

Using the Legislative Web Site

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Look up your legislators

The screenshot shows the Washington State Legislature website. A sidebar on the left contains a list of navigation links. A main content area on the right features a 'Let Your Voice Be Heard' section with several buttons. Three red arrows originate from the text 'Look up your legislators' and point to the 'Contact Your Legislators', 'Find Member Information/Rosters', and 'Your District & Legislators' buttons.

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Connecting with your Legislators

The screenshot illustrates the navigation path on the Washington State Legislature website to access the Roster of All Members. Red arrows indicate the sequence of clicks: starting from the 'Member Information' page, clicking on 'Rosters', then 'Member Rosters & Information for 2023-2024', and finally 'Roster of All Members'.

Washington State Legislature

Legislature Home > Washington State Legislature > Member Information

Member Information

Rosters
Lists of legislators, their committees, districts, counties, and legislative assistants
House and Senate

Member Directory Pages
Standard information about each member
House Senate

Member Caucus Home Pages
In-depth information about each member
House Democrats
House Republicans
Senate Democrats
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E-mail Forms
Forms to e-mail individual members
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Member Rosters & Information for 2023-2024

Roster

- Members**
(Member, Party, District, Position, Room, Phone, E-mail, LA, LA E-mail)
- Committee Members by Member**
(Member, Committees)
- Committee Members by Committee**
(Committee, Chairs, Members)
- Members by District and Counties**

Rosters > Members

Roster of All Members

Members of the 68th Legislature 2023-2024

House Senate **All**

Filter Item:

To filter by district, enter the two-digit district number (e.g. 02 or 34)

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Member	District	Position	Room	Phone	Email	Legislative Assistant (LA)	LA E-mail	Chamber
Abbarno, Peter (R)	20	1	JLOB 411	(360) 786-7896	Peter.Abbarno@leg.wa.gov	Word, Catherine	catherine.word@leg.wa.gov	H
Alvarado, Emily (D)	34	1	JLOB 425	(360) 786-7978	Emily.Alvarado@leg.wa.gov	Lewis, Katie	Katie.Lewis@leg.wa.gov	H

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Coming to the Legislature – or doing it from home

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On the left side, there is a navigation menu with the following items:

- Washington State Legislature
- Member Information
- Legislative Agencies
- About Legislative RSS Feeds
- What Is RSS
- Legislature Employment Opportunities
- Bill Comments Help
- Member Email Form Help
- Participating in the Process
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- ASL PIP FAQ
- Main Sections
- Legislature Home
- House of Representatives
- Senate
- Laws & Agency Rules
- Agendas, Schedules, & Calendars
- Bill Information
- View all links

The main content area features the following sections:

Coming to the Legislature

For questions about the legislative process or to leave a brief message for a member, please call the in-state Washington State Legislative Hotline at **1.800.562.6000**.

Welcome to the Washington State Legislature

The Washington State Legislature is a bicameral body with 49 members in the Senate and 98 members in the House of Representatives. Each district is served by one Senator and two House members.

The citizen Legislature meets annually on the second Monday in January in the ornate Capitol building in Olympia. In odd-numbered years -- the budget year -- the Legislature meets for 105 days, and in even-numbered years for 60 days. If necessary, the Governor can call legislators in for a special session for a 30-day period. Legislators can call themselves into special session with a two-thirds vote of the two bodies. Members of the Senate are elected to four-year terms, and House members are elected to two-year terms.

Coming to the Capitol

- Capitol Campus Map
- State Capitol Campus Parking Information
- Capitol Campus Visitor Information
- General Public Tours
- Capitol Campus Activities & Events
- Virtual Tour of the Capitol
- Capitol Photo Gallery
- Veterans Memorials on the Capitol Campus
- Legislative Gift Center
- Americans with Disabilities Act Information
- Agendas, Legislative Meeting Schedules, and Calendars
- Washington State Visitor Information

Participating in the Process

Your legislators welcome your involvement in the process and hope you'll take the opportunity to participate.

- House Gallery Rules
- Senate Gallery Rules
- Code of Conduct
- Find Your Legislator
- Glossary of Legislative Terms
- Citizen's Guide to Effective Legislative Participation
- Civic Education
- House and Senate Member Rosters
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- How to Read a Bill
- How to Testify in Committee
- Legislators Back to School Program
- Overview of the Legislative Process
- Reports to the Legislature
- Washington State Elected Officials
- Washington State Government Agencies Index
- Information about lobbyists (Pictorial Directory, Index of Registered Lobbyists, etc.)

Two red arrows are drawn on the image: one points from the title "Coming to the Legislature" to the "Main Sections" menu item, and the other points from the title "Participating in the Process" to the "Participating in the Process" menu item.

