## Legislative Information Center Instructions for Researching and Accessing Historical Information As of February 15, 2016

The Washington Legislative Website offers searching options that provide access and research to historical information (2016-1854). This is one method to access this information, depending on the

year and what information is being researched. Below are the various steps on how to access

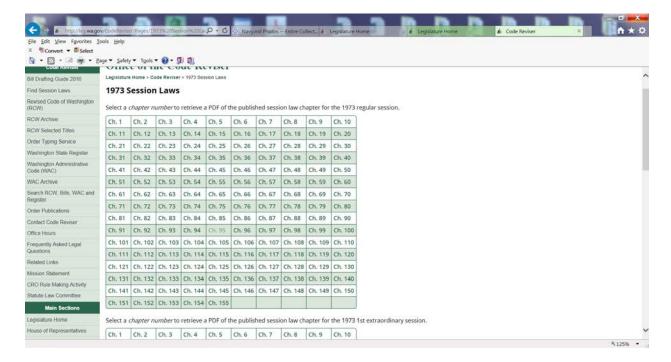
1. All Revised Codes of Washington (RCW) have a history of the laws that either created, amended, recodified, or disposed them. This history is located at the bottom of the particular RCW title, chapter, and section reference. It will appear like this:

[2013 c 35 § 1; 2011 c 132 § 2; 2005 c 465 § 2; 2002 c 259 § 1; 1991 c 154 § 2; 1973 1st ex.s. c 207 § 6.]

- 2. All legislation that became law has a chapter number which is a cross reference to the bill number that created the language in a particular RCW.
- 3. To access the historical information from the RCW history.

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- a. From our Homepage go to the link located in the left menu bar for Laws and Agency Rules.
- b. Located on the Laws and Agency webpage access the link for Session Laws.
- c. Select a <u>Session Year</u> to load a page for that year which includes links to individual session law chapter documents. The page will appear like this:



4. To access the Chapter Number listed in the RCW history, click on the chapter number box. Note that in the history of the RCW the acronym highlighted for 1973 1st ex.s., indicates that this legislation was passed during an Extra Special Session. Each Legislative Session has its own set of Session Laws and Chapter Numbers. It will be indicated in the history of the RCW whether the law passed during any Extra Special Session (1st ex.s). If you scroll down on the Session Law page you will see that there are separate blocks of chapter boxes for each session. This is how it will appear:

