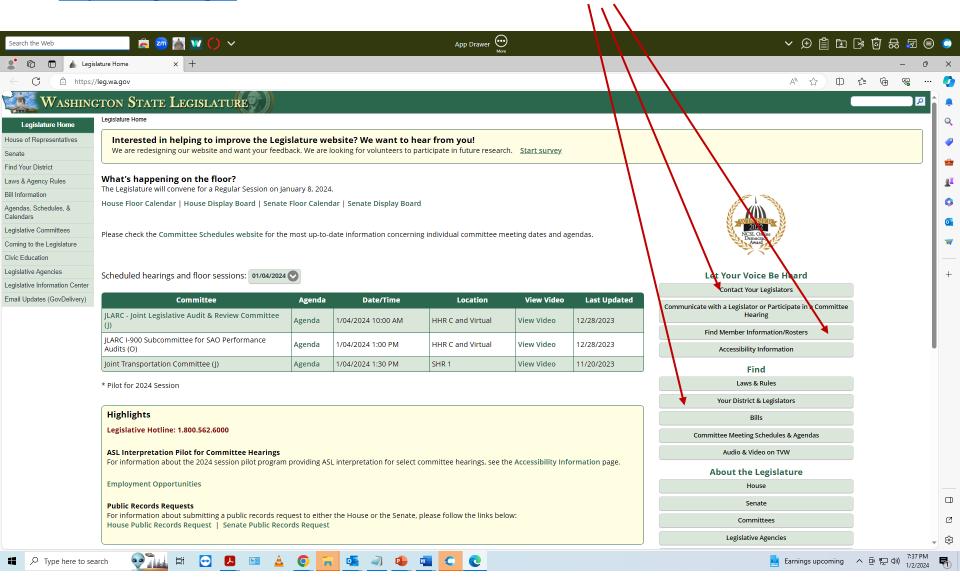
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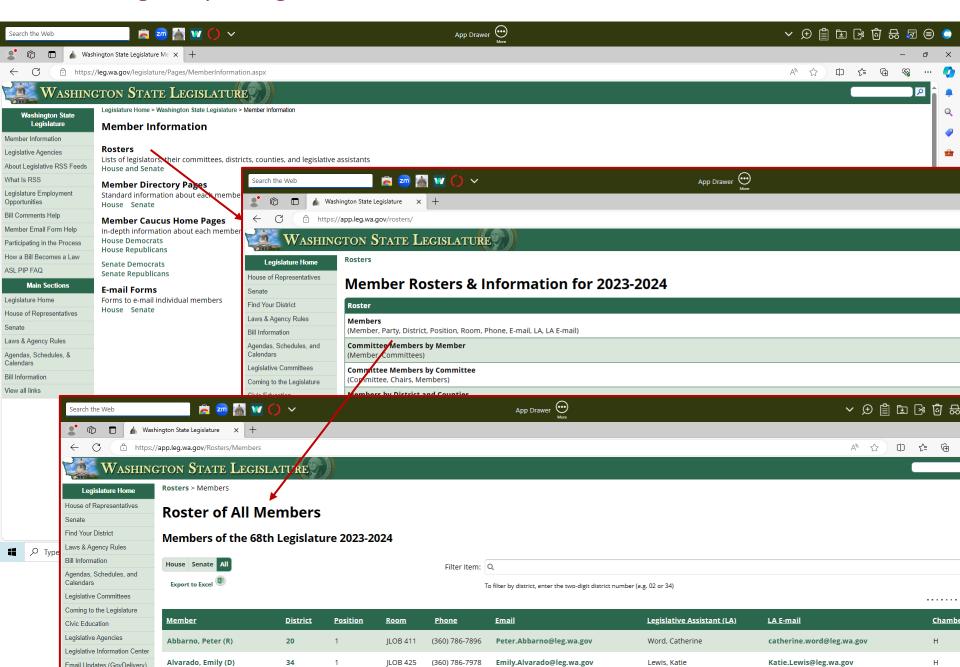
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