

# Navigating the State Legislative Session

## Legislative session basics

- Each year's legislative session begins on the 2nd January
- Odd year sessions are 105 calendar days
- Even year sessions are 60 calendar days
- The Legislature's only job is to pass the state budget (operating, capital & transportation) in odd years and a supplemental budget in even years
- Once adjourned, the governor can call legislators into one or more special sessions or the Legislature can call itself into special session with a 2/3 vote
- The majority party controls each chamber's schedule, including which bills are heard, and leads each committee

#### How a bill becomes a law

### Red = impactable points in the process

#### First House

- 1. Lead sponsor "drops" a bill which gets formally introduced, assigned a number and referred to the appropriate policy committee
  - o Co-sponsors can be added
- 2. Committee chair chooses whether to "hear" the bill through a public hearing and then whether to bring it up for a vote (executive session). If the bill passes the committee:
- 3. If the bill impacts the budget, it goes to that house's fiscal committee, where step #2 repeats.
- 4. The bill advances to the Rules Committee, which decides whether it goes to the floor for a vote by the entire body. If the bill is approved, it moves to the opposite chamber:

#### Second House

- 5. Bill advances to the opposite chamber and goes through the same process again (policy committee, fiscal committee, Rules Committee, floor vote)
  - ⇒ If it passes the opposite chamber with no amendments, it goes to step #6
  - ⇒ If it passes the opposite chamber with amendments, it must go back to the floor of the original chamber for "concurrence."

o If the original house does not concur, a conference committee is appointed develop a compromise version. If they can, the bill goes back to both houses for approval. If they can't, the bill dies.

#### Governor

- 2. Once both houses pass a bill, it goes to the Governor who can sign, veto, or not sign.
  - ⇒ If the Governor does not sign, but bill becomes law.
  - $\Rightarrow$  If the Governor vetoes a bill, both houses can override the veto by a 2/3 vote.

#### **Fiscal Committees**

- House
  - o Finance Committee: revenues (taxes)
  - o Appropriations Committee: spending (Operating Budget)
- Senate
  - Ways & Means Committee: revenues (taxes); spending (Operating & Capital budgets)

Using the Legislature's website: Leg.wa.gov

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## https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder



### Look up legislators by name or district

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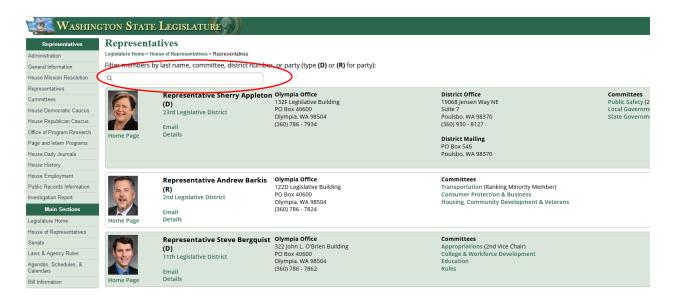




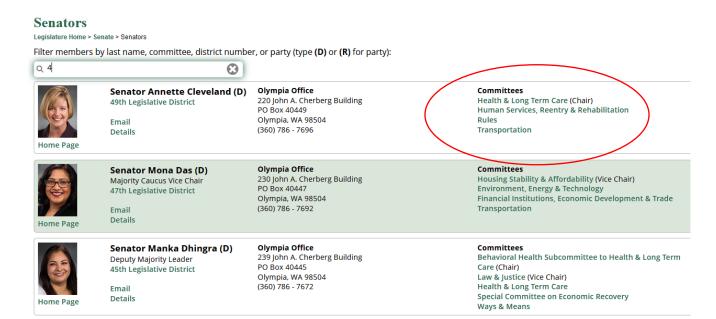
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Enter name, partial name, or district number:



## Determine which committees your legislators sit on



## Contact your legislators

**Email form** (requires you to input your address); navigate here via the Senators or Representatives pages.



## Find legislators' direct email addresses

From the homepage: https://leg.wa.gov/



#### **All Members E-mail List**

### Members of the 66th Legislature 2019-2020



### Find a bill, including bill text and summary documents

From the homepage: <a href="https://leg.wa.gov/">https://leg.wa.gov/</a>



#### **Bill Information**



# HB 2405 - 2019-20

Concerning commercial property assessed clean energy and resilience.

Sponsors: Duerr, Barkis, Fitzgibbon, Shewmake, Hoff, Kloba, Corry, Gildon, Ybarra, Jenkin, Pollet, Dogli

Companion Bill: SB 6222

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# Bill History

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#### **Available Documents**

For a complete list of documents, go to Online Reports Text of a Legislative Document. **Bill Digests** 

Bill Documents TEXT **Original Bill** Substitute Bill **Second Substitute Engrossed Second Substitute** Bill as Passed Legislature Session Law

**Bill Reports** 

SUMMARIES (plain English)

House Bill Analysis 2020 House Bill Report

**Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill Report Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill Report Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill Report** 

Final Bill Report

#### **Fiscal Note**

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#### **Amendments**

Amendment Name	Num	Sponsor	Туре	Description	Action
2405-S2 AMH DUER H5014.1	1553	Duerr	Floor	Striker	ADOPTED 02/18/2020
2405-S2.E AMS ENET S7045.2		Environment, Energy & Technology	Committee	Striker	ADOPTED AS AMENDED 03/05/2020
2405-S2.E AMS LOVE VOGE 084	1298	Lovelett	Floor	Pg 4 Ln 16	ADOPTED 03/05/2020
2405-S2.E AMS ENGR S7045.E			Engrossed	Striker	ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 03/05/2020

## Sign up to receive email bill alerts

From the bill tracking page



## HB 1050 - 2021-22

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fluorinated gases.

