Get help with accessibility

Learn about the services we offer to help you participate in the lawmaking process.

Access to legislative buildings

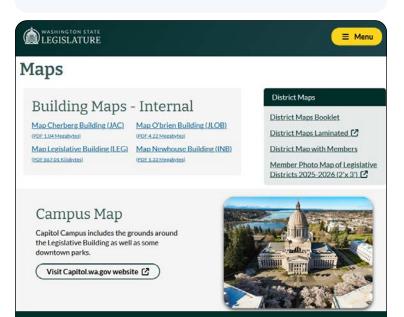
Our buildings have accessible entrances and parking to make your visit easier.

Accessibility for participating

Our goal is to ensure everyone can participate in democracy. Learn more about our services to help you take part in legislative meetings.

Accessibility on our website

In addition to our in-person services, our website can help you get involved with the lawmaking process online.



Commitment to accessibility

The Washington State Legislature is dedicated to ensuring that all individuals have access to its legislative activities and facilities. Efforts have been made to guarantee that people with disabilities can fully participate in legislative programs, services, and events. To support this, the Senate, House of Representatives, and Legislative Support Services (LSS) have designated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinators to oversee ADA compliance, coordinate language access, and assist with any questions or concerns.

Contact an accessibility coordinator

The Senate, House of Representatives, and Legislative Support Services (LSS) have appointed ADA Coordinators to coordinate the implementation of the ADA and assist if any questions or concerns arise. These coordinators are your point of contact for requesting services such as American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation, spoken language interpretation, Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART), documents in alternate formats, and more. These coordinators only support access and communication to legislative activities and facilities.

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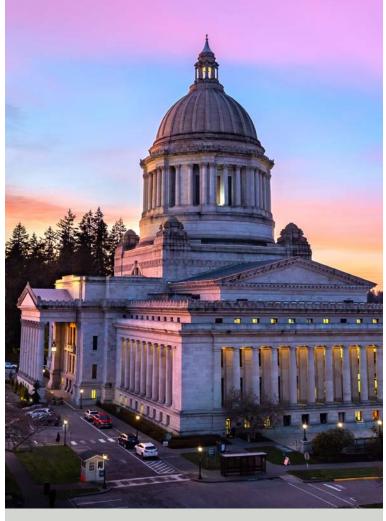
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Accessibility



The Washington State Legislature is committed to making the lawmaking process open to everyone. Learn about our commitment to accessibility and how to get help accessing our services.

Access to legislative buildings

Our buildings have accessible entrances and parking to make your visit easier.

- All buildings have disabled parking, entrance ramps, and at least one door with wheelchair access.
- If you use a wheelchair, you can access legislative committee rooms in the Cherberg and O'Brien buildings. Each has an accessible entrance and a wheelchair seating area.
- For more information on barrier-free access to the legislative buildings and to view a map of Americans with Disabilities (ADA) parking stalls, please visit the <u>campus map on the Capitol.wa.gov website</u>.

Accessibility on our website

In addition to our in-person services, our website offers tools to help you engage with the legislative process remotely.

Accessibility features on your device

Most computers come equipped with built-in accessibility tools. Here are some useful links to enable these features:

- Windows 11
- Mac OS
- Chromebook

Accessible documents and videos

We offer HTML versions of bills, amendments, and reports. To find a bill or document, visit our bills page to learn more.

For those seeking video content, our <u>committee schedules</u> page provides links to videos of committee hearings that match your search criteria. After selecting View Video, you can access a live or archived hearing. In the video window, scroll down to locate the Transcript button, which provides a real-time transcript that highlights spoken words as the video plays.

Accessibility for participating

The following services are designed to break down language barriers and make the legislative process more accessible for all members of the public. To request these services, please complete our <u>online request form</u>.

TTY assistance

Any legislative number can be reached via the state Telephone Relay Service at 800-833-6384 (voice) or 800-833-6388 (TTY).

Assistive listening devices

Assistive listening devices are available by request and may be used at any seat in the committee rooms, some conference rooms, and public galleries in the House and Senate chambers. Headsets with induction neck-loops are available for people using hearing aids and cochlear implants with a "T" switch (telecoil). Ask Senate or House Security staff to request headsets and neck-loops.

American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and readers

If you require an ASL interpreter or reader, please contact the appropriate ADA Coordinator 48 hours in advance. Interpretation services are available only when meeting with legislators if the meeting has been scheduled and confirmed.

Spoken language interpretation

Spoken language interpretation services are available upon request. Interpretation services are available only when meeting with legislators if the meeting has been scheduled and confirmed. Please schedule your appointments with legislators in advance and submit your requests as early as possible.

Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART)

CART is a service that turns spoken words into written text as they are being said. CART can be used during meetings, events, or public hearings, allowing you to follow along by reading the live transcription on a screen, computer, or mobile device. Please provide at least 48 hours' notice to the appropriate ADA coordinator for availability.

Documents in alternate formats

Legislative documents can be provided in alternate formats, including large print, Braille, or audio tape.

Picture-in-picture ASL interpretation

The Washington State Legislature, in collaboration with TVW, is pleased to announce the continuation of its pilot project to provide picture-in-picture American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation for selected House and Senate hearings during the 2025 legislative session.

Please note: Picture-in-picture ASL interpretation is distinct from individual ASL interpretation requests for persons attending hearings or meetings in person. Requests for onsite interpretation should be submitted at least 48 hours in advance by completing our interpretation request form and coordinating with the ADA Coordinators in the House or Senate.

