

The 9 Steps of a LOBBY DAY Visit February 13th, 2025

1. BEFORE ENTERING your VISIT:

Look to see which district the [Legislator you are going to see represents](#).

- Keep in mind that your appointment is only 10-15 min when planning what you want to say

2. INTRODUCE YOURSELF, MAWS, and let them know if you are a constituent or if your clients or colleagues live in their district. Find your legislator here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

3. THANK the Representative for their support in the past.

- Over the years, many of our efforts have passed either unanimously or by a wide margin, so you can thank all House Reps and all Senators for being a supporter of midwifery care (Click on “View Roll Calls” for detail). There won’t be time to thank them for everything, but you can be specific if something is important to you personally. Past support may include:
 - (2024) Thank you for supporting our technical fix bill [SB 6178](#) regarding our Rx license extension
 - (2023) Thank you for supporting increased Medicaid reimbursement for births at home & in birth centers
 - (2022) [SSB 5765](#) License extension option for LMs to prescribe contraception & meds for common conditions
 - (2019) Passing the [Governor’s Budget](#) included funding the cap on LM licensing fees & “Douglas for All”

4. TELL YOUR STORY (briefly): Have one person from your group give a brief personal example of why/how Licensed Midwifery has positively impacted their life or share a story about a family.

5. SUMMARIZE OUR POSITION:

- See Legislative Agenda and Talking Points

6. REFER Legislators to our Electronic Lobby Day Packet (E-Packet):

- www.washingtonmidwives.org/2025

7. Typically, it’s very important not to forget THE ASK. This year, we will mainly work on building relationships. If someone demonstrates a lot of interest, ask:

- For Reps: Will you support HB 1824 as it moves through the House?
- For Senators, if HB 1824 moves through the Senate, would you support it?
- For any legislator: Will you let budget leaders know that you support the cap on the LM licensing fee?
 - Would you support payment to birth centers even when a transfer occurs? Are you able to support grants to distressed birth centers and labor and delivery units?
- And also pause for questions from the legislator!

8. AFTER THE VISIT:

- Record some notes about your visit on the [provided google form](#); note who is supportive and who is not; include any requests for more information or follow-up. <https://forms.gle/gDSATpwvYJRUNCqg8>

9. FOLLOW-UP:

- Consider sending thank you cards or emails. Watch for any additional requested follow-up.
- Any further questions or concerns can be addressed by our lobbyist, Amber Ulvenes amber@ulvenesconsulting.com or MAWS info@washingtonmidwives.org