

Day In Olympia 2023 Report

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Our "Day in Olympia" for 2023 did not happen. There are several reasons;

1. Not enough registrations early enough to pay for the expenses expected.
2. Our Representatives did not confirm that they could come.
3. We managed to get our day on the same day as the cut off for bills.

Only five Legislators confirmed for 10:15 AM to 10:30 AM. That meant we had to fill the time from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM with other activities and not hearing from our Representatives.

We knew it would be a challenge due to it being a Friday. Many may not know how we must schedule this room. Someone must call every day a year in advance and put in a request for the room. The answer comes back the next day. If the room is not available, you must repeat the process. To make it even more difficult you must call after 12:01 AM. No person on the other end of the line to work the schedule. To further complicate the scheduling we do not have the legislative schedule for 2024 when we have to schedule the event.

With all of that said we have managed to schedule for 2024, That date is February 28th, 2024, this is a Thursday. So, we have a date that is not a Monday or a Friday. We can only hope it is not a cut off or other important event our Legislators would have to deal with.

This brings us to the question: Do we go ahead with the event for 2024 or do we determine that we have exhausted the club's interest in this event. This will require conversation and or a vote to continue with as it will need to be in the budget for 2024.

Respectfully Submitted

Colleen Wise and Dee Drewry.