Sponsors: Fitzgibbon



## Determine where the bill is in the legislative process

Bill page (immediately above)

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	Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
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Roll calls are floor votes.

Majority and minority reports reflect committee votes. The majority report reflects the Democratic vote because they are in the majority. The Minority report reflects votes by Republican members of the committee.

### Look up House or Senate committees

From the homepage: <a href="https://leg.wa.gov/">https://leg.wa.gov/</a>



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	Education	Agendas
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# **House Environment & Energy Committee**

Legislature Home > House of Representatives > Committees > Environment & Energy

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Committee descriptions shown are for the 2019-20 biennium. Please check back on Monday, Janu

The House Environment & Energy Committee considers issues relating to the State Environmenta aquatic lands, oil spill prevention, recycling and solid waste, hazardous waste, toxics, and climate energy availability, production and conservation, and oversees the Puget Sound Partnership's acti

(Please note: This is a general description of issue areas considered by committees; not a definitive or exhaustive listing. It is provided solely

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### Testify or comment on a bill

From the committees homepage: <a href="https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx">https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx</a>



#### **Participating in Committee Hearings**

Provide input to legislators on issues in committee. You may provide testimony to a committee, comment on a bill, or contact legislators.



# **Committee Sign In - Remote Testimony**



## **Committee Sign In - House Remote Testimony**

Return to House Committee Testimony Information

Committee: Please Select V Meetings: Please Select V

Select the committee and then date and time for the hearing

#### Instructions on how to connect to the meeting: Instructions

#### **How to Submit Written Testimony**

- 1. Select the committee and meeting date and time, then select the bill for which you would like to submit written testimony.
- 2. Select "I would like to Submit Written Testimony." Written testimony will close 24 hours after the start time of the hearing.
- 3. Provide your written comments in the form. Your comments will be available to legislative members and staff of the commi purposes, but will not be used as part of testimony summary materials on the bill report.

#### **How to Register to Testify Remotely**

- 1. Select the committee and meeting date and time, then select the bill for which you would like to testify remotely.
- 2. Select "I would like to Testify Live During the Hearing." Remote testimony registration will close 1 hour before the start time unable to testify before the committee.
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#### How to State Your Position on a Bill Without Testifying

- 1. Select the committee and meeting date and time, then select the bill for which you would like to register.
- 2. Select "I would like my position noted for the legislative record." Registration will close 1 hour before the start time of the he
- 3. Ensure your registration information is accurate. Your registered position will be made available to legislative members and and meeting archival purposes, but will not be used as part of testimony summary materials on the bill report.
- Register to testify = speaking to the committee online for up to 3 minutes. You will be emailed instructions on how to log in and be ready.
- Another option under registering to testify allows you to submit your position to the committee without additional comments.
- Submitting written testimony allows you to submit a document that will go in the committee's briefing materials. (5,000 character limit)

#### **Committee Sign In - House Remote Testimony**

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Committee: Capital Budget Meetings: 1/26/2021 1:30 PM

Select agenda item

HB 1101 Unused public buildings

HB 1103 Building materials

HB 1154 Building communities fund

Select type of testimony

I would like to submit written testimony.

I would like to testify live during the hearing.

I would like my position noted for the legislative record.

## Sign up to receive committee and floor information by email

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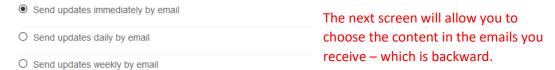
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## Watch legislative hearings

Select the committee from the Legislative Committees page: https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx

### **House Capital Budget Committee**

Legislature Home > House of Representatives > Committees > Capital Budget

During the 2021 Legislative session, in response to COVID-19, the House and Senate have House Covid-19 Operations and Senate Covid-19 Operations plans for more details. The C view legislative proceedings click here for TVW. The public can provide testimony during committee, please click here to go to the committee website pages. To contact your Legis

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The House Capital Budget Committee considers the state capital budget which approves mone; such as land acquisitions and transfers. In addition, the committee considers grants and loans to cultural and heritage facilities. The committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to public works contribute to the committee also considers bills relating to the committee also considers below the committee also considers below the committee also considers by the committee also considers by

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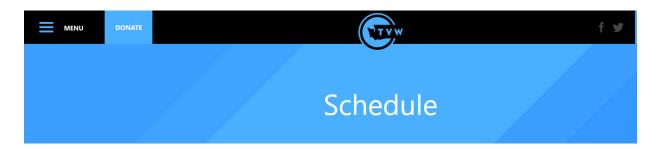
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<u>Chamber</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	Agenda	View Docs	View Video
House	Capital Budget	1/19/2021 1:30 PM	Virtual	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>View Docs</u>	<u>View Video</u>

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