Washington Association for Children & Families

Legislative Session Preview

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Session Calendar

The legislative cycle is two years long (ex: 2019-2021)

Odd numbered year session is (ex:2019) 105 days

Even numbered year sessions (ex: 2020) 60 days

Special sessions: forever

January 14, 2019	First Day of Session
February 22, 2019	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) in house of origin, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
March 1, 2019	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin.
March 13, 2019	Last day to consider (pass) bills in house of origin (5 p.m.).
April 3, 2019	Last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from opposite house, except House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 9, 2019	Last day to read in opposite house committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees.
April 17, 2019*	Last day to consider (pass) opposite house bills (5 p.m.) (except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session).
April 28, 2019	Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.

* After the 94th day, only initiatives, alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implement budgets, matters that affect state revenue, messages pertaining to amendments, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session may be considered.

Key Legislators & Committees-SENATE

Ways & Means Committee

-**Christine Rolfes-**CHAIR
23rd LD-Kitsap/Bremerton

-**David Frockt-**VICE CHAIR
46th LD-North Seattle

-**John Braun-**RANKING
20th LD-S. Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz

Human Services, Reentry & Rehabilitation Committee

-**Jeannie Darneille**-CHAIR
27th LD-North Tacoma

-**Manka Dhingra-**VICE CHAIR
45th LD-Redmond

-**Joe Nguyen**-VICE CHAIR
34th LD-White Center/Burien

-**Maureen Walsh-**RANKING
16th LD-Walla Walla

Senate Caucus Leadership

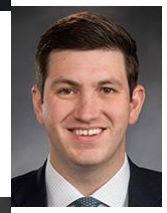
Key Legislators & Committees-HOUSE

Appropriations Committee

-**Timm Ormsby-**CHAIR
3rd LD-Spokane

-**June Robinson-**VICE CHAIR
38th LD-W. Snohomish Co.

-**Steve Bergquist-**2nd VICE CHAIR
11th LD-Tukwila, Renton



-**Drew Stokesbary-**RANKING
31st LD-Auburn, Sumner

-**Drew MacEwen-**Assoc. RANKING
35th LD-W. Thurston, Mason

-**Skyler Rude-**Assoc. Ranking
16th-Walla Walla

Human Services & Early Learning Committee

-**Tana Senn**-CHAIR
41st LD-Mercer Island, Bellevue

-**Noel Frame-** VICE CHAIR
36th LD-N. Seattle

-**Lisa Callan**-VICE CHAIR
5th LD-Issaquah, N. Bend, Carnation

-**Tom Dent-**RANKING
13th LD-Moses Lake

-**Carolyn Eslick-**Assoc. RANKING
39th LD-E. Snohomish, Skagit

-**Bob McCaslin-**Assoc. RANKING
4th LD-E. Spokane

House Caucus Leadership

WASHINGTON STATE HOUSE DEMOCRATS

Rep. Steve Bergquist (D)
Deputy Majority Floor Leader
11th Legislative District

Representative John Lovick (D)
Speaker Pro Tempore
44th Legislative District

Representative Tina Orwall (D)
Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore
33rd Legislative District

Rep. Monica Jurado Stonier (D)
Deputy Majority Whip
49th Legislative District

Representative Mike Chapman (D)
Assistant Majority Whip
24th Legislative District

Representative Joan McBride (D)
Assistant Majority Whip
48th Legislative District

Representative Eric Pettigrew (D)
Majority Caucus Chair
37th Legislative District

Representative Frank Chopp (D)
Speaker
43rd Legislative District

Rep Lillian Ortiz-Self (D)
Majority Caucus Vice Chair
21st Legislative District

Representative Marcus Riccelli (D)
Majority Whip
3rd Legislative District

Representative Larry Springer (D)
Deputy Majority Leader
45th Legislative District

Representative Gael Tarleton (D)
Majority Floor Leader
36th Legislative District

Representative Pat Sullivan (D)
Majority Leader
47th Legislative District

Representative Dan Griffey (R)
Minority Whip
35th Legislative District

Representative Vicki Kraft (R)
Assistant Minority Whip
17th Legislative District

Rep. Jacquelin Maycumber (R)
Assistant Minority Floor Leader
7th Legislative District

Representative Joe Schmick (R)
Minority Caucus Vice Chair
9th Legislative District

Representative Paul Harris (R)
Minority Caucus Chair
17th Legislative District

Representative Joel Kretz (R)
Deputy Minority Leader
7th Legislative District

Representative Joyce McDonald (R)
Assistant Minority Floor Leader
25th Legislative District