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Get Bill Information – many options

(note the year)

The screenshot shows the Washington State Legislature's Bill Information website. A sidebar on the left lists navigation options: Legislature Home, House of Representatives, Senate, Find Your District, Laws & Agency Rules, Bill Information, Agendas, Schedules, and Calendars, Legislative Committees, Coming to the Legislature, Civic Education, Legislative Agencies, Legislative Information Center, Email Updates (GovDelivery), and View All Links. The main content area is titled 'Bill Information' and features a yellow banner at the top asking for feedback on the website redesign. Below this, there are two search sections: 'Search by Bill Number' and 'Find Specific Text in a Bill'. The 'Search by Bill Number' section has a text input field labeled 'Bill number', a dropdown menu set to '2023-24', and a 'Search' button. Red arrows point from the text 'many options' to the 'Bill number' input field and the '2023-24' dropdown menu. Another red arrow points from the text '(note the year)' to the same dropdown menu. Below the search sections are two columns of report categories. The left column, 'Standard Reports', includes 'Prefiled Bills', 'House Introductions (latest) All Intros', 'Senate Introductions (latest) All Intros', 'Bill Status Report (formerly Daily Status)', 'Standing Committee Reports', 'House Floor Activity Report', 'Senate Floor Activity Report', and 'Conference Committee Reports'. The right column, 'Advanced Reports', includes 'Detailed Legislative Reports', 'Bill Information' (with sub-links: Text of a Legislative Document, Bills by Sponsor, Roll Calls on a Bill, Bills In/Out of Committee, Bills By Citation, Companion Bill Report), and 'Status' (with sub-links: Selected Step Reports, Legislative Action Reports, Statistical Reports, Paper Hanging Reports, and Leader Offline Report). A Windows taskbar is visible at the bottom with various application icons and system information.

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Find Specific Text in a Bill

Search the full text of a bill

Standard Reports

Common information requested most often

Reports

Prefiled Bills

Retrieve a report of the bills that have been prefiled in the House and Senate for the current biennium.

House Introductions (latest) All Intros

Lists the bills to be introduced in the House today.

Senate Introductions (latest) All Intros

Lists the bills to be introduced in the Senate today.

Bill Status Report (formerly Daily Status)

Retrieve a list of all bills and their current status.

Standing Committee Reports

Retrieve daily lists (during session) of bills reported out of standing committees. Past biennia: 2021-22, 2019-20, 2017-18

House Floor Activity Report

Retrieve the House Calendar and link to bill text, amendments, bill histories, and roll call votes.

Senate Floor Activity Report

Retrieve the Senate Calendar and link to bill text, amendments, bill histories, and roll call votes.

Conference Committee Reports

Review the proposed amendments from the joint ad hoc committees formed to resolve differences of opinion about bills in dispute between the House and Senate. Also includes

Advanced Reports

More detailed information used less often

Detailed Legislative Reports

Historical information back to 1991.

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Legislature Home > Washington State Legislature > Legislative Committees

Legislative Committees

Click the categories in the menus below to see links to the associated committees.

- House Committees
 - Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - Appropriations
 - Capital Budget
 - Civil Rights & Judiciary
 - Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry
 - Consumer Protection & Business
 - Education
 - Environment & Energy
 - Finance
 - Health Care & Wellness
 - Housing
 - Human Services, Youth, & Early Learning
 - Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans
 - Labor & Workplace Standards
 - Local Government
 - Postsecondary Education & Workforce
 - Regulated Substances & Gaming
 - Rules

Overall Committee Information

- House Standing Committees
- Senate Standing Committees
- Joint Legislative Committees, Work Groups, Task Forces

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Local Government

<https://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/LG/Pages/default.aspx>

House Local Government Committee

Legislature Home > House of Representatives > Committees > Local Government

John L. O'Brien, P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600
Committee Hearings & Bill Information: (360) 786-7292
Legislative Hotline Operators: 1-800-562-6000

The House Local Government Committee considers a broad array of issues relating to local government entities, including local government processes; non-residential land use, zoning, building and energy codes; health codes; the structure, governance, and operations of government procurement standards; and local government open meeting and public records obligations.

(Please note: This is a general description of issue areas considered by committees; not a definitive or exhaustive listing. It is provided solely to assist the public in understanding the general scope of the committee's work.)