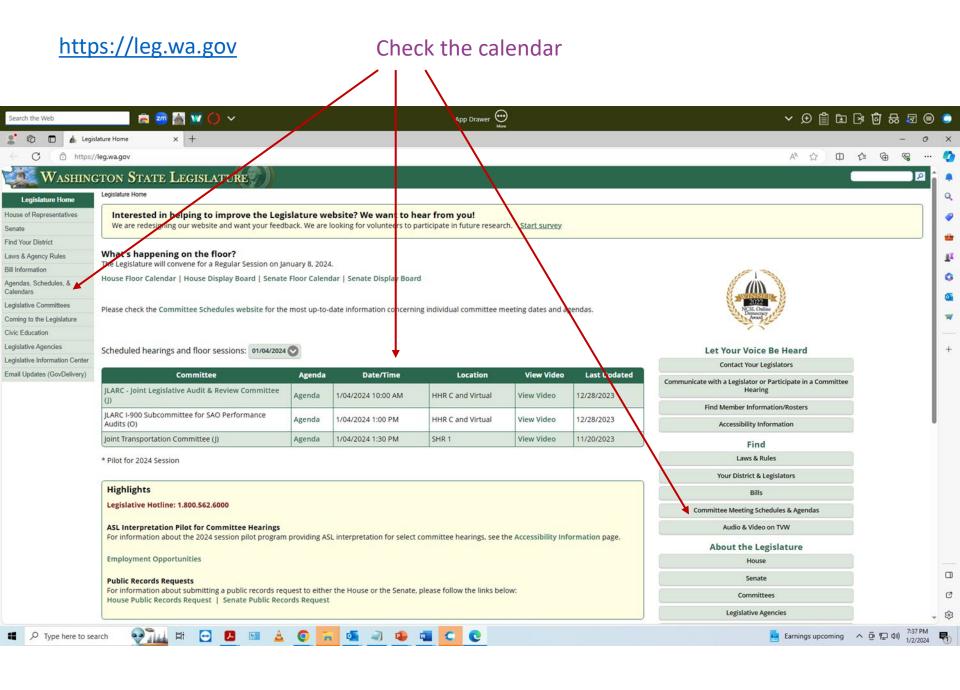
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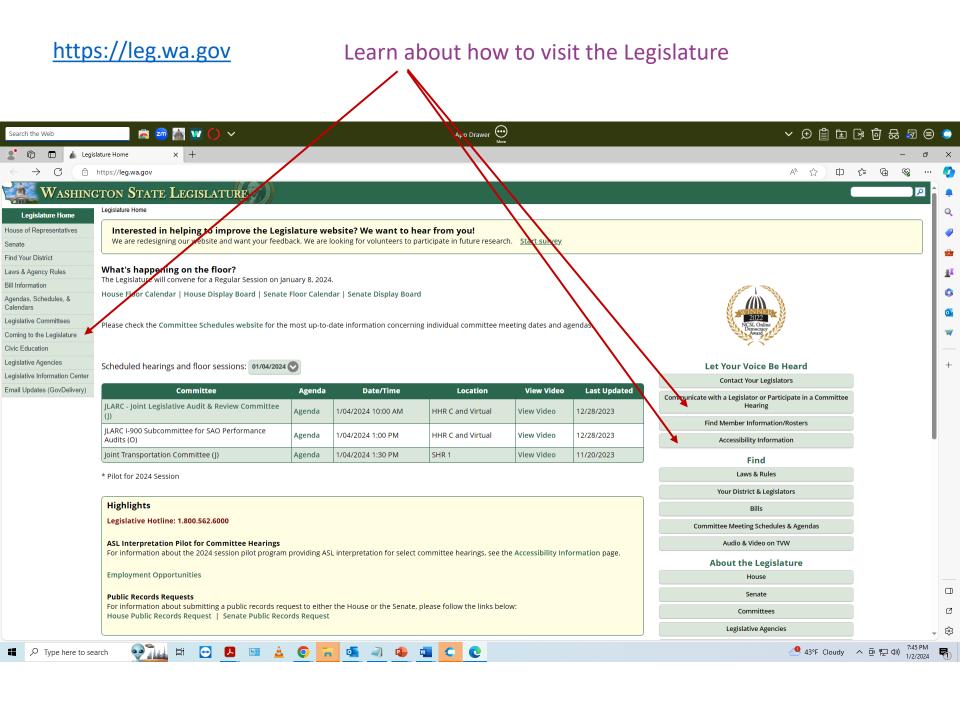
