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From Harry - regarding "what does our lobbyist do at the capitol"

I'm sometimes asked "just what do you do for us at the capitol?"

A short answer is; I'm your eyes and your ears as well as your voice at the state legislative session.

From early January to mid May, 197 legislators (163 from the house and 34 senators) are putting their thoughts - their best intentions - into legislative proposals. It is usual procedure for more than 1,400 bills to be introduced each annual session. Without exception, each year some of these proposals could affect your job, your workplace, your personal life and your future.

Over the years your lobbyist along with the Association have initiated bills that would;

- aggressively (and successfully) promoted strengthening and expanding the state's deferred compensation plan. (HB5 - 2008)
- pushed early retirement incentives (SB462 - 2003)
- initiated legislation to more fairly treat employees who work 10-hour days in regard to holiday compensation (HB750 - 2015)
- offer specific pay increases to off-set increased health insurance premiums (HB636 - 2013)
- improved retirement benefits
- emphasized worker safety
- We have opposed, with a good rate of success, a number of legislative proposals. Some examples;
- elimination of specific state holidays (HB129 - 2013)
- the reduction or elimination of certain dismissed worker appeals (SB700 - 2012)
- a specific reduction in administrative leave for state employees (HB519 - 2015)
- a limitation of job opportunities for retired state employees (SB312 - 2013)

I send our regular reports during the legislative session updating our progress.