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For further legislative information, call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000, or check the internet at www.leg.wa.gov.

The nine elected executives serve a four-year term. All run independently. The Superintendent of Public Instruction may not declare a partisan affiliation. *They are listed in their order of ascension to the office of Governor.*



Governor • governor.wa.gov • (360) 902-4111

The Governor is the chief executive officer of the state and makes appointments for hundreds of state positions, including directors of state agencies (subject to confirmation by the Senate). The Governor has the power to sign or veto (reject) legislation, and annually submits a budget recommendation and reports on state affairs to the Legislature.

Other duties assigned to the Governor include serving as commander-in-chief of the state's military establishment (the National Guard), except when it has been called into federal service. Pardoning power also is vested in the Governor, subject to regulations by law.

The Governor can also issue proclamations relating to matters of interest to the people of Washington.

Lieutenant Governor • ltgov.wa.gov • (360) 786-7700

The Lieutenant Governor of Washington is the President of the Senate, and serves the state as acting governor in the absence of the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor, first in line of succession, is elected to a four-year term. Since the beginning of Washington's statehood, 15 officials have served in the Office.

As part of the duties, the Lieutenant Governor serves by statute on 10 committees or boards. These include the Senate Committee on Rules, the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations, and the Washington State Leadership Board.

Secretary of State • sos.wa.gov • (360) 902-4151

The office of the Secretary of State was established with the adoption of the State Constitution in 1889. The Secretary of State is the state's chief elections officer, chief corporations officer, and supervisor of the State Archives. They also represent the state in international trade and cultural missions, and greet delegations visiting the state from other countries.

Other functions include registering organizations involved in soliciting charitable donations; administering the state's Productivity Board; managing the Address Confidentiality Program; affixing the State Seal and attesting to documents issued by the Governor; and certifying certain matters to the Legislature.

State Treasurer • tre.wa.gov • (360) 902.9000

The state treasurer's role was instituted upon ratification of the State Constitution in 1889. The State Treasurer is Washington's chief financial officer, who manages the Office of the State Treasurer (OST), the state agency that serves as the bank for Washington State government.

OST operates divisions which manage public investments, debt, and cash for the State of Washington and leads policy initiatives affecting the State Treasury and the state's long-term fiscal health.

State Auditor • sao.wa.gov

Washington has had an independent auditor since its territorial days. In 1889, Washington enshrined the State Auditor's Office (SAO) in the state Constitution, reflecting a continued commitment to ensure public money is spent wisely and in the public interest. The State Auditor's Office operates across the state to help government work better and maintain public trust.

SAO provides citizens with independent and transparent examinations of how state and local governments use public funds, and develops strategies to make government more efficient and effective. The audits look at financial information and compliance with laws on the part of all local governments, schools, and state agencies.

Attorney General • atg.wa.gov • (360) 753-6200

Before Washington became a state, the Washington Territory's Legislature created the Attorney General's Office (AGO) in January 1887. When Washington became a state in 1889, the state constitution codified the AGO as part of the executive branch.

The AGO has grown to be one of the most powerful and important agencies in the state. It is now the state's

largest law firm, encompassing 28 divisions with more than 1,800 employees, representing over 230 state agencies, boards, and commissions.

The AGO's initiatives follow social changes in our state and the office has become more involved in legal work aimed at preserving and improving public welfare for individual Washingtonians and communities.



Superintendent of Public Instruction • ospi.k12.wa.us • (360) 725-6000

The Superintendent of Public Instruction was established as a partisan position by the Washington State Constitution in 1889. However, an initiative to the people in 1938 made the position nonpartisan.

The goal of Washington's K-12 education system is to prepare every student for postsecondary

pathways, careers, and civic engagement. Led by the Superintendent, OSPI is the primary agency charged with overseeing public K-12 education in Washington state. OSPI allocates funding and provides tools, resources, and technical assistance so every student in Washington is provided a high-quality public education.

Commissioner of Public Lands • dnr.wa.gov • (360) 902-1000

In 1957, the legislature created the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to manage state trust lands for the people of Washington. The Commissioner of Public Lands is the elected head of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Board of Natural Resources, chaired by the Commissioner of Public Lands, establishes policy for the department.

The DNR protects and cares for Washington's public lands and waters, and is central to the state's economic, social, and environmental success. Their mission is to manage, sustain, and protect the health and productivity of Washington's lands and waters to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Insurance Commissioner • insurance.wa.gov • (800) 562-6900

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner was created by the first state Legislature in 1889-90 to register insurance companies that wanted to do business in Washington. Today, the role has expanded to make sure companies abide by the rigorous financial and legal standards set for doing business in this state.

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner is a small agency of about 280 employees who oversee the insurance market in Washington state. They protect consumers, the public interest and the state's economy through fair and efficient regulation of the insurance industry.