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Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (786-7419)

Karen Epps, Sr. Coordinator - 786-7424
(Lead Committee Contact)
- Agriculture
- Agricultural Pests, Diseases and Chemical Treatment
- Agricultural Products – Production, Sale and Marketing
- Commodity Commissions
- Dairy Nutrient Management
- Economic Development
- Food Labeling, Processing and Safety
- Water Resources
- Fish and Wildlife Governance
- Wildlife Tourism
- State Lands Management
- Fisheries
- Forest Health and Fire
- Forestry and Timber

Angela Kleis, Research Analyst – 786-7469
[Also staff of the Energy, Environment & Technology Committee]
- Recreation and State Parks
- Geology and Surface Mining

Sandy Jaime, Committee Assistant - 786-7417
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Early Learning & K-12 Education (786-7420)

Susan Mielke, Sr. Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7422
(Lead Committee Contact)
- Basic Education
- High School Graduation Requirements, including Statewide Assessments
- Special Education
- Charter Schools
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education

Ailey Kato, Counsel - 786-7434
- Early Learning
- Student Health
- Student and Educator Safety
- Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee
- Student Discipline

Benjamin Omdal, Counsel - 786-7442
- Collective bargaining for school employees
- Dual Credits
  - Running Start
  - College in the High School
- Paraeducators
• Teacher preparation and certification
• Teacher and principal evaluations
• Professional Educators Standards Board

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Economic Development & International Relations (786-7440)

Alex Fairfortune, Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7416
• Economic Development and Incentives
• International Trade and Export Assistance
• Regional and Sector Based Development
• Regulatory Assistance
• Technical Assistance to Businesses
• Small Business Assistance
• Tourism

Greg Vogel, Counsel - 786-7413
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Energy, Environment & Technology (786-7406)

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• Air Quality
• Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction
• Solid Waste Management
• Telecommunications
• Water Quality

Kim Cushing, Sr. Counsel - 786-7421
• Energy Generation and Transmission
• Electric Vehicles
• Carbon Policy

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[Also staff of the Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee]
• Technology
• Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Standards
• State Environmental Policy Act

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Financial Institutions & Insurance (786-7409)

Jeff Olsen, Coordinator/Analyst - 786-7428
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- Banking
- Credit Unions
- Credit Ratings and Scoring
- Payday Lending
- Foreclosures
- Mortgage Brokers
- Public Depositories
- Securities Regulation
- Home Owners’ and Condo Associations
- Mobile Home Parks
- Landlord-Tenant
- Insurance Property & Casualty
- Life Insurance

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Health & Long Term Care (786-7456)

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- Drugs and Drug Policy
- Health Care Financing/Insurance–Public and Private
- Medicaid

Greg Attanasio, Counsel - 786-7410
- Facility Regulation
- Health Care Professions
- Public Health

LeighBeth Merrick, Research Analyst - 786-7445
- Developmental Disabilities
- Long-Term Care
- Medicaid

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Higher Education & Workforce Development (786-7415)

**Alicia Kinne-Clawson, Coordinator/Analyst - 786-7407**  
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- Colleges and Universities
- Financial Aid
- Governance
- Tuition
- Academic Affairs
- Medical Education
- Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)

**Kellee Gunn, Research Analyst - 786-7429**
- Campus Safety/Sexual Assault Prevention
- Faculty Issues
- For-Profit Schools
- Student Issues
- Textbooks
- Veterans Issues
- Workforce Education

**Dana King, Committee Assistant – 786-7784**  
(Committee Contact)

Human Services & Corrections (786-7414)

**Kevin Black, Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7747**
- Juvenile Justice
- Economic Services
  - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
  - WorkFirst
  - SNAP (Food Stamps)
  - Aged, Blind & Disabled
  - Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) Grant
  - Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA)
- Sex Offenders: Civil commitment
- Behavioral Health & Long Term Care Committee (backup to Keri Waterland)
- Developmental Disability Services

**Brandon Popovac, Sr. Counsel - 786-7465**
- Housing (Affordable Housing & Homelessness)
- Child Welfare/Child Protection
  - Family Assessment Response (FAR)
  - Extended Foster Care Services
  - Legal Representation in Dependencies
  - Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- At-Risk Youth/CHINS/Truancy
- Status Offenders
Keri Waterland, Sr. Research Analyst - 786-7490
- Corrections/Offender Reentry
- Behavioral Health (Mental Health/Substance Use Disorders)
  - Competency to Stand Trial/Criminal Insanity
  - Involuntary Treatment Act Civil Commitments
  - Behavioral Health Organizations
  - Crisis Diversion/Jail Diversion
  - Offender Reentry Community Safety Program
- Domestic Violence Issues
- Crime Victims
- Criminal Justice Treatment Account
- Vulnerable Adults/Abuse & Neglect, APS

