

Immunization Action Coalition of Washington



ADVOCACY EFFORTS

SB 5005

**WASHINGTON'S EXEMPTION
LEGISLATION**

Exemptions



- Washington State's exemption rates for child care and school entry requirements, including medical, religious and philosophical exemptions, are the nation's highest.
- Current procedure requires only a signature by the parent/guardian. Changes to statute and rule should be considered to tighten requirements and reduce the number of convenience exemptions.
- It is recommended that mandatory parent education be linked to the exemption process.

Stakeholder Work



Relationships built over time

Provider community supportive of
legislation

Engaged lobbyists
WSNA, WCAAP, WSMA, WAFP, SNOW,
WACMHC

Established IACW membership

Advocacy Process



IACW Policy Paper

WA Exemption Fact Sheet

IACW Policy Committee Meetings

Information Dissemination to IACW Members

Testimony at Hearings

Media: Newspaper Articles and OpEds

NVIC Opposition



- NVIC Action Alert issued
- NVIC Newsletter
- House Health Care and Wellness Committee
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Legislation Passed



Governor Chris Gregoire signs SB 5005.

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Thank You



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