Representative Matt Shea (R)
Minority Caucus Chair
4th Legislative District

Representative Dave Hayes (R)
Minority Whip
10th Legislative District

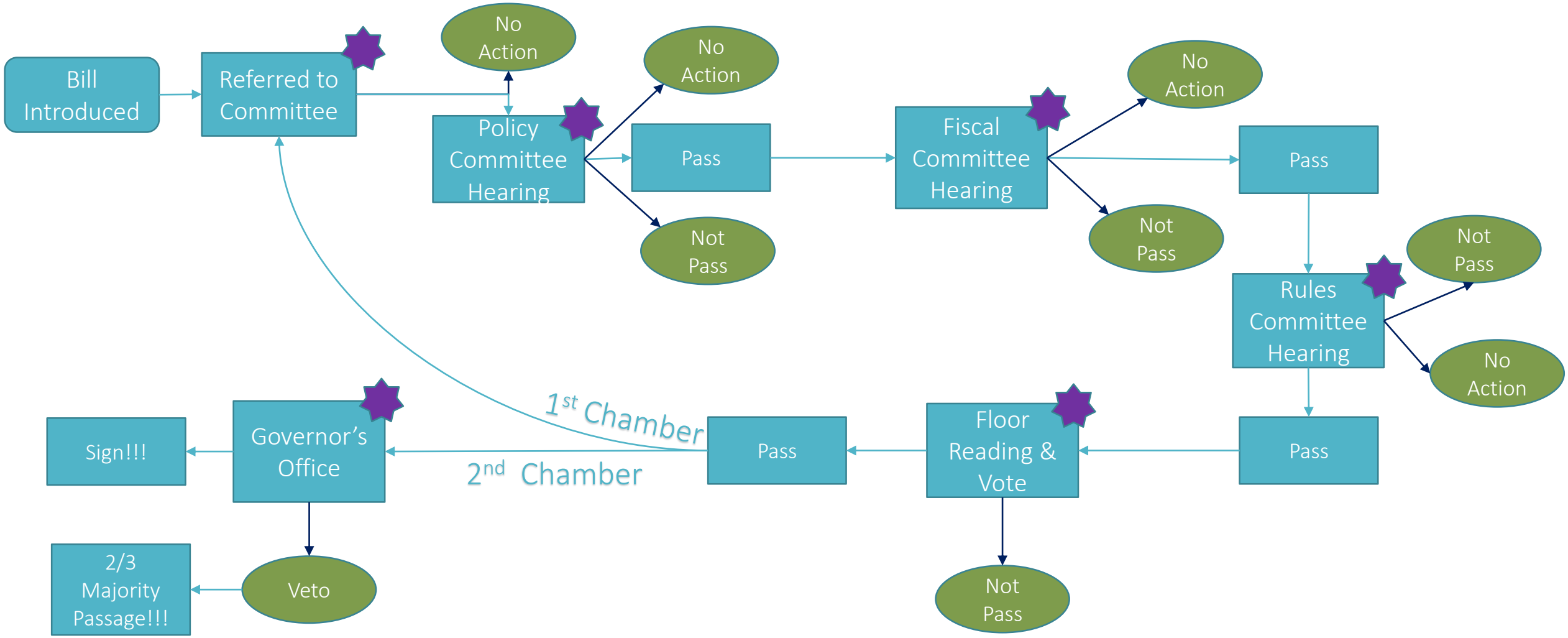
Rep. Drew MacEwen (R)
Assistant Minority Floor Leader
35th Legislative District

Representative Gina Mosbrucker (R)
Minority Caucus Vice Chair
14th Legislative District

