



Senate Committee Services – Staff Issues List

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<u>Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks</u>
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<u>Housing</u>
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<u>Ways & Means</u>

**AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS
COMMITTEE**

Staff Assignments

Jeff Olsen – Committee Coordinator, 786-7428

Alina Cole – Committee Assistant, 786-7705

Jeff Olsen Senior Committee Coordinator 786-7428	Karen Epps Senior Staff Counsel 786-7424
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture• Fish and Wildlife Issues• Fisheries and Aquaculture• Forestry Issues• Geology and Surface Mining• Recreation and State Parks• Salmon Recovery• State Natural Resource Lands Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agriculture• Agricultural Pests and Diseases• Commodity Commissions• Conservation Districts• Drought• Food Labeling, Processing and Safety• Livestock• Water Quality• Water Resources

**BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES, GAMING & TRADE
COMMITTEE**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credit Ratings and Scoring• Payday Lending• Foreclosures• Mortgage Brokers• Economic Development• Regional and Sector Based Development• Tourism• Gaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Development and Incentives - Grants• Banking• Public Depositories• Securities Regulation• Credit Unions• Insurance Property and Casualty• Life Insurance• International Trade and Export Assistance• Regulatory Assistance• Technical Assistance to Businesses• Small Business Assistance

**EARLY LEARNING & K-12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Learning and Child Care • Health and Safety • Student Discipline • Equity and Civil Rights • Attendance and Truancy • Parental and Family Involvement • Learning Standards and Instructional Materials/Curricula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Education • Special Education • Institutional Education • Charter Schools, School Choice, and Learning Alternatives • Education Funding, including Levy and Bond Authority • Student Transportation • Education Governance and Elections • School Construction
<p align="center">Benjamin Omdal Counsel 786-7442</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Graduation Requirements, including Statewide Assessments • Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education • Dual Language and Bilingual Education • Dual Credits, College in the High School, Running Start • College Bargaining for School Employees • Educator Preparation, Certification, and Evaluation • Native Education Issues • Competency-Based Education 	

**ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology • Broadband • Product Stewardship • Hazardous Waste and Toxics • Environment • SEPA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Generation and Transmission • Energy Siting • Electric Vehicles • Electric Utilities • Climate Commitment Act
<p align="center">Matt Shepard-Koningsor Counsel 786-7627</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste and Recycling • Oil Spills and Prevention • Climate Commitment Act [lead] • Air Quality • Clean Fuel Standard • Alternative Fuels 	

HEALTH & LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

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Sierra Daley – Sr. Committee Assistant, 786-7463

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Care Professions• Private Health Insurance• Prescription Drugs• Public Health• Telemedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opioids• Long-Term Care• Medicaid• Hospital Regulation
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Behavioral Health including Substance Use, State Hospitals and Mental Health	

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

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Espen Shackelford – Committee Assistant, 786-7458

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colleges and Universities• Financial Aid• Governance• Tuition• Academic Affairs• Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC)• Veterans Issues• Student Affairs• Workforce Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Data and Privacy• Legal Issues• Dual and Concurrent Enrollment Programs

HOUSING COMMITTEE

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Christopher McCallister – Committee Assistant, 786-7430

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Trust Fund• Document Recording Housing Surcharge• Homelessness Prevention• Housing Authorities• Vehicle Residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act• Residential Landlord-Tenant Act• Housing Affordability• Housing Stability• Housing Finance Commission

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Economic Services• Child Welfare/Child Protection• Foster Care• Dependency• Indian Child Welfare Act• Vulnerable Adults/Abuse and Neglect• Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (non- Medicaid)• Domestic Violence Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrections/Offender Reentry• Sex Offenders: Civil Commitment• Crime Victims• Criminal Justice Treatment Account• Children’s Mental Health• Juvenile Rehabilitation

LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cannabis• Liquor• Employment Standards and Personnel Practices• Professional Licensing, except Construction and Health Care	

LAW & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Animal Control• Business Law• Family Law• General Criminal and Civil• Guardianship and Probate Issues• Tort Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Involuntary Treatment Act• Forensic Mental Health (Competency to Stand Trial/Criminal Insanity)• General Criminal and Sentencing• Guardianships
Ryan Giannini Counsel 786-7285	Joe McKittrick Counsel 786-7287
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Common Interest Communities (e.g., Homeowner Associations)• Domestic Violence• General Criminal and Civil Issues• Human Trafficking/Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children• Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People• Name, Image, and Likeness• New Crimes and Sentencing Changes• Sexual Assault• Uniform Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business Law• Cyber Harassment• DUI• Firearms• General Criminal and Civil Issues• Issues related to State v. Blake• Law Enforcement Use of Force• New Crimes and Sentencing Changes• Public Defense/Prosecution

