



## 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
  - **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**."

- 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.
  - ⇒ If the Governor vetoes a bill, **both houses can override the veto** by a 2/3 vote.

### Fiscal Committees

- House
  - Finance Committee: revenues (taxes)
  - 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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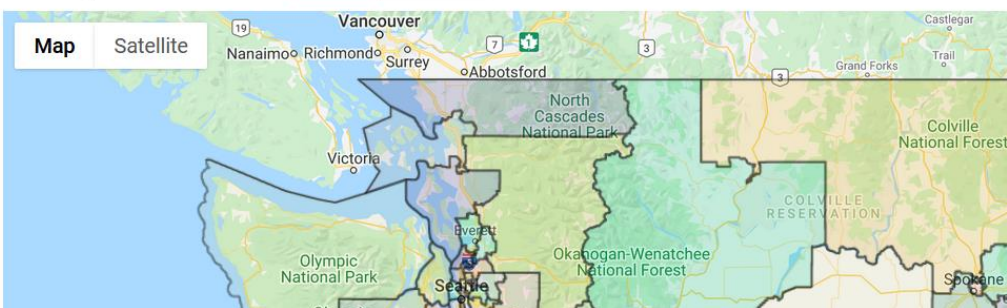
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### Senators

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 Home Page	<b>Senator Manka Dhingra (D)</b> Deputy Majority Leader 45th Legislative District  Email Details	<b>Olympia Office</b> 239 John A. Cherberg Building PO Box 40445 Olympia, WA 98504 (360) 786 - 7672  <b>Committees</b> Behavioral Health Subcommittee to Health & Long Term Care (Chair) Law & Justice (Vice Chair) Health & Long Term Care Special Committee on Economic Recovery Ways & Means

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**Senator Joe Nguyen (D)**  
Assistant Majority Floor Leader  
34th Legislative District  
  
Email  
Details

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House Senate **All**

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Senator Randi Becker	randi.becker@leg.wa.gov	2		R
Rep. Steve Bergquist	steve.bergquist@leg.wa.gov	11	2	D
Senator Andy Billig	andy.billig@leg.wa.gov	3		D
Rep. Brian Blake	brian.blake@leg.wa.gov	19	2	D
Rep. Matt Boehnke	matt.boehnke@leg.wa.gov	8	2	R
Senator John Braun	john.braun@leg.wa.gov	20		D

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## 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](#)

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Session Law

### Bill Digests

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House Bill Analysis 2020  
House Bill Report  
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### **SUMMARIES (plain English)**

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## Amendments

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Amendment Name	Num	Sponsor	Type	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 VOG 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

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**Bill Information** > HB 1050

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**Bill** Initiative 2021-2022

## HB 1050 - 2021-22

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fluorinated gases.

Sponsors: [Fitzgibbon](#)

**Bill Status-at-a-Glance**

See **Bill History** for complete details on the bill

As of Thursday, January 7, 2021 06:36 PM

**Current Version:**  
**HB 1050**

**Current Status:**  
**HPrefiled**

**Where is it in the process?**

	Introduced	In Committee	On Floor Calendar	Passed Chamber
In the House:				
In the Senate:				
After Passage:				
	Passed Legislature	On Governor's Desk	Governor Acted	Session Law

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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.

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## House Environment & Energy Committee

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John L. O'Brien, P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600  
Committee Hearings & Bill Information: (360) 786-7297  
Legislative Hotline Operators: 1-800-562-6000

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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Some committee reports require the Adobe Acrobat (TM) file viewer. A copy of the viewer can be downloaded from A Adobe offers an online conversion tool for Adobe PDF documents.

