

SIXTY NINTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SECOND DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Tuesday, January 14, 2025

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Stearns presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fourth order of business.

INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

HB 1245 by Representatives Couture, Walen, Fitzgibbon, Barkis, Nance, Eslick, Caldier, Timmons and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to promoting business development; and adding new sections to chapter 43.330 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans.

HB 1260 by Representatives Schmidt, Ormsby and Hill

AN ACT Relating to administrative costs associated with the document recording fee; and amending RCW 36.22.250.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1261 by Representatives Low, Berg, Peterson and Nance

AN ACT Relating to providing tax relief for certain incidental uses on open space land; and amending RCW 84.34.020 and 84.34.108.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1262 by Representatives Santos, Thai, Doglio, Berry, Ryu, Obras, Ormsby, Scott, Parshley, Timmons, Pollet, Macri, Simmons, Hunt and Hill

AN ACT Relating to updating the name, authority, membership, and duties of the governor's interagency coordinating council on health disparities; amending RCW 43.20.270, 43.20.275, 43.20.280, 41.05.840, and 70.41.470; reenacting and amending RCW 43.20.025; and repealing RCW 44.28.810.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1263 by Representatives Cortes, Low, Peterson, Doglio, Street, Leavitt, Ryu, Davis, Obras, Reed, Goodman, Ormsby, Tharinger, Scott, Nance, Eslick, Kloba, Timmons, Pollet, Macri, Fey and Hill

AN ACT Relating to updating eligible uses for the essential needs and housing support program; and amending RCW 43.185C.220, 43.185C.230, 36.22.250, 74.04.005, 74.04.805, and 74.62.030.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1264 by Representatives Fey, Macri, Fitzgibbon, Lekanoff, Berry, Bronoske, Leavitt, Callan, Ryu, Ramel, Reed, Paul, Parshley, Nance and Alvarado

AN ACT Relating to making the salaries of ferry system collective bargaining units more competitive through salary survey comparisons; and amending RCW 47.64.006, 47.64.170, and 47.64.320.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1265 by Representatives Stearns, Taylor, Salahuddin, Richards, Davis, Obras, Ormsby, Parshley and Hill

AN ACT Relating to commercial sexual exploitation; amending RCW 9A.88.110 and 9A.88.120; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety.

HB 1266 by Representatives Dye, Walen, Connors, Couture, Bronoske, Jacobsen, Stearns, Schmidt, Richards, Reed, Abell, Dent, Ormsby, Nance, Eslick, Duerr, Timmons and Caldier

AN ACT Relating to establishing the Washington state commission on boys and men; and adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on State Government & Tribal Relations.

HB 1267 by Representatives Couture, Pollet, Leavitt, Schmidt, Nance, Kloba and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to funded special education enrollment; amending RCW 28A.150.390; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.155 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1268 by Representatives Hackney and Ryu

AN ACT Relating to virtual currency transaction kiosks; amending RCW 19.230.030, 19.230.370, and 19.230.010; adding new sections to chapter 19.230 RCW; prescribing penalties; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

HB 1269 by Representatives Hackney, McClintock and Leavitt

AN ACT Relating to pawnbroker fees and interest rates; and amending RCW 19.60.060 and 19.60.061.

Referred to Committee on Consumer Protection & Business.

HB 1270 by Representatives Bronoske, Ryu, Mena, Reed, Jacobsen, Paul, Duerr, Kloba, Macri and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to automatic deferred compensation enrollment for county, municipal, and other political subdivision employees; and amending RCW 41.50.770.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1271 by Representatives Nance, Dent, Marshall, Bronoske, Leavitt, Salahuddin, Ryu, Davis, Mena, Ramel, Dye, Barkis, Klicker, Reed, Ormsby, Scott, Eslick, Parshley, Taylor, Kloba, Timmons, Peterson, Richards, Simmons, Hunt and Hill

AN ACT Relating to early deployment of state fire service resources; and amending RCW 43.43.960.

Referred to Committee on Technology, Economic Development, & Veterans.

HB 1272 by Representatives Callan, Eslick, Berry, Leavitt, Salahuddin, Davis, Reed, Nance, Kloba, Timmons, Macri, Simmons, Hunt and Fey

AN ACT Relating to extending the program to address complex cases of children in crisis; amending RCW 43.06.535; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1273 by Representatives Paul, Eslick, Salahuddin, Bergquist, Reed, Nance, Timmons, Pollet, Fey and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to improving student access to dual credit programs including career and technical education dual credit programs; amending RCW 28B.50.531; adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.150 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.245 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating new sections.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 1274 by Representatives Stearns, Hackney, Doglio, Ramel, Reed, Ormsby, Parshley, Pollet, Macri, Simmons and Hill

AN ACT Relating to retroactively applying the requirement to exclude certain juvenile convictions from an offender score regardless of the date of the offense; adding a new section to chapter 9.94A RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety.

HB 1275 by Representatives Scott, Berry, Ramel, Reed, Ormsby, Parshley, Pollet, Simmons and Hill

AN ACT Relating to establishing department authority to ensure payment is received from the self-insured employer after a self-insured group or municipal employer has their self-insurer certification withdrawn; and adding a new section to chapter 51.14 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards.

HB 1276 by Representatives Leavitt, Griffey, Marshall, Couture, Bronoske, Nance, Caldier, Timmons and Pollet

AN ACT Relating to organized retail theft; and amending RCW 9.94A.533.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety.

HB 1277 by Representatives Shavers and Reed

AN ACT Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for the purchase and use of medical equipment and supplies by a critical access hospital; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.12 RCW; creating a new section; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1278 by Representatives Pollet, Leavitt, Salahuddin, Ramel, Reed, Goodman, Scott, Nance, Macri and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to the role of students on the governing boards of institutions of higher education; amending RCW 28B.50.100 and 28B.50.102; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.35 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.30 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28B.40 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 1279 by Representatives Pollet, Leavitt, Doglio, Reed and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to postsecondary education consumer protections; amending RCW 28B.85.020, 28B.85.070, 28B.85.090, and 28B.85.095; adding a new section to chapter 28B.85 RCW; and creating a new section.

Referred to Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce.