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, LAND USE & TRIBAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

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- City and County Governance
- Fire Protection
- Growth Management Act
- Land Use and Development
- Local Permitting
- Zoning
- Municipal Utilities
- Public Works
- Local Government Taxes and Fees
- Property Taxes
- SEPA
- Shoreline Management Act
- Special Purpose Districts
- Tribal Affairs

STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Veterans Affairs• Military Affairs• Ethics and Conflict of Interest• Public Records and Disclosure• Open Public Meetings• Elections• Campaign Finance• Initiatives and Referendums• Signature Gathering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audits of State Government Programs and Agencies• Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in State Programs• Emergency Management• Public Contracting Procedures• Public Works• Administrative Procedure Act• Civil Service• Regulatory Reform• Historic Preservation• Building Code Council

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<p>Budget Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT-Toll Operations (B) • DOT-Highway Improvements(I) • DOT-Management (H) • DOT-Highway Maintenance(M) • DOT-Highway Preservation(P) • DOT-Traffic Operations (Q) • DOT-Program Management & Support (S) • DOT-Planning, Data, & Research (T) • Archeology & Historic Preservation • StateParks & Recreation • DOT-Information Technology (C) <p>Policy Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolls • Highways • Environmental issues 	<p>Budget Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT-Aviation (F) • DOT-Public Transportation (V) • DOT-Washington State Ferries (X & W) • DOT-Rail (Y) • DOT-LocalPrograms (Z) • BoardofPilotage Commissioners • Utilities and Transportation Commission <p>Policy Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington State Ferries • Rail • Local transit agencies, includingSound Transit • Utilities and Transportation Commission (marine pilotage & rail) 	<p>Budget Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT-Public/Private Partnerships (K) • TrafficSafety Commission • Budget Bill Development& Drafting <p>Policy Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic safety & rulesofthe road • Bicycles • Motorcycles & motor scooters • Transportation security issues (e.g., valid identification and legal presence) • Initiative & Referendum issues • Tribal issues • Tolls 	<p>Budget Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department ofLicensing • Departmentof Agriculture • Washington State Patrol • DOT-Facilities (D) • DOT- Equipment Fund(E) • DOT-Chargesfrom Other Agencies (U) • Freight Mobility StrategicInvestment Board (FMSIB) • Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) • County Road Administration Board (CRAB) <p>Policy Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State & local transportation taxes & fees • State transportation revenueforecast • Department of Licensing • Washington State Patrol 	<p>Budget Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WashingtonState Transportation Commission <p>Policy Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilities and Transportation Commission (passenger/property transportation) • State& regional transportation governance • State and regional transportationplanning • Transportation element of Growth Management Act • Specialpurpose districts 	<p>Budget Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of State Treasurer (OST) • Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program(LEAP) • OfficeofFinancial Management (OFM) • JointTransportation Committee (JTC) • Budget Bill Development& Coordination <p>Policy Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial plans/fund balances • Bondissuance & retirement

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE - STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

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Operating Budget Development

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Capital Budget Development
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Revenue Policy Issues

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Committee Administration

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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

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Capital Budget Support - SEE NEXT PAGE

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Capital Budget Support - SEE NEXT PAGE

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Board for Volunteer Firefighters
Collective Bargaining
Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
Department of Retirement Systems
Employee Comp. & Health Benefits
House of Representatives
JLARC
Joint Legislative Systems
LEAP Committee
Legislative Support Services
PEBB Benefits
Pensions
Public Employment Relations Commission
SEBB Benefits
Senate
State Actuary
State Investment Board
Statute Law Committee

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Department of Health
DSHS - Admin & Support Services
DSHS - Information System Services
DSHS - Payments to Other Agencies
DSHS - Special Commitment Center
DSHS - State Hospitals
DSHS - Vocational Rehab

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Ctr for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth
Charter Schools
K-12 Education
K-12 - Local Levies
K-12 - Institutional Education
School for the Blind

