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District:

35th

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Senator

1. Are you an incumbent?

No

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

N/A

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

Every single person in our country should have the opportunity for a good education and training to become a successful member of our society. I fully endorse policies that will provide these opportunities for all of our citizens, including persons with disabilities.

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

Yes. I have been an educator for almost 40 years. Many of my students have had disabilities of various sorts, including present students.

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

Many of my students as stated above ranging in age from 5 to 20.

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

As I have experienced in my teaching career, most people want to succeed, to produce something, to be needed. Employment is a crucial piece for all people, including those with disabilities. Training early on in school is crucial for transitioning from childhood to adulthood. I would back legislation that increases educational funding and fair pay.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Absolutely.

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

I do not fully understand this question. Why don't 12,560 people with disabilities receive this help from DDA?! This sounds very wrong to me!

9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Yes!

10. Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and independence?

Of course.

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

If elected, I will fully support policies that will protect and enhance the lives of all of our citizens with disabilities.

12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

I look forward to working with CEA in the near future! Thank you for asking for my support, if elected.

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Name:

Dave Daggett

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District: 35th

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

WA House Representative, 35th LD, Seat #2

1. Are you an incumbent?

No

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

I'm not an incumbent

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

My wife and I have worked for several years with the disabled. Support services are needed to help folks with disabilities so that they can indeed work in, and and be part of the community. Among the things needed are: job training, housing, financial support, transportation, counseling and a friendly face to cheer them on.

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

Yes, two of our best friends have children with disabilities -- CP and a mental health issue. With services, they have been able to function in the community and are doing well.

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

Yes, especially my wife, who is a registered nurse and worked at clinics for children with spina bifida.

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

I think job training would be a big help, but I'd like to hear your organization's thoughts on the most productive way to address this issue.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Absolutely; my top priority is protecting our social safety net from the cuts that the Republicans are intent on inflicting.

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

I'd look forward to working with your organization to fix this problem.

9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Yes indeed. I fully support diversity. If you have a list of these companies, I'd be thrilled to meet with them personally.

10. Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and independence?

I'd love to hear these stories of success.

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

Our family has been an advocate for many years and we'll continue to be. I'm sure you remember Trump's abhorrent treatment of the news reporter with a disability. That's one of the main reasons why I've decided to turn from an Independent to a Democrat and to also run for office.

12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

I look forward to hearing from you and seek your endorsement. Cheers, Dave

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District:

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Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Rep, pos 2

1. Are you an incumbent?

yes

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

SHB 1636 to help promote employment for those with disabilities

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

n/a

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

Yes I do

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

Yes I have

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

My bill 1636 is a start, but we need to do more, including ensuring opportunities are made for specialized training

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Yes I will

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

I will advocate for this through my work on appropriations

9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Yes

10. Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and

independence?

Yes

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

I believe we have a moral responsibility to those with developmental disabilities

12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

I am always willing to meet and learn from those who have ideas.

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Name:

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District:

35th

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State Senator

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NO

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

N/A

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

I would contact and encourage corporations and employers to come to our counties and to higher more disabled people.

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

Yes, I personally know friends at church and local civic group members with down syndrome and many other types of disabilities. They appear to be accepted within our communities and function well.

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

. As a teacher retired from a Catholic School background I've personally worked with some students who had a mild form of intellectual disability and I worked diligently to help them as their teacher.

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

I could introduce a bill and support policies that would benefit the disable and aid the underemployed.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Yes, I would do what is necessary to help the disable who have been neglected far too long.

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

To my knowledge the developmental have received SSI to assist them but if more funds are needed maybe new legislation should be introduce to further assist.

9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Yes indeed!

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Yes! I would do that again as I've done during my previous campaigning for state representative. My position has not changed on this issue or hearing and sympathizing from family caregivers. I speak from experience; everyone gives a lot of attention to the disabled yet often forgets about their caregivers. This support system is a symbiotic relationship.

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

I am advising all families of the disabled that a vote for me is voting for someone who truly cares about your needs and understand your situation and how it affects the whole family.

12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

Is new funding legislation needed as we encounter more disabled people due to additional mental health issues affecting all counties?

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Name:

James Thomas

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District:

35

Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Legislature, LD35, Position 1

1. Are you an incumbent?

No

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

A central theme of my campaign is that communities work best when they have a welcoming and valued place for all of their citizens. Those with disabilities cover a wide range of interests and abilities; a one-size solution is unlikely to be effective. But one approach I favor is to give companies a break on the B&O tax based on annual hours worked by qualifying individuals.

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

I grew up next door to a boy a little older than I who had cerebral palsy.

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

I employed a wheelchair bound individual as a technician several years ago.

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

Talk. People shrink from what they don't understand. The most important action any of us can embrace all of the things that make us the same and discount the few things that make us different.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Absolutely.

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

I would have to know more about the types of developmental disabilities and their severity among those 12,560 individuals. But the bottom line is that the state has a constitutional as well as an ethical obligation to help everyone reach their educational potential. The hard part is that while nearly everyone embraces this, few want to pony up the taxes necessary to meet our obligation.

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Of course.

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Yes.

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

Again, those with disabilities are a natural constituency for me. It is a fundamental tenet of my philosophy that communities must assure a welcoming and valued place for every member of that community. We are all stronger together than any of us alone.

12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

I'll have many questions about how best I can help once I'm in Olympia.

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