HB 1280 by Representatives Shavers, Leavitt, Salahuddin, Bergquist, Reed, Paul, Pollet, Simmons and Hill

AN ACT Relating to career and technical education in sixth grade; amending RCW 28A.150.265; and reenacting and amending RCW 28A.150.260.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1281 by Representatives Goodman, Simmons and Hill

AN ACT Relating to making technical corrections and removing obsolete language from the Revised Code of Washington pursuant to RCW 1.08.025; amending RCW 1.16.050, 9.94A.507, 18.225.090, 23B.13.200, 23B.13.210, 23B.13.220, 66.04.021, 6.15.060, 9.94A.840, 9.94B.020, 9.95.040, 9A.56.120, 12.36.020, 18.73.270, 18.330.040, 19.116.040, 19.182.040, 28A.600.385, 28B.20.810, 28B.76.730, 35.82.080, 35.82.285, 36.32.440, 38.52.020, 38.52.390, 41.32.345, 41.56.465, 41.56.492, 43.20B.670, 43.21A.662, 43.70.670, 43.216.152, 43.330.430, 43.330.435, 46.18.205, 46.61.100, 48.20.555, 48.21.375, 51.14.150, 59.22.020, 64.34.216, 64.34.316, 64.34.324, 64.34.400, 69.25.030, 70.14.050, 70.122.020, 71.09.098, 71A.12.210, 71A.12.220, 74.04.00511, 74.04.300, 74.04.670, 79A.05.065, 80.70.020, 88.02.610, 18.20.230, 18.50.032, 18.79.010, 18.79.040, 18.79.050, 18.79.070, 18.79.080, 18.79.090, 18.79.100, 18.79.110, 18.79.150, 18.79.160, 18.79.170, 18.79.180, 18.79.190, 18.79.230, 18.79.240, 18.79.250, 18.79.260, 18.79.290, 18.79.310, 18.79.340, 18.79.390, 18.79.400, 18.79.410, 18.79.430, 18.79.435, 18.79.440, 18.79.800, 18.79.810, 18.88A.020, 18.88A.030, 18.88A.060, 18.88A.080, 18.88A.082, 18.88A.085, 18.88A.087, 18.88A.088, 18.88A.090, 18.88A.100, 18.88A.210, 18.88B.070, 28A.210.275, 28A.210.280, 28A.210.290, 28B.115.020, 41.05.180, 48.20.393, 48.21.225, 48.43.087, 48.44.325, 48.46.275, 69.45.010, 69.51A.300, 70.128.210, 74.42.230, 7.68.030, 7.68.063, 7.68.080, 9.02.110, 9.02.130, 10.77.175, 11.130.290, 11.130.390, 11.130.615, 18.16.260, 18.50.005, 18.50.115, 18.57.040, 18.59.100, 18.64.253, 18.64.560, 18.71.030, 18.74.200, 18.89.020, 18.130.410, 18.134.010, 18.225.010, 18.250.010, 19.410.010, 28A.210.090, 28A.210.275, 28A.210.280, 28A.210.290, 28A.210.305, 41.05.177, 41.05.180, 41.24.155, 43.70.470, 46.19.010, 46.61.506, 46.61.508, 48.20.392, 48.20.393, 48.21.225, 48.21.227, 48.42.100, 48.43.094, 48.43.115, 48.44.325, 48.44.327, 48.46.275, 48.46.277, 48.125.200, 50A.05.010, 51.04.030, 51.28.010, 51.28.020, 51.28.025, 51.28.055, 51.36.010, 51.48.060, 51.52.010, 68.50.105, 69.41.010, 69.41.030, 69.43.135, 69.45.010, 69.50.101, 70.02.010, 70.02.230, 70.24.115, 70.30.061, 70.41.410, 70.47.210, 70.48.135, 70.48.490, 70.54.400, 70.58A.010, 70.122.051, 70.122.130, 70.128.120, 70.180.020, 70.180.040,

70.245.010, 71.05.148, 71.05.154, 71.05.210, 71.05.215, 71.05.230, 71.05.290, 71.05.300, 71.05.585, 71.12.540, 71.32.110, 71.32.140, 71.32.250, 71.34.720, 71.34.750, 71.34.755, 71.34.770, 71.34.815, 72.09.588, 74.09.010, 74.09.725, 74.42.010, and 74.42.380; amending 2021 c 167 s 1, 2015 c 207 s 1, 2015 c 70 s 2, 2013 c 3 s 1, 2017 c 317 s 12, 2015 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 101, 2020 c 236 s 1, 2020 c 133 s 1, 2019 c 393 s 1, and 2007 c 371 s 1 (uncodified); reenacting and amending RCW 19.158.020, 43.21B.110, 90.58.090, 18.130.175, 43.21B.300, 43.43.842, 70.41.230, 9.02.170, 9.41.010, 10.77.010, 18.360.010, 43.70.442, 51.36.110, 69.51A.010, 70.41.230, 71.05.217, 71.32.020, 71.32.260, and 71.34.730; reenacting RCW 19.09.085, 28B.76.526, 43.03.230, 43.03.240, 43.03.250, 43.03.265, 43.79.195, and 70A.65.030; creating a new section; decodifying RCW 15.92.105, 28A.300.2851, 28A.300.807, 43.10.300, and 43.280.091; repealing 2023 c 470 s 3013; providing effective dates; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

HB 1282 by Representatives Pollet and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to improving the well-being of children in child care by enhancing transparency measures and modifying liability insurance requirements; amending RCW 43.216.325, 43.216.687, and 43.216.700; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Early Learning & Human Services.

HB 1283 by Representatives Low, Schmidt, Wylie, Klicker, Barkis, Donaghy and Richards

AN ACT Relating to certificates of title; amending RCW 46.12.530, 46.12.540, 46.12.555, 46.17.160, 46.68.025, 46.12.675, 88.02.515, 88.02.540, 88.02.640, and 88.02.640; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Transportation.

HB 1284 by Representatives Pollet, Berry, Doglio, Ryu, Mena, Reed, Scott, Alvarado, Kloba, Farivar, Macri and Hill

AN ACT Relating to eliminating the investment income business and occupation tax deduction for corporations and other business entities; amending RCW 82.04.4281; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

HB 1285 by Representatives Rude, Stonier, Lekanoff, Doglio, Couture, Connors, Berry, Bronoske, Leavitt, Ryu, Davis, Barkis, Orcutt, Jacobsen, Goodman, Walsh, Steele, Paul, Tharinger, Klicker, Nance, Eslick, Taylor, Caldier, Parshley, Keaton, Ley, Timmons, Pollet, Fey, Simmons and Hill

AN ACT Relating to making financial education instruction a graduation requirement in public schools; amending RCW 28A.300.468; adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW; creating new sections; and providing expiration dates.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1286 by Representatives Dye, Graham, Couture and Schmidt

AN ACT Relating to the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance; and amending RCW 9A.42.100.

Referred to Committee on Community Safety.

