019 - Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Public Safety at 8:00 AM \(Subject to change\).](#)

Now is the time when your calls and emails to the Public Safety Committee would be very effective if we are to succeed in getting this bill to go to a vote of the Washington House Of Representatives. You may contact committee members through the link: <http://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/PS/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx> (If it passes, the bill will go on the Senate, and we will have to repeat these efforts.) I have personally sent emails to all members of the Public Safety Committee and have received positive responses from three members of the committee.

I would encourage each of you to contact your home legislator to lend you voice to their actions on the bill. To find your district click [here](#) and enter your city's address. The name of your city's legislators will appear. Please strongly consider contacting the members of the Public Safety Committee, these contacts would also be extremely helpful.

WACE is 229 members strong and we should each be investing our time to make this legislation a reality.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this time sensitive matter.

Respectfully,

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