Carly Johnson, Committee Assistant – 786-7441
(Committee Contact)

Susan Jones, Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7404
(Lead Committee Contact)
- Industrial Insurance
- Unemployment Insurance
- Worker Retraining
- Tribal Compacts
- Gambling
- Horse Racing
- Lottery

Richard Rodger, Sr. Counsel - 786-7461
- Liquor
- Marijuana
- Personnel Practices
- Employment Standards
- Family and Medical Leave

Jarrett Sacks, Counsel - 786-7448
[Also staff of the Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee]
- Consumer Protection
- Apprenticeship
- Prevailing Wage
- Professional Licensing
- Construction Trades Licensing and Regulation
- Labor Trafficking
- Collective Bargaining

Dana King, Committee Assistant – 786-7784
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Tim Ford, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7423
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- Collection Issues
- Tort Law
- Firearms
- General Criminal and Civil
- Guardianship and Probate Issues
- Business Law
- Eminent Domain
- Unpiloted Aerial Vehicles
- Body Worn Camera Task Force
- Uniform Laws

Shani Bauer, Sr. Counsel - 786-7468
- Body Worn Camera Task Force
- Corrections
- Firearms
- Sex Offenders
- DUI
- New Crimes and Sentencing Changes
- General Criminal Issues
- Motor Vehicle Related Issues
- Use of Deadly Force Task Force

Melissa Burke-Cain, Sr. Counsel - 786-7755
- Human Trafficking
- Trusts
- General Civil and Court Related Subject Matter
- Court Administration Issues
- Domestic Violence
- General Criminal
- Laws Relating to Animal Cruelty
- Family Law
- Public Health-Related Court and Criminal Matters

Melissa Van Gorkom, Research Analyst – 786-7491
[Also staff of the State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections Committee]
- DUI

Carly Johnson, Committee Assistant - 786-7441
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Bonnie Kim, Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7316
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- Administrative Procedures Act
- City and County Governance
- Growth Management Act
- Property Taxes
- Public Contracting Procedures
- Public Works
- Special Purpose Districts

**Greg Vogel, Counsel - 786-7413**
[Also staff of the Economic Development & International Trade Committee]

- Annexation
- Emergency Management
- Fire Protection
- Growth Management Act
- Government Incorporation
- Land Use and Development
- Special Purpose Districts
- Vesting

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(Committee Contact)

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**State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (786-7473)**

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**Sam Brown, Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7470**
(Lead Committee Contact)

- Veterans Affairs
- Military Affairs
- Ethics and Conflict of Interest
- Public Records and Disclosure
- Open Public Meetings
- Elections
- Campaign Finance
- Initiatives and Referendums
- Signature Gathering
- Performance Management of State Government Programs and Agencies

**Melissa Van Gorkom, Research Analyst – 786-7491**

- Audits of State Government Programs and Agencies
- Emergency Management
- Information Technology at State Agencies
- Public Contracting Procedures
- Public Works
- Administrative Procedure Act
- Civil Service
- Tribal Relations
- Regulatory Reform
- Historic Preservation
- Archives

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(Lead Committee Contact)

Budget Assignments
• Utilities and Transportation Commission
• Washington State Transportation Commission

Policy Assignments
• Utilities and Transportation Commission
• State and Regional Transportation Governance
• State and Regional Transportation Planning
• Transportation Element of Growth Management Act
• Special Purpose Districts

David Ward, Fiscal Coordinator - 786-7341

Budget Assignments
• Office of State Treasurer (OST) (Bond Retirement and Interest)
• Joint Transportation Committee
• Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP)
• Office of Financial Management (OFM)
• Budget Bill Development & Coordination

Policy Assignments
• Financial Plans/Fund Balances
• Bonds Issuance & Retirement

Erica Bramlet, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7321

Budget Assignments
• DOT – Toll Operations
• DOT – Highway Improvements
• DOT – Management
• DOT – Highway Maintenance
• DOT – Highway Preservation
• DOT – Traffic Operations
• DOT – Planning, Data, and Research
• DOT – Program Management and Support
• Archeology and Historic Preservation
• State Parks and Recreation

Policy Assignments
• Tolls
• Highways
• Environmental Issues

Hayley Gamble, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7452

Budget Assignments
• Washington State Ferries
  • Operating
  • Capital
• DOT – Rail
  • Operating
  • Capital
• DOT – Facilities
  ▪ Operating
  ▪ Capital
• DOT – Aviation
• DOT – Public Transportation

Policy Assignments
• Washington State Ferries
• Rail
• Local Transit Agencies, including Sound Transit
• Board of Pilotage Commissioners

