

Legislative & Institutional Strategy Worksheet

Walk a policy change through the six stages and find where the real leverage is — usually committees and staff, not the floor vote.

Where is it in the process

Idea, drafting, committee, floor, other chamber, or implementation — where does your proposal stand right now?

Sponsor and committee

Sponsor / champion

Who is the inside champion you have, or need to find?

Committee

What committee or subgroup is the real chokepoint, and who chairs it?

Staff

Which staff member — not the elected official — actually works this issue? What's your plan to reach them?

Your highest-leverage move

Given exactly where this is in the process, what's the single highest-leverage thing you can do next?

Self-check

I'm supplying my champion with the language, data, and support they need

I'm working the committee and staff before the floor, while it's still shapeable

I'm providing useful material, not just demanding action

I have a plan to stay through implementation, not just the vote