HB 1287 by Representatives Rule, Richards, Nance, Macri and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to addressing the disclosure of health information for care coordination; and amending RCW 18.225.105 and 18.19.180.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1288 by Representatives Dye, Klicker and Barkis

AN ACT Relating to environmental leadership through outdoor recreation and climate adaptation investments; amending RCW 70A.65.250 and 70A.65.305; reenacting and amending RCW 70A.65.030, 70A.65.040, and 70A.65.230; adding a new section to chapter 70A.65 RCW; creating a new section; and repealing RCW 70A.65.260 and 70A.65.270.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 1289 by Representatives McClintock, Santos, Schmidt and Timmons

AN ACT Relating to assessing and improving the public school system through survey information provided voluntarily by parents and guardians; amending RCW 28A.225.220; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.310 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1290 by Representatives Dye and Klicker

AN ACT Relating to improving climate resiliency through the development of a water quality trading program for recipients of national pollutant discharge elimination system general permits; and amending RCW 90.48.260.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 1291 by Representatives Rule, Stonier, Ryu, Parshley, Alvarado, Timmons, Macri, Simmons, Hunt, Hill and Fosse

AN ACT Relating to cost sharing for maternity services; reenacting and amending RCW 41.05.017; and adding a new section to chapter 48.43 RCW.

Referred to Committee on Health Care & Wellness.

HB 1292 by Representatives Leavitt, Bronoske, Ryu, Reed, Rude, Goodman, Steele, Paul, Doglio, Eslick, Caldier, Timmons, Pollet, Macri, Simmons, Fey and Low

AN ACT Relating to cost-of-living adjustments for plan 1 retirees of the teachers' retirement system and public employees' retirement system; amending RCW 41.32.4992, 41.40.1987, 41.45.060, and 41.45.070; adding a new section to chapter 41.32 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW; creating a new section; providing an effective; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

HB 1293 by Representatives Klicker, Dye, Connors, Barkis, Eslick, Caldier and Kloba

AN ACT Relating to litter; amending RCW 70A.200.060; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

Referred to Committee on Environment & Energy.

HB 1294 by Representatives Dent, Reeves, Timmons and Hill

AN ACT Relating to extending the pesticide application safety committee; amending RCW 70.104.110; amending 2019 c 327 s 1 (uncodified); providing an effective date; providing expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources.

HB 1295 by Representatives Pollet, Rude, Couture, Jacobsen, Ryu, Reed, Scott, Nance, Kloba, Eslick and Simmons

AN ACT Relating to using evidence-based instructional practices in reading and writing literacy for public elementary students; amending RCW 28A.320.202, 28A.300.530, 28A.300.570, 28A.300.720, 28A.320.260, 28A.415.265, 28A.655.230, 28A.655.235, and 28B.10.033; adding new sections to chapter 28A.410 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.710 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.715 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW; creating new sections; recodifying RCW 28A.320.202 and 28B.10.033; repealing RCW 28A.300.290, 28A.300.300, 28A.300.330, 28A.300.340, 28A.410.285, 28A.415.350, 28A.415.360, and 28A.415.400; and providing an expiration date.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1296 by Representatives Stonier, Macri, Lekanoff, Doglio, Berry, Salahuddin, Davis, Ramel, Obras, Reed, Ormsby, Scott, Nance, Bergquist, Fitzgibbon, Parshley, Alvarado, Kloba, Pollet, Peterson, Fey, Simmons, Hill and Fosse

AN ACT Relating to promoting a safe and supportive public education system through student rights, parental and guardian rights, employee protections, and requirements for state and local education entities; amending RCW 28A.642.080, 28A.642.020, and 28A.605.005; adding new sections to chapter 28A.230 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 28A.400 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Education.

HB 1297 by Representatives Walen, Ormsby, Fey, Simmons and Hill

AN ACT Relating to reporting self-employed workers to the division of child support; amending RCW 26.23.060, 74.20A.080, and 74.20A.350; reenacting and amending RCW

26.23.020; adding a new section to chapter 26.23 RCW; and providing an effective date.

Referred to Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary.

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's introduction sheet under the fourth order of business were referred to the committees so designated, with the exception of HOUSE BILL NO. 1272 which was referred to the Committee on Early Learning & Human Services, and HOUSE BILL NO. 1245 which was referred to the Committee on Technology, Economic Development & Veterans.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker signed the following bills:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4400
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4401

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 4400, the Senate appeared at the doors of the House of Representatives and requested admission to the Chamber. The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, Mr. Andy Staubitz, and the Sergeant at Arms of the House, Mr. Johnny Alexander, escorted the President of the Senate, Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, Senator Manka Dhingra, Senator John Lovick and Senator Judy Warnick to seats at the Rostrum. The senators were invited to seats within the Chamber.

The Speaker of the House called the Joint Session to order. The Clerk called the roll of the members of the House. The Clerk called the roll of the members of the Senate. A quorum of the Legislature was present.

Madam Speaker: "The first purpose of this Joint Session is to comply with the constitutional requirement of canvassing the vote for and against initiatives and for the constitutional elective officers."

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

**Canvass of the Returns of the General Election
Held on November 5, 2024**

I, Steve Hobbs, Secretary of State of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that according to the provisions of RCW 29A.60.250, I have canvassed the returns of the 3,961,569 votes cast in the November 5, 2024 General Election by the registered voters of the state for all statewide measures, statewide offices, those legislative and judicial offices whose jurisdiction encompasses more than one county, as received from the County Auditors. The votes cast for these measures and these candidates are as follows:

Initiative Measure No. 2066	
Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification. This measure would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.	
Yes	1,941,474
No	1,813,169
Initiative Measure No. 2109	
Initiative Measure No. 2109 concerns taxes. This measure would repeal an excise tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000. This measure would decrease funding for K-12 education, higher education, school construction, early learning, and childcare.	
Yes	1,364,510
No	2,437,419

Initiative Measure No. 2117	
Initiative Measure No. 2117 concerns carbon tax credit trading. This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This measure would decrease funding for investments in transportation, clean air, renewable energy, conservation, and emissions-reduction.	
Yes	1,437,103
No	2,340,077
Initiative Measure No. 2124	
Initiative Measure No. 2124 concerns state long term care insurance. This measure would provide that employees and self-employed people must elect to keep coverage under RCW 50B.04 and could opt-out any time. It would also repeal a law governing an exemption for employees. This measure would decrease funding for Washington’s public insurance program providing long-term care benefits and services.	
Yes	1,668,435
No	2,077,216