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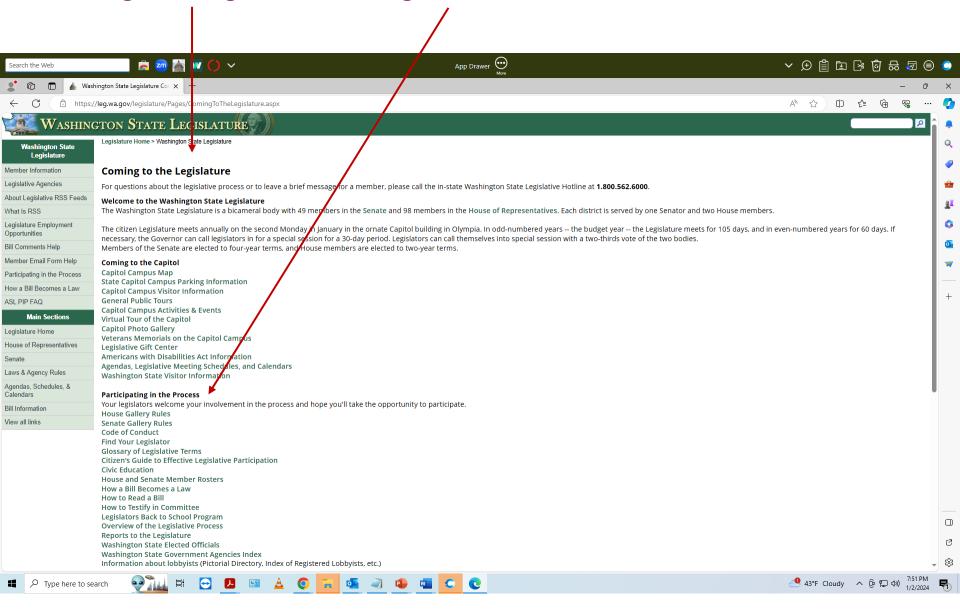
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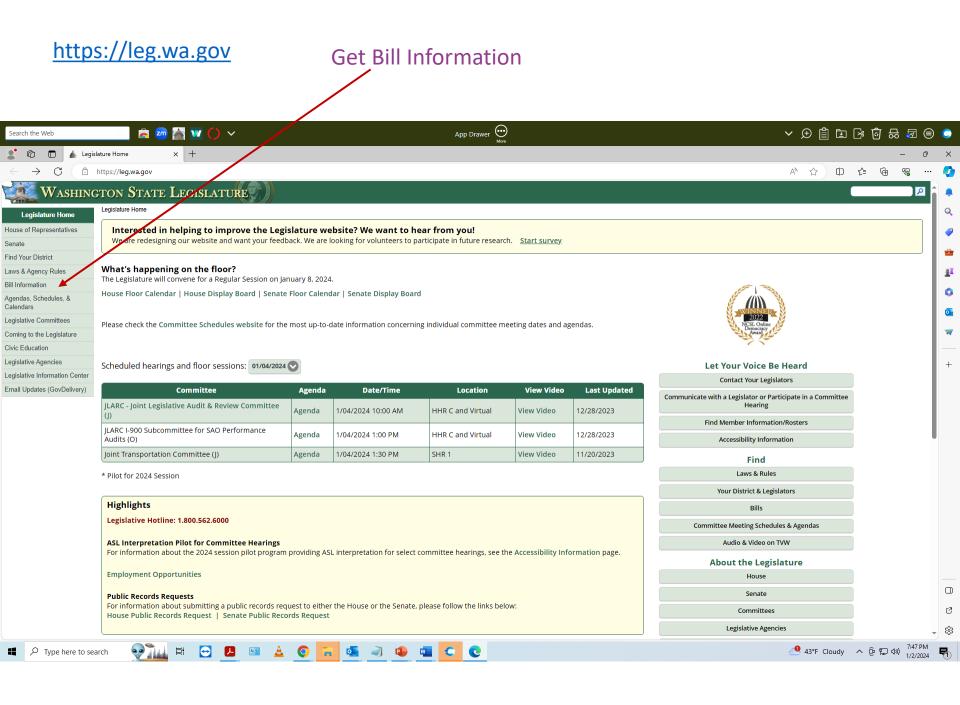


