
Legislative Committees

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This section provides information on the history, composition, and responsibilities of the House Transportation Committee, the Senate Transportation Committee, and the Joint Transportation Committee. Also included are rosters of each committee, as well as listings of the staff that supports each.

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Transportation Committees in the Legislature

In 1944, the voters approved the 18th Amendment to the State Constitution that created the Motor Vehicle Fund (MVF) and dedicated fuel tax, motor vehicle licensing fees, and certain other transportation-related revenues to "highway purposes." Three years later, in 1947, the Joint Fact Finding Committee on Highways, Streets and Bridges was established as an oversight committee for the MVF.

The original Joint Fact Finding Committee consisted of 12 members -- one senator and one representative from each of the six Department of Highways districts. Various changes in membership requirements occurred over the years. The membership was eventually increased to eight representatives and seven senators, and the requirement that a certain number of members reside east or west of the Cascades was instituted and later dropped. In 1963 the name was changed to the Joint Committee on Highways -- membership remained at eight representatives, seven senators. The Joint Committee's membership was increased to 12 representatives and 11 senators in 1967. The name was changed to the Legislative Transportation Committee (LTC) in 1971. Committee membership was changed in 1999 to 24 members -- 12 senate members and 12 house members with no more than six members from each chamber being of the same political party. In the 2005 Legislative Session, ESB 5513 dissolved the Legislative Transportation Committee.

Also in 2005, the same legislation that dissolved the Legislative Transportation Committee created the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC). The purpose of the JTC is to review and research transportation programs and issues in order to educate and promote the dissemination of transportation research to state and local government policymakers, including legislators and associated staff.

The Executive Committee of the JTC is comprised of the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Transportation Committees and the chairs serve as co-chairs of the JTC. All members of the House and Senate standing committees are eligible and shall serve when appointed by the Executive Committee.

Both the House and Senate Transportation Committees operate within the guidelines, policies, and procedures of the House and Senate respectively, and are the Committees to which transportation-related bills are referred for consideration.

The biennial and supplemental budgets for all state transportation agencies and programs are addressed by the Transportation Committees of the House and Senate, rather than by the Senate Ways & Means/House Appropriations Committees.

In addition, transportation policy bills and transportation revenue issues are also within the purview of the Transportation Committees. The committees address revenues going into the Motor Vehicle Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Account, the Highway Safety Fund, and other transportation-related funds and accounts in the State Treasury. From those funds and accounts, the committees develop the transportation budget bill, making appropriations to the Transportation Commission and Department of Transportation, Washington State Patrol, Department of Licensing, Transportation Improvement Board, and other state transportation agencies.

Joint Transportation Committee

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