Ballot Name	Party Nominees	Votes
United States President / Vice President (4-year term)		
Kamala D. Harris / Tim Walz	Democratic Party Nominees	2,245,849
Donald J. Trump / JD Vance	Republican Party Nominees	1,530,923
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. / Nicole Shanahan	We The People Party Nominees	54,868
Jill Stein / Rudolph Ware	Green Party Nominees	29,754
Claudia De la Cruz / Karina Garcia	Socialism and Liberation Party Nominees	8,695
Rachele Fruit / Dennis Richter	Socialist Workers Party Nominees	824
Joseph Kishore / Jerry White	Socialist Equality Party Nominees	917
Chase Oliver / Mike ter Maat	Libertarian Party Nominees	16,428
Cornel West / Melina Abdullah	Justice For All Party Nominees	7,254
Shiva Ayyadurai / Crystal Ellis	Independent Candidates	3,323
WRITE-IN		25,408

Ballot Name	Party Preference	Votes
United States - U.S. Senator (6-year term)		
Maria Cantwell	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,252,577
Dr Raul Garcia	(Prefers GOP Party)	1,549,187
WRITE-IN		10,627

Congressional District 1 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Suzan DelBene	(Prefers Democratic Party)	227,213
Jeb Brewer	(Prefers Republican Party)	132,538
WRITE-IN		907

Congressional District 2 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Rick Larsen	(Prefers Democratic Party)	263,750
Cody Hart	(Prefers MAGA Republican Party)	148,167
WRITE-IN		1,303

Congressional District 3 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Marie Gluesenkamp Perez	(Prefers Democratic Party)	215,177
Joe Kent	(Prefers Republican Party)	199,054
WRITE-IN		1,673

Congressional District 4 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Jerrod Sessler	(Prefers Republican Party)	136,175
Dan Newhouse	(Prefers Republican Party)	153,477
WRITE-IN		5,400
Congressional District 5 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Michael Baumgartner	(Prefers Republican Party)	240,619
Carmela Conroy	(Prefers Democratic Party)	156,074
WRITE-IN		593
Congressional District 6 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Emily Randall	(Prefers Democratic Party)	239,687
Drew C MacEwen	(Prefers Republican Party)	182,182
WRITE-IN		753
Congressional District 7 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Pramila Jayapal	(Prefers Democratic Party)	352,286
Dan Alexander	(Prefers Republican Party)	66,220
WRITE-IN		1,313
Congressional District 8 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Kim Schrier	(Prefers Democratic Party)	224,607
Carmen Goers	(Prefers Republican Party)	190,675
WRITE-IN		995
Congressional District 9 - U.S. Representative (2-year term)		
Adam Smith	(Prefers Democratic Party)	182,780
Melissa Chaudhry	(Prefers Democratic Party)	90,601
WRITE-IN		5,917
Congressional District 10 - U.S. Representative (2-year Term)		
Marilyn Strickland	(Prefers Democratic Party)	203,732
Don Hewett	(Prefers Republican Party)	143,492
WRITE-IN		820
Washington State - Governor (4-year term)		
Bob Ferguson	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,143,368
Dave Reichert	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,709,818
WRITE-IN		8,202
Washington State – Lt. Governor (4-year term)		
Denny Heck	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,112,132
Dan Matthews	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,674,025
WRITE-IN		4,376
Washington State - Secretary of State (4-year term)		
Steve Hobbs	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,234,420
Dale Whitaker	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,535,977
WRITE-IN		3,958

Washington State – State Treasurer (4-year term)		
Mike Pellicciotti	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,148,764
Sharon Hanek	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,600,370
WRITE-IN		3,261
Washington State – State Auditor (4-year term)		
Pat (Patrice) McCarthy	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,170,306
Matt Hawkins	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,568,750
WRITE-IN		3,262
Washington State – Attorney General (4-year term)		
Pete Serrano	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,669,884
Nick Brown	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,093,570
WRITE-IN		3,616
Washington State – Commissioner of Public Lands (4-year term)		
Jaime Herrera Beutler	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,765,121
Dave Upthegrove	(Prefers Democratic Party)	1,969,936
WRITE-IN		8,394
Washington State – Superintendent of Public Instruction (4-year term)		
Chris Reykdal	Nonpartisan	1,746,848
David Olson	Nonpartisan	1,543,550
WRITE-IN		19,932
Washington State – Insurance Commissioner (4-year term)		
Patty Kuderer	(Prefers Democratic Party)	2,091,969
Phil Fortunato	(Prefers Republican Party)	1,598,032
WRITE-IN		4,430
Legislative District 1 - State Senator (4-year term)		
Derek Stanford	(Prefers Democratic Party)	60,591
WRITE-IN		2,490
Legislative District 1 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Davina Duerr	(Prefers Democratic Party)	55,168
Mark Davies	(Prefers Republican Party)	24,467
WRITE-IN		106
Legislative District 1 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Shelley Kloba	(Prefers Democratic Party)	59,587
WRITE-IN		2,388
Legislative District 2 - State Senator (4-year term)		
Jim McCune	(Prefers Republican Party)	47,997
Erasmus Ruiz Gonzalez	(Prefers Democratic Party)	28,016
WRITE-IN		118
Legislative District 2 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		

Andrew Barkis	(Prefers Republican Party)	59,179
WRITE-IN		2,958
Legislative District 2 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Matt Marshall	(Prefers Republican Party)	37,267
John Snaza	(Prefers Republican Party)	27,928
WRITE-IN		2,079
Legislative District 7 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Andrew Engell	(Prefers Republican Party)	48,785
Soo Ing-Moody	(Prefers Republican Party)	27,496
WRITE-IN		715
Legislative District 7 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Hunter Abell	(Prefers Republican Party)	58,071
Paul "Rocky" Dean	(Prefers Democratic Party)	23,929
WRITE-IN		119
Legislative District 8 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Stephanie Barnard	(Prefers Republican Party)	58,288
WRITE-IN		1,519
Legislative District 8 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
April Connors	(Prefers Republican Party)	51,164
John Christenson	(Prefers Democratic Party)	21,360
WRITE-IN		114
Legislative District 9 - State Senator (4-year term)		
Mark G. Schoesler	(Prefers GOP Party)	57,974
WRITE-IN		2,967
Legislative District 9 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Mary Dye	(Prefers GOP Party)	50,468
Patrick Miller	(Prefers Democratic Party)	27,092
WRITE-IN		225
Legislative District 9 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Joe Schmick	(Prefers Republican Party)	50,211
Pam Kohlmeier	(Prefers Democratic Party)	28,236
WRITE-IN		109
Legislative District 10 - State Senator (4-year term)		
Ron Muzzall	(Prefers Republican Party)	45,889
Janet St Clair	(Prefers Democratic Party)	44,105
WRITE-IN		140
Legislative District 10 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Clyde Shavers	(Prefers Democratic Party)	47,473
Carrie R. Kennedy	(Prefers Republican Party)	41,578
WRITE-IN		172