- Members and Staff
- Committee Schedules, Agendas, and Documents
- Committee Sign-in
- See all Local Government Committee meeting videos from the current year
- Current Committee Reports and Issues
- Archived Reports

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

Another powerful page; link is on both right and left panels of home page, near the bottom

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Materials, services, and information provided are outlined below:

- [Methods to Contact Your Legislators](#)
- [Legislative Documents \(Online Order Form\)](#)
- [Classes and Tutorials](#)
- [Historical Data, Stats, and Publications](#)
- [Document and Publication Policy](#)

The LIC Office and Hotline Operations are open all weekdays, Monday thru Friday. Interim is defined as the time period in which the Legislature is not meeting (outside of legislative sessions). Regular session runs 105 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in even-numbered years and begins on the second Monday in January. Special sessions are convened upon the call of the Governor and run up to 30 days in length.

Hours of Operation:	Office	Hotline
During Session	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
During Interim	8:00 a.m. to Noon 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to Noon 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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If you require **spoken language interpretation** (to testify at, or attend a committee meeting) please contact the ADA Coordinator in advance. The more advance notice you are able to provide, the higher likelihood that your request can be fulfilled.

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- Updated this year but using last year's model for this presentation
- Sign up to get the Legislative Newsletter every Sunday during session at <https://www.lwvwa.org/page-18731>

Using the Legislative Newsletter

You will see:

- This Week in the Legislature
- Action Alerts
- Legislative Updates

Please Use the Action Alerts



Action Alerts

Click on the links below to learn more about bills currently being reviewed in the state legislature. You can “take action” on these most pressing bills by sending a suggested, editable email to legislators, encouraging them to vote to promote the League issue in question.

Help Pass the Wealth Tax

In Washington State, the lowest income people pay far more in share of their income than the wealthiest do. This state has the most regressive tax structure in the US. And, additional revenue is needed to support the many needs that are still unfunded, including health care, housing, education, disability services, and more. So the only way to raise money for these services is to put a new tax on the wealthiest people in this state. The wealth tax ([SB 5486](#)) would put a 1% tax on the financial property of people who have more than \$250 million in stocks, bonds, and similar investments. This would make the tax system more fair while also raising needed revenue. Please help get the wealth tax passed by letting the Senate Ways & Means Committee know you want them to pass SB 5486.

[Click here](#) to ask the Senate Ways & Means Committee to **PASS** SB 5486

[Click here](#) to sign-in **PRO** for SB 5486

Take Action to Regulate Acquisitions and Mergers in our Healthcare Systems

Currently large Healthcare Monopolies which are often affiliated with religious institutions are buying up hospitals and medical practices in Washington and go largely unregulated. This practice limits the control we have and the choices we can make about our healthcare. More than 50% of hospitals in Washington are owned by religious institutions. Whether it be having a choice about reproductive care or end of life care; those choices should not be limited by who owns the hospital or medical practice you seek your care in. [SB 5241](#) (KOCA) (The keep our care act) will limit and regulate Mergers and Acquisitions of healthcare institutions.

[Click here](#) to ask your representatives to vote **YES** on SB 5241.

Pass the WRAP Act to Modernize our Recycling System

- Pass the WRAP Act to modernize our entire recycling system here in Washington.
- We can stop throwing away \$104 million worth of materials that could be recycled.
- We can support Washington's economy by building new, green jobs.
- We can make recycling easier for all residents of Washington.

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Currently large Healthcare Monopolies which are often affiliated with religious institutions are buying up hospitals and medical practices in Washington and go largely unregulated. This practice limits the control we have and the choices we can make about our healthcare. More than 50% of hospitals in Washington are owned by religious institutions. Whether it be having a choice about reproductive care or end of life care; those choices should not be limited by who owns the hospital or medical practice you seek your care in. [SB 5241](#) (KOCA) (The keep our care act) will limit and regulate Mergers and Acquisitions of healthcare institutions.

[Click here](#) to ask your representatives to vote **YES** on SB 5241.

Pass the WRAP Act to Modernize our Recycling System

- Pass the WRAP Act to modernize our entire recycling system here in Washington.
- We can stop throwing away \$104 million worth of materials that could be recycled.
- We can support Washington's economy by building new, green jobs.
- We can make recycling easier for all residents of Washington.

Just sign-on

Legislative Updates



The 2023 Legislative Issues

LWWWA Legislative Issues From the 2023 Washington State Legislative Session

Click on an issue to learn more about session results on bills the League supported and "This Week's Updates" to read the issue chair's report on this past week. When a "⚠️" appears next to an update, it indicates there are actions to take for this week. Click on the "⚠️" to be taken to our Action Alerts page.

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Example: Legislative Update



Weekly Legislative Update: Elections

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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:

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Sign in **PRO** by Fri., 7 am: [Sign in HERE](#)

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.

Sign in **PRO** by Fri., 7 am: [Sign in HERE](#)

SSB 5208 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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