Kim Johnson, Sr. Counsel - 786-7472

Budget Assignments
• Budget Bill Development and Drafting
• DOT – Public/Private Partnerships
• Traffic Safety Commission

Policy Assignments
• Tolls
• Traffic Safety & Rules of the Road
• Tribal Issues
• Bicycles
• Motorcycles & Motor Scooters
• Transportation Security Issues (e.g., valid identification and legal presence)
• Initiative & Referendum Issues

Bryon Moore, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7726

Budget Assignments
• Department of Licensing
  ▪ Drivers
  ▪ Vehicles
• Department of Agriculture
• Washington State Patrol
  ▪ Operating
  ▪ Capitol
• DOT – Information Technology
• DOT – Equipment Fund
• DOT – Charges from Other Agencies
• DOT – Local Programs
• Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB)
• Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
• County Road Administration Board (CRAB)

Policy Assignments
• Department of Licensing
  ▪ Drivers
  ▪ Vehicles
• State Transportation Revenue Forecast
• State & Local Transportation Taxes & Fees
• Washington State Patrol

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• Operating Budget Issues

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• Revenue Policy Issues
• K-12 Local Levies

Richard Ramsey, Capital Budget Coordinator - 786-7412
• Capital Budget-related Issues & Programs
• Bond Retirement and Interest
• K-12 Capital Issues
• Local Government Assistance
• Municipal Research Council

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• Board for Volunteer Firefighters
• Collective Bargaining
• Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
• Department of Retirement Systems
• Employee Compensation
• Pensions
• Public Employment Relations Commission
• State Actuary
• State Investment Board

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• Arts Commission
• Attorney General
• Board of Accountancy
• Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals
• Commission on African-American Affairs
• Commission on Asian-American Affairs
• Commission on Hispanic Affairs
• Consolidated Technology Services
• Department of Commerce
• Department of Employment Security
• Department of Enterprise Services
• Department of Financial Institutions
• Department of Labor and Industries
• Department of Licensing (non-transportation)
• Eastern Washington Historical Society
• Gambling Commission
• Horse Racing Commission
• Human Rights Commission
• Interagency Billing Model
• Minority & Women’s Business Enterprises
• Office of Administrative Hearings
• Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
- Office of Chief Information Officer
- Office of Financial Management
- Office on Indian Affairs
- Secretary of State
- State Auditor
- State Lottery Commission
- State Treasurer
- Washington State Historical Society

**Jed Herman, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7346**

- Columbia River Gorge Commission
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Natural Resources
- Environmental and Land Use Hearing Office
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Pollution Liability Insurance Agency
- Puget Sound Partnership
- Recreation and Conservation Office
- State Conservation Commission
- Utilities and Transportation Commission

**Maria Hovde, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7474**

- Department of Early Learning
- DSHS–Child Support Services
- DSHS–Children and Family Services
- DSHS–Economic Services
- TANF Issues

**Alia Kennedy, Revenue Counsel - 786-7405**

- Revenue Policy Issues
- Board of Tax Appeals
- Department of Revenue
- Liquor Cannabis Board
- State Patrol (non-transpo)

**James Kettel, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7459**

- DSHS–Administration and Support Services
- DSHS–Developmental Disabilities
- DSHS–Information System Services
- DSHS–Long Term Care
- DSHS–Payments to Other Agencies
- DSHS–Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Services for the Blind
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Life Science Discovery Fund
- School for the Blind
- Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss
Daniel Masterson, Fiscal Analyst 786-7454
- Central Washington University
- Community and Technical Colleges
- Eastern Washington University
- The Evergreen State College
- Student Achievement Council
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Workforce Training & Education Board

Julie Murray, Sr. Budget Counsel - 786-7711
- Courts:
  - Commission on Judicial Conduct
  - Court of Appeals
  - Law Library
  - Office of the Administrator for the Courts
  - Office of Civil Legal Aid
  - Office of Public Defense
  - Supreme Court
- Caseload Forecast Council
- Economic & Revenue Forecast Council
- House of Representatives
- Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee
- Joint Legislative Systems Committee
- LEAP Committee
- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Public Disclosure Commission
- Senate
- Special Appropriations to the Governor
- Statute Law Committee
- Sundry Claims

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- Public Schools (K-12 Education)
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Washington State Charter School Commission

Sandy Stith, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7710
- Health Benefits Exchange
- Health Care Authority (including administration)
- Insurance Commissioner
- Low Income Health Care (Medicaid)

Travis Sugarman, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7446
- Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Department of Corrections
- DSHS–Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- DSHS–Juvenile Rehabilitation
- DSHS–Mental Health
- DSHS–Special Commitment Center
- Forensics Investigation Council
• Justice Assistance Grant (formerly Byrne Grant)
• State Patrol (non-transportation portion)

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