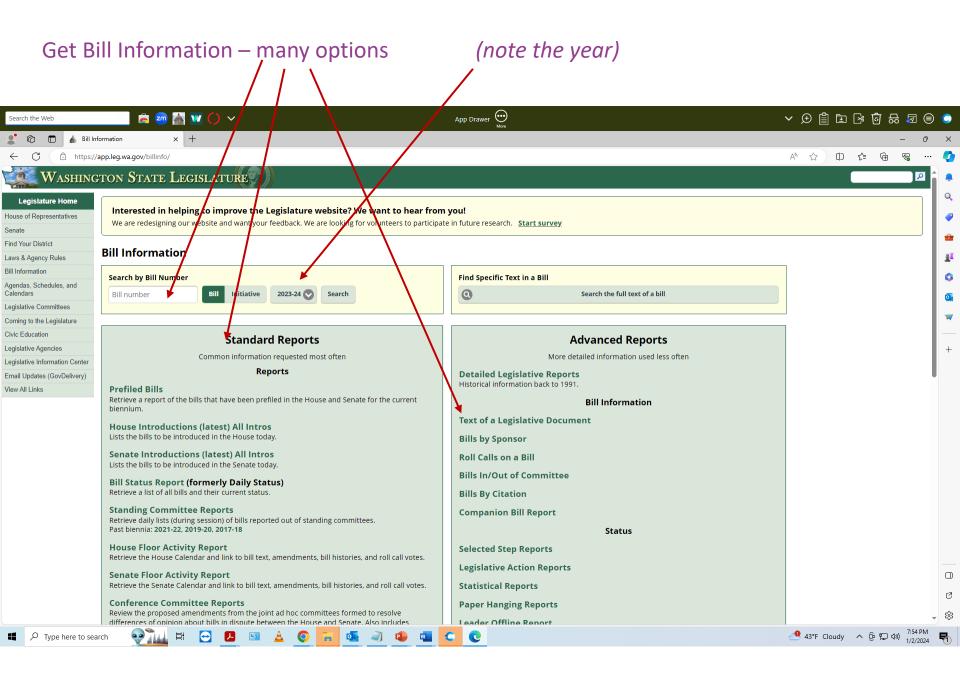


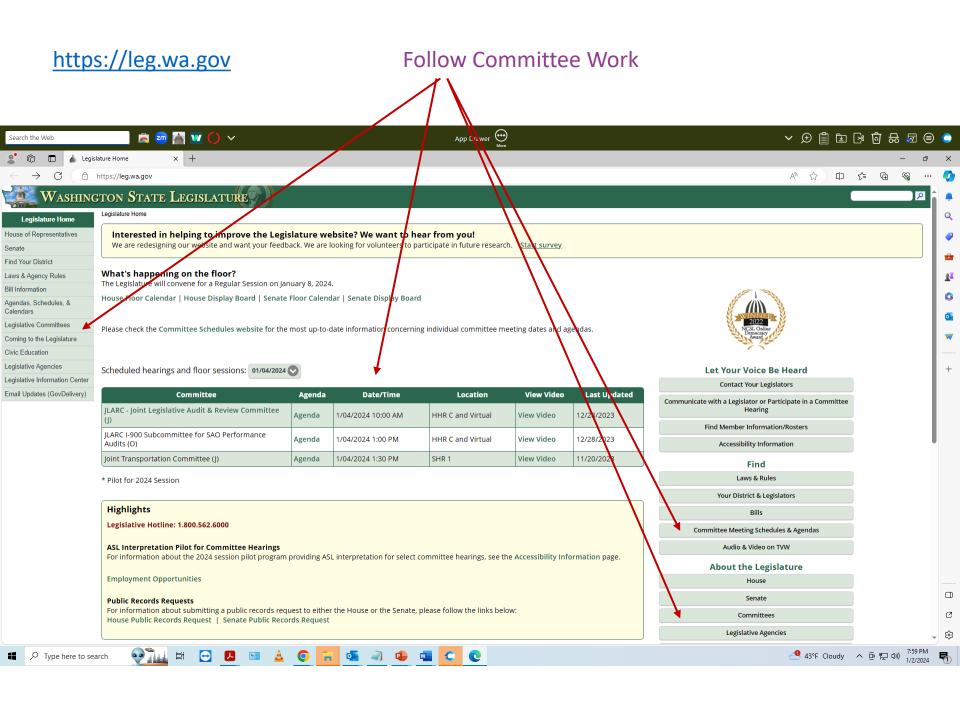