Legislative District 10 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Dave Paul	(Prefers Democratic Party)	47,826
Gary Wray	(Prefers Republican Party)	41,137
WRITE-IN		118
Legislative District 12 - State Senator (4-year term)		
Keith W. Goehner	(Prefers Republican Party)	46,550
Jim Mayhew	(Prefers Democratic Party)	36,824
WRITE-IN		50
Legislative District 12 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Heather Koellen	(Prefers Democratic Party)	38,800
Brian Burnett	(Prefers Republican Party)	44,318
WRITE-IN		92
Legislative District 12 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Mike Steele	(Prefers Republican Party)	44,400
Daniel Scott	(Prefers Republican Party)	25,741
WRITE-IN		1,771
Legislative District 13 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Tom Dent	(Prefers Republican Party)	51,493
WRITE-IN		1,406
Legislative District 13 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Alex Ybarra	(Prefers Republican Party)	51,012
WRITE-IN		1,210
Legislative District 14 - State Senator (4-year term)		
Curtis King	(Prefers Republican Party)	17,762
Maria Beltran	(Prefers Democratic Party)	16,543
WRITE-IN		90
Legislative District 14 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Chelsea Dimas	(Prefers Democratic Party)	15,418
Gloria Mendoza	(Prefers Republican Party)	18,263
WRITE-IN		189
Legislative District 14 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Deb Manjarrez	(Prefers Republican Party)	17,188
Ana Ruiz Kennedy	(Prefers Democratic Party)	16,620
WRITE-IN		113
Legislative District 15 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Chris Corry	(Prefers Republican Party)	46,438
Chase Foster	(States No Party Preference)	18,736
WRITE-IN		553
Legislative District 15 - State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		

Jeremie Dufault	(Prefers Republican Party)	44,514
Rich Bright	(Prefers Republican Party)	17,035
WRITE-IN		1,391
Legislative District 16 - State Senator (4-year term)		
Perry Dozier	(Prefers Republican Party)	45,054
Kari Isaacson	(Prefers Democratic Party)	25,998
WRITE-IN		54
Legislative District 16 - State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Mark Klicker	(Prefers Republican Party)	45,890
Linda Gunshefski	(Prefers Democratic Party)	25,232
WRITE-IN		35
Legislative District 16 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Skyler Rude	(Prefers Republican Party)	46,596
Craig R Woodard	(Prefers Democratic Party)	24,145
WRITE-IN		40
Legislative District 17 – State Senator (4-year term)		
Paul Harris	(Prefers Republican Party)	44,034
Marla Keethler	(Prefers Democratic Party)	42,019
WRITE-IN		135
Legislative District 17 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Kevin Waters	(Prefers Republican Party)	55,952
WRITE-IN		4,045
Legislative District 17 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Terri Niles	(Prefers Democratic Party)	42,195
David Stuebe	(Prefers Republican Party)	43,022
WRITE-IN		148
Legislative District 19 – State Senator (4-year term)		
Jeff Wilson	(Prefers Republican Party)	48,920
Andi Day	(Prefers Democratic Party)	30,911
WRITE-IN		74
Legislative District 19 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Jim Walsh	(Prefers Republican Party)	48,544
Mike Coverdale	(Prefers Democratic Party)	32,094
WRITE-IN		76
Legislative District 19 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Joel McEntire	(Prefers Republican Party)	49,665
Terry Carlson	(Prefers Democratic Party)	30,141
WRITE-IN		77
Legislative District 20 – State Senator (4-year term)		
John Braun	(Prefers Republican Party)	69,172

WRITE-IN		2,490
Legislative District 20 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Peter Abbarno	(Prefers Republican Party)	67,633
Melvin Kaleolani Apana	(Prefers Culture Republican Party)	8,295
WRITE-IN		1,799
Legislative District 20 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Ed Orcutt	(Prefers GOP Party)	66,170
WRITE-IN		2,293
Legislative District 24 – State Senator (4-year term)		
Mike Chapman	(Prefers Democratic Party)	52,108
Marcia Kelbon	(Prefers Republican Party)	42,895
WRITE-IN		120
Legislative District 24 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Adam Bernbaum	(Prefers Democratic Party)	52,007
Matthew (Matt) Roberson	(Prefers Republican Party)	42,555
WRITE-IN		132
Legislative District 24 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Steve Tharinger	(Prefers Democratic Party)	52,481
Terry Roberts	(Prefers Republican Party)	42,265
WRITE-IN		108
Legislative District 26 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Adison Richards	(Prefers Democratic Party)	46,833
Jesse L. Young	(Prefers Republican Party)	43,503
WRITE-IN		129
Legislative District 26 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Michelle Caldier	(Prefers Republican Party)	49,086
Tiffany Mitchell	(Prefers Democratic Party)	40,636
WRITE-IN		187
Legislative District 31 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Drew Stokesbary	(Prefers Republican Party)	51,651
Sara Sutterfield	(Prefers Democratic Party)	29,451
WRITE-IN		79
Legislative District 31 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Joshua Penner	(Prefers Republican Party)	49,335
Brian L. Gunn	(Prefers Democratic Party)	31,338
WRITE-IN		96
Legislative District 32 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Cindy Ryu	(Prefers Democratic Party)	58,021
Lisa Rezac	(Prefers Republican Party)	20,084
WRITE-IN		128

Legislative District 32 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Lauren Davis	(Prefers Democratic Party)	58,169
Lori Theis	(Prefers Republican Party)	19,661
WRITE-IN		110
Legislative District 35 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Dan Griffey	(Prefers Republican Party)	65,027
WRITE-IN		3,604
Legislative District 35 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Travis Couture	(Prefers Republican Party)	51,999
James DeHart	(Prefers Democratic Party)	36,664
WRITE-IN		97
Legislative District 39 – State Senator (4-year term)		
Keith L. Wagoner	(Prefers Republican Party)	49,809
John Snow	(Prefers Democratic Party)	32,505
WRITE-IN		83
Legislative District 39 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Sam Low	(Prefers Republican Party)	44,515
Robert J. Sutherland	(Prefers Republican Party)	29,909
WRITE-IN		1,147
Legislative District 39 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Carolyn Eslick	(Prefers Republican Party)	45,612
Jackie Huey	(Prefers Republican Party)	25,802
WRITE-IN		1,479
Legislative District 40 – State Senator (4-year term)		
Elizabeth (Liz) Lovelett	(Prefers Democratic Party)	62,064
Charles Carrell	(Prefers Republican Party)	27,091
WRITE-IN		118
Legislative District 40 – State Representative Pos. 1 (2-year term)		
Debra Lekanoff	(Prefers Democratic Party)	63,993
WRITE-IN		2,565
Legislative District 40 – State Representative Pos. 2 (2-year term)		
Alex Ramel	(Prefers Democratic Party)	63,215
WRITE-IN		2,828
Supreme Court – Justice Position 2 (6-year term)		
Sal Mungia	Nonpartisan	1,644,253
Dave Larson	Nonpartisan	1,624,309
WRITE-IN		16,654
Supreme Court – Justice Position 8 (6-year term)		
Steve Gonzalez	Nonpartisan	2,564,372

