**Council Advocacy Committee Efforts DRAFT**

A council has the opportunity to coordinate policy efforts through a variety of models.  Many councils choose to organize a committee of individual TU members from across their region to move policy efforts forward.  Below is an example of activities a committee might engage in to facilitate effective advocacy efforts.

**January (In-Session)**

Weekly legislative status calls with committee members & TU staff

Organize testimony volunteers (provide pre-meeting coaching with talking points)

Draft newsletter updates for submission

**February (In-Session)**

Weekly legislative status calls with committee members & TU staff

Organize testimony volunteers (provide pre-meeting coaching with talking points)

**March (In-Session)**

Weekly legislative status calls with committee members & TU staff

Meet with representatives during their recess to share TU priority areas

Organize testimony volunteers (provide pre-meeting coaching with talking points)

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**April (In-Session)**

Weekly legislative status calls with committee members & TU staff

Start to plan meetings with representatives (especially during an election year)

Organize testimony volunteers (provide pre-meeting coaching with talking points)

**May (In-Session)**

Weekly legislative status calls with committee members & TU staff

Organize testimony volunteers (provide pre-meeting coaching with talking points)

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Organize a meeting with chapter advocacy committees

**June (In-Session)**

Weekly legislative status calls with committee members & TU staff

Committee debrief of the closing legislative session

Meet with TU staff to discuss upcoming session priorities

Communicate session outcomes to members

Organize testimony volunteers (provide pre-meeting coaching with talking points)

**July**

Organize a meeting with chapter advocacy committees

Offer training for members meeting with legislators in August

**August**

Meet with representatives & their staff during their recess to share TU priority areas

Committee members attend upcoming chapter meetings to introduce committee, learn about local policy issues and build interest in upcoming priority issues in the legislature (recruit testimony volunteers, issue education, etc.).

Organize a candidate’s forum training for chapter advocacy committees (election year)

Organize a chapter training on one advocacy tactic (e.g. special event, LTE’s, postcard writing campaign)

**September**

Meet with TU staff to discuss upcoming session priorities

Committee members attend upcoming chapter meetings to introduce committee, learn about local policy issues and build interest in upcoming priority issues in the legislature (recruit testimony volunteers, issue education, etc.).

Support chapter advocacy committees in organizing candidate forums (election year)

**October**

Identify committee priorities and confirm with council

Draft list of potential TU member testifiers for priority areas in upcoming session

Identify legislative staff that relationship building would strengthen your efforts

Committee members attend upcoming chapter meetings to introduce committee, learn about local policy issues and build interest in upcoming priority issues in the legislature (recruit testimony volunteers, issue education, etc.).

Draft newsletter updates with priorities for submission

**November**

Offer training opportunity for members who will likely provide testimony for upcoming session

Organize a meeting with chapter advocacy committees

**December**

Meet with TU members to update them on upcoming legislative priorities and share how they can help