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quent offense. The measure would also direct the revenue from these penalties to local jurisdictions to help pay for increased enforcement and prevention measures.

“This legislation sends a firm message to those abusing women and children through prostitution that Washington State will not put up with their criminal behavior any longer. It is meant to be a deterrent for such crimes,” said Parker (R-Spokane). “Those who are caught promoting prostitution will pay more, and this money will be used to help victims transition away from the unfortunate situations they find themselves in.”

Both bills now head to the Senate for further consideration.

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Reps. Tina Orwall and Kevin Parker discussing legislation.

Elders

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Seattle City Council member Nick Licata attended and spoke at the event. He shared a personal story of his stepson who receives care and noted, “What happens when we become too old to take care of him? What does his future look like?” He urged the crowd to contact City Council members in support of the city council resolution and stressed that this is a “social crisis that we’re facing.”

Seattle City Council member Mike O’Brien also attended the event, as well as representatives from Senator Murray’s office, Senator Cantwell’s office and Congressman Jim McDermott’s office.

As America’s ‘age wave’ begins this year—with one American turning 65 every eight seconds—transforming long-term care will become even more urgent

The event also featured personal stories by older adults, home care and domestic workers, and family members about the current

Care Crisis facing Seattle. It was an opportunity for people to connect across racial, ethnic and generational lines.

Kassandra Gonzalez, a domestic worker and volunteer at Casa Latina shared her story and struggles at the event. As a domestic worker, Kassandra feels she’s discriminated against because domestic workers are excluded from labor protections and lack access to health care. Many domestic workers are either doing housekeeping work, or working as care givers without legal documentation and without a pathway to citizenship. “It will be like a dream come true to have legal rights like every other worker in the country,” Kassandra said at the Care Congress.

Awareness

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Rev. Dr. Linda Smith, Pastor of the Church of Mary Magdalene, getting tested for HIV at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

behavior puts them at greater risk for HIV should get tested once a year or more frequently. For testing locations in King County, call 206-296-4649 or go to www.kingcounty.gov/health/hiv.

HIV is an entirely preventable disease. To do this we need to be aware. We need to get

The CDC recommends that everyone age 13-64 who is sexually active should test for HIV at least once

involved. And we need to get tested!

The National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event was presented by Center for Multicultural Health, HIV Vaccine Trials Unit, Lifelong AIDS Alliance, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Neighborhood House/Project HANDLE, People of Color Against AIDS Network, and Public Health – Seattle & King County.