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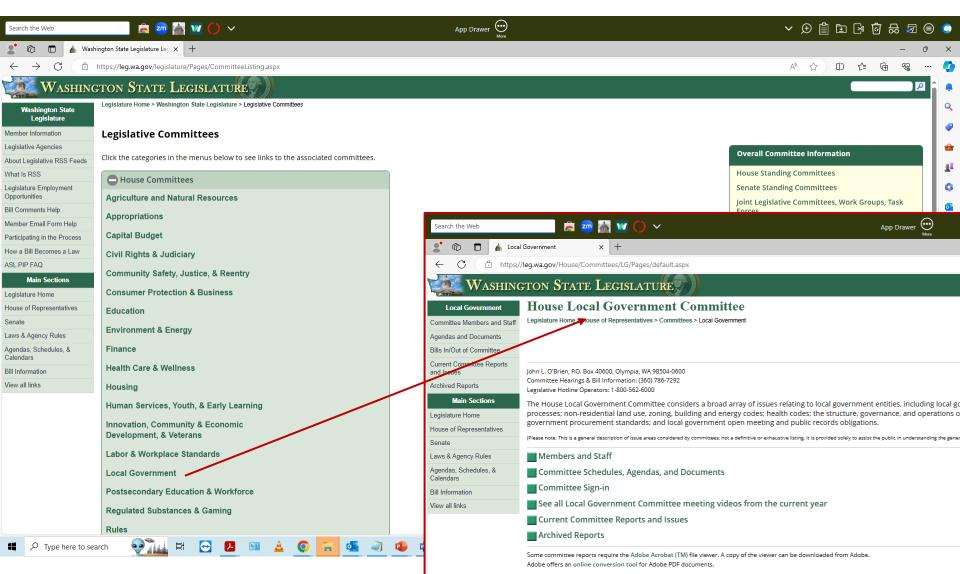




