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
  - WSNA, WCAAP, WSMA, WAFP, SNOW, WACMHC
- Engaged lobbyists
- 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**
  March 9\textsuperscript{th}, 2011
Legislation Passed

Governor Chris Gregoire signs SB 5005.

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Thank You

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