WRITE-IN		61,866
Supreme Court – Justice Position 9 (6-year term)		
Sheryl Gordon McCloud	Nonpartisan	2,534,783
WRITE-IN		65,479
Court of Appeals, Division 1, District 3 – Judge Position 1 (6-year term)		
Cecily C. Hazelrigg	Nonpartisan	163,845
WRITE-IN		3,164
Court of Appeals, Division 2, District 2 – Judge Position 2 (6-year term)		
Rebecca Glasgow	Nonpartisan	300,669
WRITE-IN		7,489
Court of Appeals, Division 2, District 3 – Judge Position 1 (6-year term)		
Bernard F. Veljacic	Nonpartisan	247,867
WRITE-IN		6,435
Court of Appeals, Division 3, District 1 – Judge Position 1 (6-year short & full term)		
John O. Cooney	Nonpartisan	233,475
WRITE-IN		5,302
Court of Appeals, Division 3, District 3 – Judge Position 2 (6-year term)		
Rob Lawrence-Berrey	Nonpartisan	123,415
WRITE-IN		3,080
Asotin, Columbia, Garfield Superior Court – Judge Position 1 (4-year term)		
Brooke J. Burns	Nonpartisan	11,163
WRITE-IN		239
Benton, Franklin Superior Court – Judge Position 5 (4-year term)		
Bronson J. Brown	Nonpartisan	57,880
Shawn P. Sant	Nonpartisan	55,586
WRITE-IN		475
Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens Superior Court – Judge Position 1 (4-year term)		
Lisa Malpass Childress	Nonpartisan	20,790
N. Smith “Smitty” Hagopian	Nonpartisan	13,437
WRITE-IN		177
Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens Superior Court – Judge Position 2 (4-year term)		
Jessica Taylor Reeves	Nonpartisan	26,106
WRITE-IN		497
Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens Superior Court – Judge Position 3 (4-year term)		
Lech J. Radzimski	Nonpartisan	26,234
WRITE-IN		483
Klickitat, Skamania Superior Court – Judge Position 1 (4-year term)		
Randall Krog	Nonpartisan	12,336

WRITE-IN		221
Pacific, Wahkiakum Superior Court – Judge Position 1 (4-year term)		
Donald J. Richter	Nonpartisan	11,264
WRITE-IN		211

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the state of Washington on this fourth day of December 2024, at Olympia, the State Capital.

Steve R. Hobbs
Secretary of State

Madam Speaker: “In view of the election results previously read, certified to by the Secretary of State, the Joint Session now declares the following qualified citizens to be the duly elected constitutional officers of the State of Washington: Bob Ferguson, Governor; Denny Heck, Lieutenant Governor; Steve Hobbs, Secretary of State; Mike Pellicciotti, State Treasurer; Pat McCarthy, State Auditor; Nick Brown, Attorney General; Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Patty Kuderer, Insurance Commissioner; Dave Upthegrove, Commissioner of Public Lands.

The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate signed the Certificates of Election for the duly elected constitutional officers.

The Speaker, having discharged the constitutional requirement imposed upon the Speaker of the House called upon President of the Senate, Lt. Governor Denny Heck, to preside over the Joint Session.

President Heck: “This Joint Session has been convened to receive the state of the state message from his His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee.”

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a committee of honor to escort the State Supreme Court Justices to the House Chamber: Senators Yasmin Trudeau and Keith Wagoner and Representatives Brian Burnett and Jamila Taylor.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a committee of honor to escort the statewide elected officials to the House Chamber: Senators Jessica Bateman and Leonard Christian and Representatives Victoria Hunt and David Stuebe.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The President of the Senate appointed a committee of honor to advise His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee, that the Joint Session had assembled and to escort the Governor to the House Chamber: Senators Claudia Kauffman and Shelly Short and Representatives Andrew Engell and Joe Fitzgibbon.

Sergeant at Arms Alexander announced the arrival of the Justices of the State Supreme Court at the Chamber door. The committee of honor, consisting of Senators Yasmin Trudeau and Keith Wagoner and Representatives Brian Burnett and Jamila Taylor, escorted Chief Justice and Justices to seats at the front of the House Chamber. The members of the Supreme Court were introduced by the President: Chief Justice Debra Stephens, Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson, Justice Barbara Madsen, Justice Steven Gonzalez, Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud, Justice Mary Yu, Justice Raquel-Montoya-Lewis, Justice Helen Whitener, Justice Salvador Mungia, and retired Justice Susan Owens.

Sergeant at Arms Alexander announced the arrival of the statewide elected officials at the Chamber door. The committee of honor, consisting of Senators Jessica Bateman and Leonard Christian and Representatives Victoria Hunt and David Stuebe, escorted the statewide elected officials to seats at the front of the House Chamber. The statewide elected officials were introduced by the President: Secretary of State Steve Hobbs, State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti, State Auditor Pat McCarthy, State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, and Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz.

The President recognized First Lady Trudi Inslee, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, former Ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, and the 21st Governor of the state of Washington, the Honorable Gary Locke, Chair of the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Frances Charles, Chair of the Swinomish Tribe, Steve Edwards, Chair of the Suquamish Tribe, Leonard Forsman, Chair of the Squaxin Island Tribe, Kris Peters, and Chair of the Chehalis Tribe, Dustin Klatush, who were present in the gallery.

The President further introduced members of the Consular Association of Washington: Craig Weichel, Consul General of Canada; Mark Gantar, Honorary Consul of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia; Uli Fischer, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany; Makoto Iyori, Consul General of Japan; Petra Hilleberg, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Sweden; Viggo Forde, Honorary Consul of the Kingdom of Norway; Greg Lill, Honorary Consul of the Principality of Monaco; Anders Barria Roman, Honorary Consul of Republic of Chile; Matti Suokko, Honorary Consul of Republic of Finland; Prakash Gupta, Consul General of the Republic of India; Bernard Hensey, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Ireland; Eunji Seo, Consul General of the Republic of Korea; Imants Holmquist, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Latvia; Rasa Raisys, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Lithuania, Philippe Goetschel, Honorary Consul of the Swiss Confederation, Valeriy Goloborodko, Honorary Consul of Ukraine; Robin Twyman, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Hector Gudoy Priske, United Mexican States.

Sergeant at Arms Alexander announced the arrival of His Excellency, Governor Jay Inslee at the Chamber door. The committee of honor consisting of Senators Claudia Kauffman and Shelly Short and Representatives Andrew Engell and Joe Fitzgibbon escorted Governor Inslee to the Rostrum where he was introduced by the President.