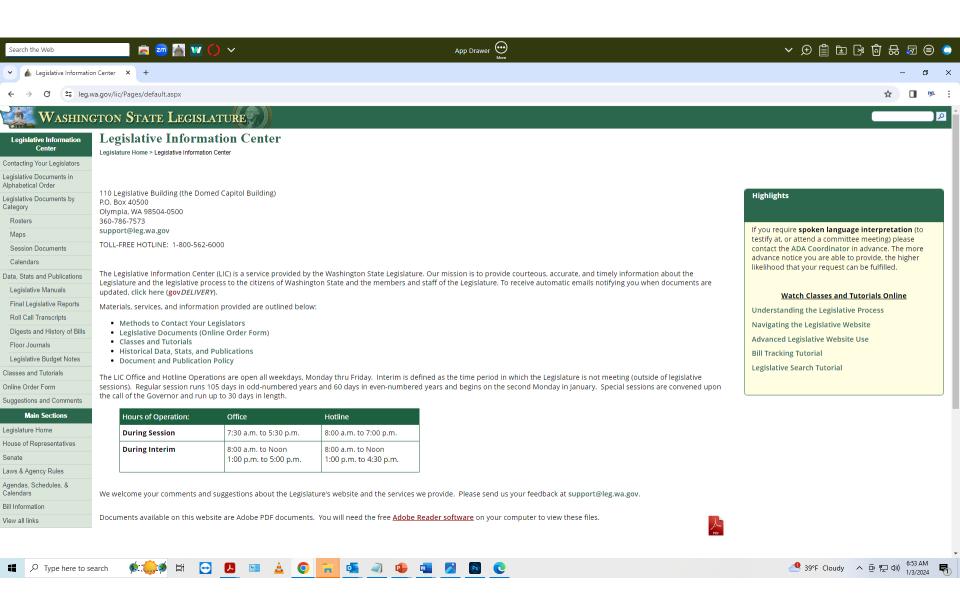




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March 5, 2023

Bills Needing Action This Week

Please read Bills We Support to see the latest status of other bills.

Two important cutoff dates have now passed. Policy bills had to be out of the house of origin by Feb. 17, and some bills with fiscal implications were passed out by Feb. 24. Bills with larger fiscal implications have until March 8 to leave the house of origin. Work will be done in executive committees, and on the floor of the House and Senate, with not as many public hearings. Bills in RED below are in the opposite chamber. One companion bill may be now forgotten in favor of the twin moving forward. And some bills will see no further action this session. Each bill's history is reflected in the green notes at the end of the bill description.

Detailed instructions are in this week's Legislative Newsletter. Remember, only authorized members can speak for the League; the Issue Chairs will do that, so please leave the "Organization" box blank. A more powerful influence is many voices speaking for themselves rather than many voices speaking for the League.

Contact YOUR legislators:

Sign in PRO here for bills in committee hearings this week:

SSB 5082 Abolish Advisory Votes Advisory votes are questions that appear on the ballot regarding state expenditures that have already been passed by the legislature. By having voters mark "repealed" or "maintained", the wording suggests that they are a binding referendum. However, the results have no impact, and therefore are inconsistent with League principles. Required to be first on the ballot, they confuse and discourage voters. In addition, they add significantly to the costs of elections.

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SSB 5112 Secure Automatic Voter Registration.

Using identifying documents as a prompt, Automatic Voter Registration registers voters and updates existing voter registrations at Dept. of Licensing.

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<u>SSB 5208</u> **Updating the online voter registration process** by allowing voter applicants to provide the last four digits of social security number for authentication.

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Bills We Support

HB 1048/SB 5047 Enhanced Washington Voting Rights Act (Senate bill not active)
This bill amends sections of the Washington Voting Rights Act to clarify what constitutes a violation of the act. It seeks to protect members of classes who do not have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice through methods that have created vote dilution or polarized voting. (House State Gov't & Tribal Relations: public hearing 1/13/23. Executive session 1/20/23, Substitute bill passed out of committee); 1/24/23 Referred to Rules 2 Review) (Scheduled for public hearing in the HOUSE Committee on Transportation 2/20 at 1:30 PM) (In HOUSE, Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading, 3/2)

HB 1241 Addressing Harassment

This bill modifies crimes of harassment and cyber harassment to cover conduct that is lewd or threatens bodily injury, property damage, confinement, or other malicious threats. Increases penalty for harassment of an election official to a class C felony. Allows election officials who are harassed to apply for the address confidentiality program. (1/26 Exec action taken in House Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry. 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass. 1/27 Referred to Rules 2 Review.)

HB 1541 Establishing the Nothing About Us Without Us Act (Lived Experience) (Senate 5616 not active) provides the means for including underrepresented populations in policy making discussions where their lived experience can impact decisions made that would affect their group. A bill last year provided stipends enabling certain populations ability to participate; this bill gives them access. (House SG & TR public hearing 2/3, 2/10 Exec. session out of committee w/do pass recommendation, 2/14 ref. to appropriations, pub. hearing 2/22, Exec. Session 2/24 passed w/do pass rec.)

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