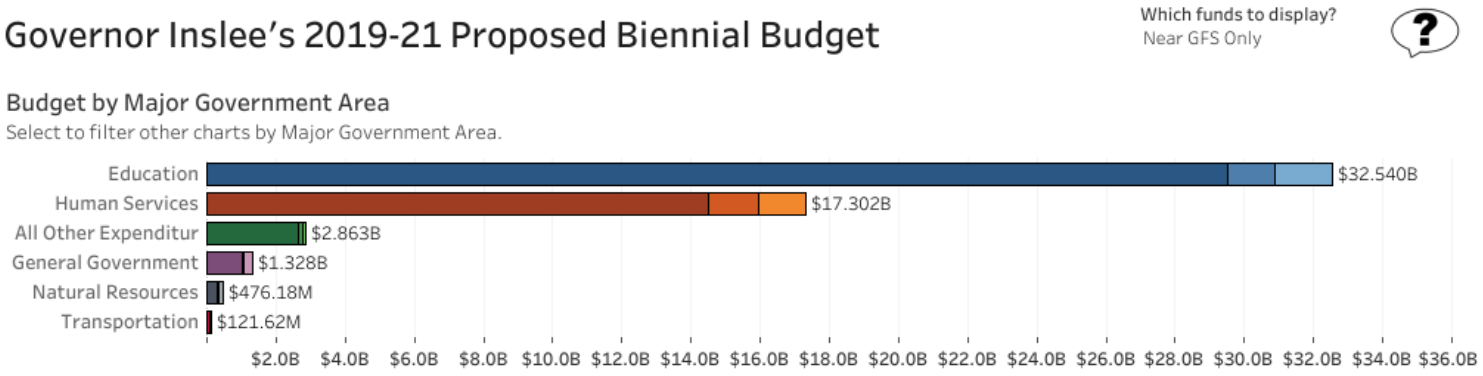
Representative Drew Stokesbary (R)
Minority Floor Leader
31st Legislative District

Representative J.T. Wilcox (R)
Minority Leader
2nd Legislative District

How A Bill Becomes Law



Budget Overview



House??? Senate???

- Governor's Budget-December
- Senate Proposal & House Proposal
- Budget is a bill-must go through committee and be heard and amended
- Budget must be balanced-2 and 4 year projections

Key Budget Terms

Operating

Major functions of state government aside from transportation

Funded by taxes, fees, federal revenues

Capital

Buildings, facilities and state land

Funded largely by bonds, plus a few smaller revenue streams

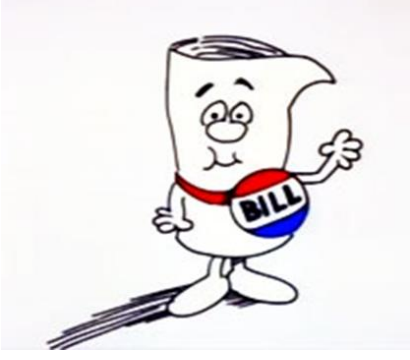
Transportation

Operating and capital functions for transportation

Funded largely by gas tax, bonds, federal revenues

Maintenance Level: Projected expenditure level representing the estimated cost of providing currently authorized services in the ensuing biennium.

Policy Level: These changes often receive the most attention. These incremental changes can represent the costs or savings associated with new legislation, new initiatives, increased service levels, etc.



Legislative Advocacy
aka How to Tell Your Story

1. Clearly and directly state the issue you want to discuss

2. Know the facts about your issue

   Bring a One Pager if you have it

   What's the Systemic Impact

3. Share how this bill will affect you personally

   Think about your client, your staff, your provider community

4. Stay on Topic

   Save Administrative Advocacy for DCYF

5. Be honest-Don't make up facts

6. Ask for a commitment

7. Thank them for their time

Key Talking Points

CHILD PLACING AGENCIES RATES & CONTRACT

- WA Rate is $447.56
  - Low compared to other states that pay $500 more, some as much at $1840 total
- What does the rate cover?
  - Child and Family Support
  - Recruitment
  - Birth Family Connection
  - Respite Care
- CPAs provide training in Health, Family, Race & Ethnicity, Trauma
- CPAs licensed 36% of total 5072 families in 2018
- Survey of CPAs in WACF found that 11% of staff make below $13.50 Min. Wage
  - Some are as much of 26% of staff
- Need Competitive Salaries to attract quality staff

BEHAVIORAL REHABILITATIVE SERVICES RATES

- BRS is treatment foster care, in-home and/or facility based
- Currently 37 BRS Providers operating in WA
- As of Sept 2018, 6.88% of Youth in Care were placed in BRS
- BRS Youth are At-risk and need a therapeutic placement
- Current rates do not allow optimal program and staff retention
- Rate increase would bring agencies back to financial solvency
- Must invest in cost to hire quality staff resulting in better care

CERTIFICATE OF PARENTAL IMPROVEMENT

- Would allow Individuals with a past founded of CAN to have a review to be considered for Employment, Volunteer, or Foster Parent Licensing
- Safety is Important and Rehabilitation is possible
- Disparate Impact on African American and Native Families who have higher rates of Child Welfare Involvement
- Providers benefit from hiring folks with personal experience navigating system
- Children benefit from Kinship Care placements

Advocacy

Partners

THANK YOU!!!

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