The Washington State Patrol Honor Guard, commanded by Sergeant James Maguire, presented the Colors. The Honor Guard was comprised of Trooper Jeffery Bridges, Trooper Jeffery Eifert, Trooper Jared Raber, and Trooper Dean Gallanger.

The President led the Joint Session in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Anthem was performed by Miss Lena Hou.

The prayer was offered by Mr. Paul Benz, Ordained Minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

HONORING OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS

President Heck: “So, our purpose here today is to receive the state of the state from his Excellency Governor Inslee but we should not let this moment pass without acknowledgement of four statewide elected officials who are leaving public office. This isn’t a retirement event, but an expression of gratitude is in order for Governor Inslee and Susan Owens, not present Mike Kreidler and Hilary Franz because this is a little amazing. Listen to this. Collectively, they have more than 139 years of public office service. That’s more years than we have been a state. Such is the depth of their experience. And what offices have they held along the way? School board, City Council, Tribal Judge, District Court Judge, State House, State Senate, Insurance Commissioner, Land Commissioner, Congress, and Governor. Such is the magnitude of their involvement. All the while having a north star lifting up communities in our state and we are all indebted to them for their considerable public service. Please express so now.”

The President introduced the Honorable Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Governor Inslee: “Good morning. Thank you to Paul Benz for that wonderful invocation, as well as Lena Hou for that incredible vocal talent. Lena, you might have noticed I’ve aged more than you have during the last 12 years.

Mr. President, Madam Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, distinguished justices of the court, members of the Legislature, Tribal leaders, local electeds, members of the Consular Corps, invited guests, and most importantly, my fellow Washingtonians.

It’s great to be with you this morning. I come to you with such pride in, and gratitude for, our state.

It was my life’s honor to be elected governor three times, to work for the people of Washington now for 12 years. This is a place that means everything to me and Trudi. And man, I do love this state.

Speaking of Trudi Inslee, I want to thank her and my family especially my grandkids: Brooks, Nolan, Annie, Chase, Zoe, and Brody. You are leaders in our state and I working for you.

I also would like to share my deep appreciation for the 65,000 state employees who have dedicated their work to making life better for all Washingtonians.

We’ll miss the work and the relationships. But I’m not here to talk about the end of something. A new legislative session means we should talk about beginnings.

It was 35 years ago this week when I took my first oath of office as a legislator from the Yakima Valley. I took that oath in this building alongside many new faces.

My colleagues and I had great conviction in those days, tremendous zeal, and full heads of hair. We were a new generation of legislators who sought to upend the status quo.

Today I notice the new faces around Olympia. I see fresh visions for where we want to take our state, leaders who want to make these dreams for Washington reality as fast as possible.

My freshman class quickly saw that change often takes patience and resilience.

But think about both the progress we’ve made and the time and efforts it took to make it.

We used to be a state that didn’t fund early childhood education until a champion named Representative June Leonard started moving the needle. We didn’t have outdoor heat protections for farmworkers. We didn’t have paid family leave, a public health option, or a strategy to end youth homelessness. Washingtonians didn’t have marriage equality, but brave visionaries like Senator Cal Anderson weren’t quiet about this injustice.

Thanks to years of work by undaunted individuals who showed up session after session, all of these things came to pass eventually.

Since my terms in the Legislature, I’ve represented congressional districts on both sides of the Cascades. I’ve held three terms as governor. And in this moment, our moment, I see a state that is Evergreen and ever going forward.

To the new leaders here today I say this: You will inevitably face frustration. You will struggle with the tyranny of the status quo. Do not lose patience. Do not trade in courage for comfort.

Never forget that Martin Luther King said ‘the moral arc of the universe bends slowly but steadily towards justice...if we bend it.’

Even as governor, it took years to pass cap-and-invest, a capital gains tax, an assault weapons ban, and the nation’s most generous college financial aid program.

We kept working year in, year out. Eventually, we hit tremendous milestones in our state’s tremendous history.

Together, we complied with the McCleary ruling for funding schools. It took years, but with heroic effort we got it done.

Together, we met the rapidly growing behavioral health demands highlighted by the Trueblood ruling.

Together we reduced youth homelessness by 40 percent.

Together we created the nation’s best paid family leave, which has received over 1 million paid claims.

Together we passed the two biggest transportation funding packages in state history, putting thousands of people to work and broadening our focus beyond highways to include things like free transit for all Washingtonians 18 and younger.

There’s more work to do, of course, but these accomplishments, I believe, should give us full confidence for the next steps. We keep moving forward. We pull together. Because we are the state of Washington.

We came together through setback and calamity as well. We did it during the Skagit River bridge collapse. We did it through multiple historic wildfire seasons. The people of Oso did it when the nation’s worst landslide in history struck.

We’ve rallied to welcome those fleeing war in places like Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine, because Washington values make us a place of refuge and opportunity in an unstable world.

And we inspired a nation with how we cared for each other during COVID. You know, if the rest of the country had adopted our Washington approach to the pandemic, close to half a million lives could have been saved across America.

The secret to our success is we don’t leave anybody behind. We follow the science. And we work together to make extremely difficult decisions.

Protecting that progress will be challenging this session. This budget situation is both one we’ve seen before and something entirely unique.

The Great Recession triggered major reductions in spending and services – \$11 billion in cuts, about the same amount of the budget gap we face today.

Today, our economy is not in decline. Unlike the Great Recession, our economy is doing as well as it ever has – but that prosperity hasn’t bloomed equally.

While fortunes for some are growing, so are lines at our food banks. Our economy provides more than enough to some, but our regressive tax system is unfair to most working families and jeopardizes our continued progress on the systems that Washingtonians depend upon.

For those who weren’t here during the Great Recession, this is what \$11 billion in cuts looked like: Suspending efforts to reduce class sizes and increase teacher pay. Taking state health care away from 40,000 low-income Washingtonians. Cutting higher education, causing tuition to soar. Slashing mental health services at our state hospitals. And reducing safety net programs for people with disabilities, the elderly and those living in poverty.

It’s fitting to look at this budget differently.

Abstract numerical cuts actually mean concrete personal pain, like the pain of a kid who has to drop out of college because they can’t afford a tuition hike. Like the pain of the mother who is told there’s no room at the hospital for her child in the midst of a schizophrenic episode.

It took years to build back what we lost in that era. My budget in December proposed \$2 billion in budget cuts, budget cuts, but pruning significantly more than that I would consider a slide back to those dark days.

