

UE Local 170 Political Action Update – January 2012

Please contact your West Virginia Legislators and urge them to support the UE Local 170 legislative agenda. You can find your legislators' contact info and other useful info at the WV Legislature's web site: www.legis.state.wv.us.

\$1,000 Cost of Living Wage Increase - house bill – **HB 2934** - The purpose of this bill is to grant all public employees and retirees a \$1,000 per year permanent pay increase. Referred to the [House Finance Committee](#)..

Seniority Rights - house bill – **HB 2194** - The purpose of this bill is to recognize seniority for public employees for the purposes of promotion, transfer, advancement, lay off, reduction in force and recall. Referred to the [House Energy, Industry and Labor Committee](#).

Caseload Standards – house bill – **HB 2369** – Compels the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources to develop meaningful caseload standards for DHHR program areas by a date certain. Referred to the [House Health and Human Resources Committee](#).

WV OSHA - house bill – **HB 2371** – Ask your legislators to support and fund WV OSHA protection for public employees and if necessary amend the law to comply with federal matching fund requirements. Referred to the [House Energy, Industry and Labor Committee](#).

Increase Annual Increment - house bill – **HB 2029** - increases annual increment from \$60 to \$100 per year of service. Referred to the [House Finance Committee](#).

Other bills worth supporting:

Minimum Living Wage \$20,000 per year - house bill – **HB 3110** - establishes \$20,000 as the minimum living wage for public employees. The bill directs the Division of Personnel to adjust established pay ranges to reflect the new minimum. Referred to [House Government Organization Committee](#).

Expand the WV Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – house bill – **HB 2469** – expands WV CHIP to public employees who make less than \$25,000 per year. Referred to the [House Health and Human Resources Committee](#).

Overtime Pay on Holidays – house bill – **HB 2120** - Providing overtime pay for all employees who are required to work holidays regardless if the holiday hours are in excess of a forty hour workweek. Referred to the [House Energy, Industry and Labor Committee](#)..

UE Local 170 will also be supporting study resolutions on **stopping the privatization of state workers' jobs** and the **WV grievance system**.

For more info and updates on these bills visit the [UE Local 170 web site](#).