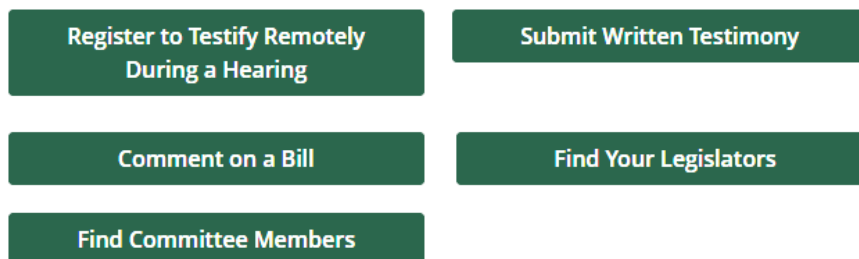
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From the committees homepage: <https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx>



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



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)

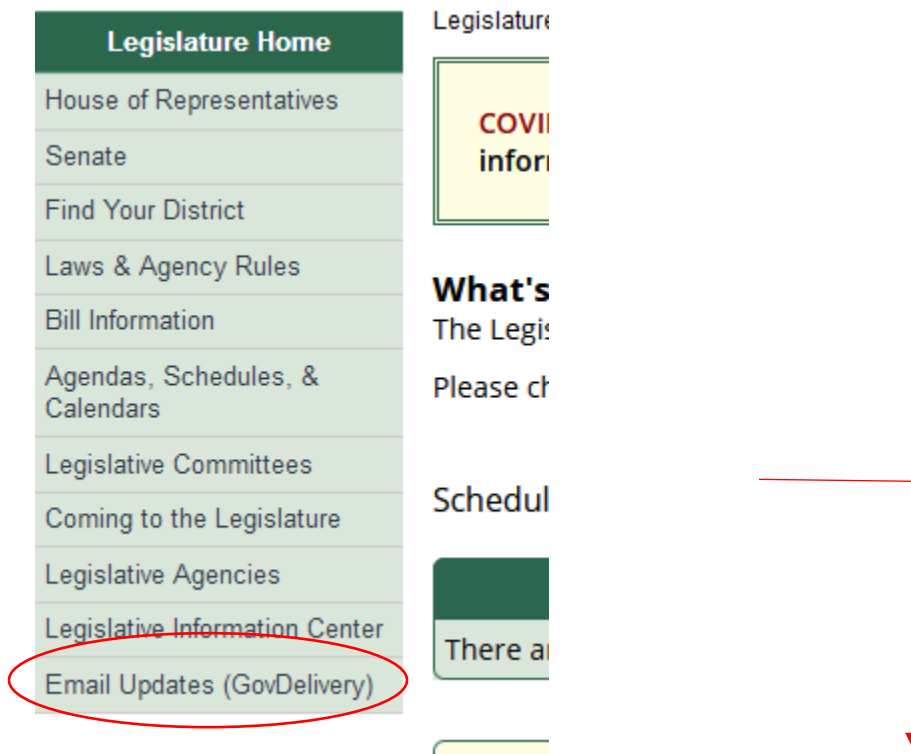
Commenting on a bill sends an email to your legislators with your comments.

\*\*This is a new process due to COVID and Kirsten can help you navigate this system.

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## Available Videos

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**Jan 21, 2020 House Local Government at 10:00 AM**

**Jan 24, 2020 House Local Government at 10:00 AM**

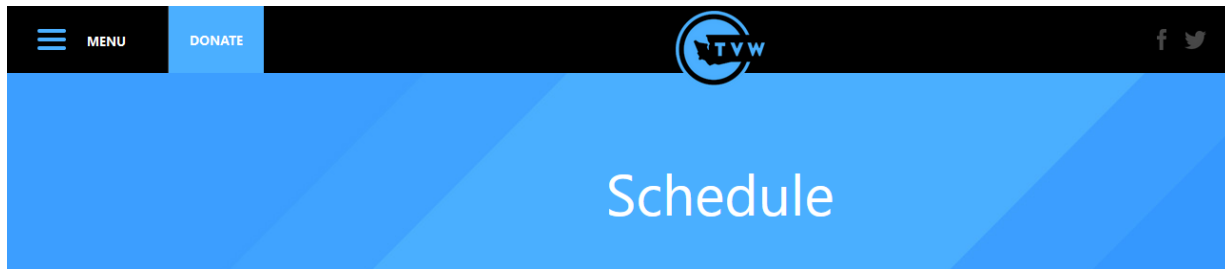
**Feb 8, 2020 House Appropriations at 9:00 AM**

**Feb 11, 2020 House Appropriations at 9:00 AM**

**Feb 27, 2020 Senate Environment, Energy & Technology at 10:00 AM**

**Feb 29, 2020 Senate Ways & Means at 9:00 AM**

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## Questions

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