We have a strong economy, so why would we consider cuts to programs like housing or mental and behavioral health services at a time like this? Not when we're finally seeing progress. Not when the number of people needing these services is increasing. Not when these programs are saving lives and making our communities safer and healthier.

Washington voters just sent a strong message that they want to continue the path we're building.

In 12 years, we have built a strong engine of increasing justice and increasing health for our residents. We can't knock it off the tracks just as we've started rolling forward.

More than 55 percent of voters said they want to keep their long-term care. Washingtonians believe in our work on health care and human services. We should not consider anything that diminishes Washington's ambitions in this arena.

More than 64 percent of our state said we're keeping our capital gains tax on extraordinary profits. My budget honors that principle by asking those who have benefitted the most from Washington's booming economy to play more of a role protecting behavioral health, early learning and education.

Deep budget cuts always, always fall hardest on the people who can't afford them, like working families, or students trying to manage both their grades and their mental health, or the thousands who have been priced out by a housing market that has not kept pace with demand.

Here's one thing I know: There are influential people and organizations that have your phone numbers, who are going to work those contacts hard all this session.

Whether the influential voices fete you over lunch or corner you out in those halls, before you take that vote, I hope you think about the voiceless – the Washingtonians who don't have your cell numbers – and remember why you're here.

We have to protect what they value the most too, especially when it comes to our youth and our families.

We have to go forward on our investments in young people and education, like the work we've done to grow more support resources at our schools with social workers, paraeducators, and counselors.

Robert Daniel is a counselor at Kilo Middle School in Federal Way. He's here today.

They used to have one counselor serving more than 700 students' emotional, academic and social needs. Now places like that school have enough counselors meeting the recommended ratio to provide more robust, one-on-one counseling to the students who need it most.

Counselors like Robert don't just react when students are in crisis, they're proactively involved in bringing out each student's own strengths. They have more capacity to do that now thanks to this Legislature, but they still need your continued support.

Thank you, Robert, for being here. I appreciate you representing the whole educational field. Robert, where are you? Where's Robert? There's Robert. Alright, there he is.

This Legislature has a clear mandate to continue its progress in other areas, including climate. Washingtonians have your back in this fight. Sixty-two percent of voters chose to keep slashing pollution and strengthening our communities through cap-and-invest.

On the news the other morning from Los Angeles, there was a woman fleeing the fires, who turned around to back to go help save her neighbor's house. They asked her why she did that and she said, "I just could not sit there and do nothing."

When she said that I thought of our state. And how we are doing something. A big time something. I am proud to tell you this, we're building a clean energy economy that's the envy of the nation thanks to this Legislature. I look forward to the day when both sides applaud when we get that good news. And that is good news.

There's a nearly 100 percent consensus in the scientific community that climate change is happening and that it is human-caused. That's why I'm so heartened that we have acted.

Since we passed the Climate Commitment Act, the problem statement has only grown, with increasing fires and heat domes; increasing rainstorms and flooding; increasing acidification of our beloved Puget Sound, loss of glacial ice on Mt. Rainier. The need for the programs funded by CCA will only continue to increase.

It's called the Climate Commitment Act for a reason. We ought to honor that commitment. We shouldn't debilitate or steal from that central premise of why voters supported it.

We're joined today by Vanessa Kowoosh from Queets. Vanessa works at the Quinault Tribe's Generations building supporting the community's culture through history and language and early education programs.

Community resources like these are threatened because the very land it's on is at risk due to sea level rise caused by climate change.

They're not the only coastal community living with this threat. The Climate Commitment Act is supporting them by charging polluters and investing in those communities' relocation to higher ground.

Thanks to the Climate Commitment Act, and the choice by lawmakers to honor its purpose, the people of Queets are getting a new Generations building on higher ground, safe from flooding, funded by cap-and-invest.

This is just one example of one way the CCA is keeping communities safer and healthier. Vanessa, we wish you well. We're going to keep you high and dry. So Vanessa, thank you for being here.

We know we have work ahead of us because there's a new federal administration as well.

Look: Our state will work with anyone on policies that are positive for Washington. But we will not bend the knee to a would-be authoritarian's worst impulses.

We will follow the Constitution. And we will be steadfast in our commitment to the progress of our state together.

Bob Ferguson, a guy who knows about defending Washingtonians, will become Washington's 24th governor tomorrow.

In November, Washington voters saw two different visions for the future of our state, and they chose to continue the path of progress.

Congratulations, Bob. Best of luck.

I'm leaving state government, some may applaud, I don't know, we'll find out. Thanks for holding your applause. But my feet remain firmly planted in the fight for Washington's future.

Although my administration's time is at an end, we have been running full speed 'through the tape' and now we are passing the baton. This Legislature knows how to keep going. The challenges ahead will not weaken the momentum of what we are doing here.

Washington state is a light to the world. We are a beacon of progress by so many measures. Because we follow the science. We work together. We refuse to leave our neighbors behind.

When the law said the state could put someone to death, we refused to accept an imperfect system. We ended the death penalty.

When the U.S. Supreme Court stole the right of choice, we stood up for reproductive health everywhere by welcoming patients and doctors to Washington.

When working families needed relief, we passed the Working Families Tax Credit, energy rebates, a public health option, and free transit for everyone 18 and younger.

When we saw LGBTQ youth being abused and manipulated by conversion therapy, we banned it. When we saw our state still had racist housing covenants, we struck those down too.

And as deaths rose nationwide, we held the firearms industry accountable and passed some of the strongest reforms in the United States of America.

This Legislature has a lot of hard work ahead. You have the grit and the vision to keep up the pace of progress. I know this about you. It's why I'm grateful to have worked with all of you.

I woke up every morning these last 12 years asking how I could help Washingtonians realize their dreams. And every morning I was filled with confidence in the genius, the compassion and the grand ambitions of our great state of Washington.

Tomorrow morning, I know you all will wake up with the same sense of confidence, optimism, and hope.

To Washington, I bid you fair winds and following seas.

Thank you."

The President thanked the Governor for his remarks.

The President called upon the committee of honor to escort His Excellency, Governor Inslee from the Chamber.

The President called upon the committee of honor to escort the statewide elected officials from the Chamber.

The President called upon the committee of honor to escort the Justices of the Supreme Court from the Chamber.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Fitzgibbon, the Joint Session was dissolved.

The President of the Senate thanked the Speaker and the House for their hospitality and returned the gavel to the Speaker. The Speaker assumed the chair.

The Speaker called upon the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House to escort Lt. Governor Denny Heck, President of the Senate; Senator Manka Dhingra, Senator John Lovick and Senator Judy Warnick and members of the Washington State Senate from the Chamber and the Senate retired from the House Chamber.

MOTION

On motion of Representative Fitzgibbon, the House adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025, the 3rd Day of the 2025 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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