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Columbia River Gorge Commission
Commerce – Energy
Department of Agriculture
Department of Ecology
Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
Environ. and Land Use Hearing Office
Parks and Recreation Commission
Pollution Liability Insurance Agency
Recreation and Conservation Office
State Conservation Commission
Utilities & Transportation Commission

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Commission on Judicial Conduct
Court of Appeals
DCYF - Child Welfare
DCYF - Early Learning
DCYF - Program Support
DSHS - Child Support Services
DSHS - Economic Services
Employment Security Department
DSHS - TANF
Law Library
Office of Civil Legal Aid
Office of Public Defense
Supreme Court

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Department of Services for the Blind
Department of Veterans Affairs
DSHS - Developmental Disabilities
DSHS - Long Term Care

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Revenue Policy Issues

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Revenue Policy Issues
Administrative Office of the Courts
Board of Tax Appeals
Caseload Forecast Council
Department of Revenue
Economic & Revenue Forecast Council

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Archaeology & Historic Preservation
Arts Commission
Board of Prof'l Engineers & Surveyors
Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals
Board of Accountancy
Comm. on African-American Affairs
Comm. on Asian-American Affairs
Comm. on Hispanic Affairs
Department of Licensing
Eastern Washington Historical Society
Financial Institutions
Forensics Investigation Council
Gambling Commission
Horse Racing Commission
Human Rights Commission
Labor & Industries
Minority & Women's Bus. Enterprises
Military Department
Office of Administrative Hearings
Office of Indian Affairs
Office of the Governor
Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Public Disclosure Commission
State Auditor
State Lottery Commission
State Treasurer
Washington State Historical Society
Washington State Leadership Board
Washington State Patrol

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Four-Year Budget Outlook
Behavioral Health (HCA)
Liquor & Cannabis Board
Special Appropriations to the Governor

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Interagency Billing Model (Central Services)
Commerce - Community Services & Housing
Commerce - Local Government
Commerce - Program Support
Commerce - Economic Development
Department of Enterprise Services
K-12 - Education Reform
K-12 - OSPI and Statewide Programs

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Capital Budget Support - SEE NEXT PAGE
Consolidated Tech Services
Criminal Justice Training Commission
DCYF - Juvenile Rehabilitation
Department of Corrections
Lease Facilities – Statewide
IT - Statewide
Office of the Chief Information Officer
Office of Financial Management
Office of Independent Investigations

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HCA - Low Income Health Care
Health Benefit Exchange
Insurance Commissioner

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE - STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

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CAPITAL BUDGET

Revenue

Bonds and Bond Model
Climate Commitment Act Account

Government Operations

Commerce (Broadband, Energy, LCP)

Higher Education

Central Washington University
Community & Technical Colleges
Eastern Washington University
The Evergreen State College
University of Washington
Washington State University
Western Washington University
Workforce Training & Education
Coordinating Board

Other Education

Ctr for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth
Public Schools
School for the Blind

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CAPITAL BUDGET

Revenue

MTCA
Public Works Assistance Account

Government Operations

Commerce (Behavioral Health, Early Learning, Dental)
Commerce (CERB, Public Works, Economic Development)
Commerce (Housing, Home Efficiency and Weatherization)
Department of Enterprise Services (Capitol Lake)
Department of Transportation
Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee

Natural Resources

Department of Agriculture
Department of Ecology
Department of Fish & Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
Parks & Recreation Commission
Pollution Liability Insurance Program
Puget Sound Partnership
Recreation and Conservation Office
State Conservation Commission

Other Education

Archaeology & Historic Preservation

Shani Bauer, Sr. Fiscal Counsel **786-7468**

CAPITAL BUDGET

Government Operations

Commerce (Community competitive grant programs, Ports)
Courts
Criminal Justice Training Commission
Department of Enterprise Services
Department of Labor & Industries
Employment Security Department
House of Representatives
Legislative Support Services
Military Department
Office of Financial Management
Secretary of State
Senate
Utilities and Transportation Commission
Washington State Patrol

Human Services

Children, Youth, and Families
Department of Health
Department of Corrections
DSHS - Administrative & Support Services
DSHS - Developmental Disabilities
DSHS - Long-Term Care
DSHS - Mental Health
DSHS - Special Commitment
Veterans' Affairs

Other Education

Washington State Arts Commission
Eastern Washington Historical Society
Washington State Historical Society

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CAPITAL BUDGET

Government Operations

Legislative Campus Modernization