2016 NWR Conference Legislative Report
Talking points provided by Region Chair Lura Powell

Slide 1
• Committee kicked off at the 2015 NWR meeting in Bellevue after inspiring talk by former State Senator Lisa Brown
• I am grateful to committee volunteers:
  Kate Espy
  Janet Schempf
  Pat Griffith, SI-Seattle Metropolitan
  Janis Rink
  Connie Werst
  Carol Nielson
  Kelly McIntosh

Slide 2
• National state-by-state effort to pass Erin’s Law, which calls for implementation of curriculum for the prevention of sexual abuse for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Alaska and Oregon have already passed versions of the law, but to date Washington, Idaho and Montana have not.
• We also looking at the wage gap issue and have reviewed data being collected in Washington State, provided by Karen Hall.
• One way that together we can have a large collective impact is by participating in the LiveYourDream.org Action Alerts. SIA makes it quick and easy to contact your Congressional Representatives about issues related to the Soroptimist mission. All you have to do is input your zip code and contact information. SIA provides the message and will send it for you. Legislators listen to input from their constituents. I have always gotten responses from my representatives.