

Class 1

Persuasion

Public policy & how the legislative process works

December 5, 2024



Welcome! The Inclusion Academy is a program of The Arc of King County's public policy and civic engagement team.

This is the third sequence of the 2024 Inclusion Academy. Earlier this year we explored:

- Accessibility & belonging in public schools, and
- How people view disability, and disability rights & justice movements

We record the classes and share them with attendees.

The recordings will be available for about 30 days.

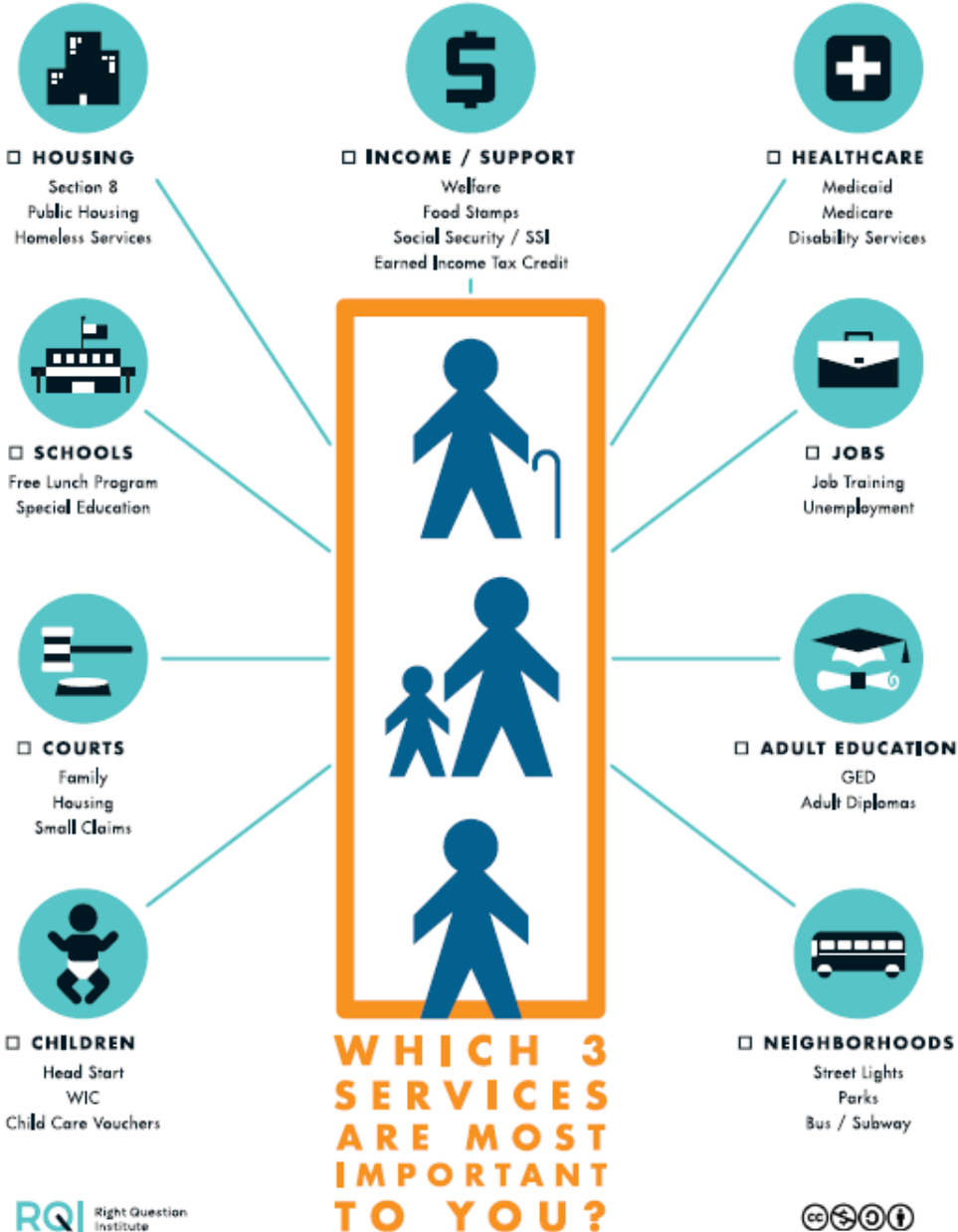
Presentations and other class materials are available online at https://arcofkingcounty.org/advocacy/inclusion-academy/2024_cohort-6/



Bill signing, HB 1199 – Concerning healthcare for people with disabilities. Lifted the income cap to buy into Medicaid.



EXAMPLES OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES



Look at these examples of public services. Check the 3 you most care about

Please write down your answer

Why would you
want to vote
and have a say
in who is making
decisions about
those services?



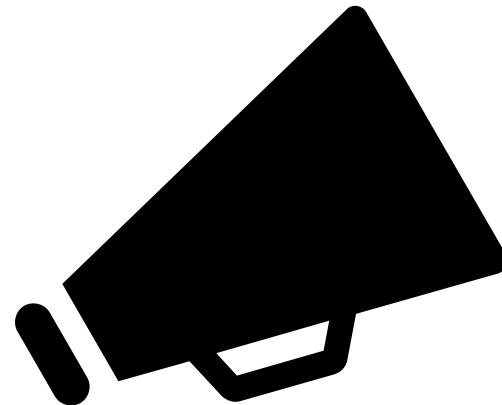
How did you respond?

I rely on these services

I care about people who rely on these services

I want others to know what I care about

I worry supports won't be funded ...





**Is voting
your only
power?**



Voting is
important.
But it is not the
only way
to engage

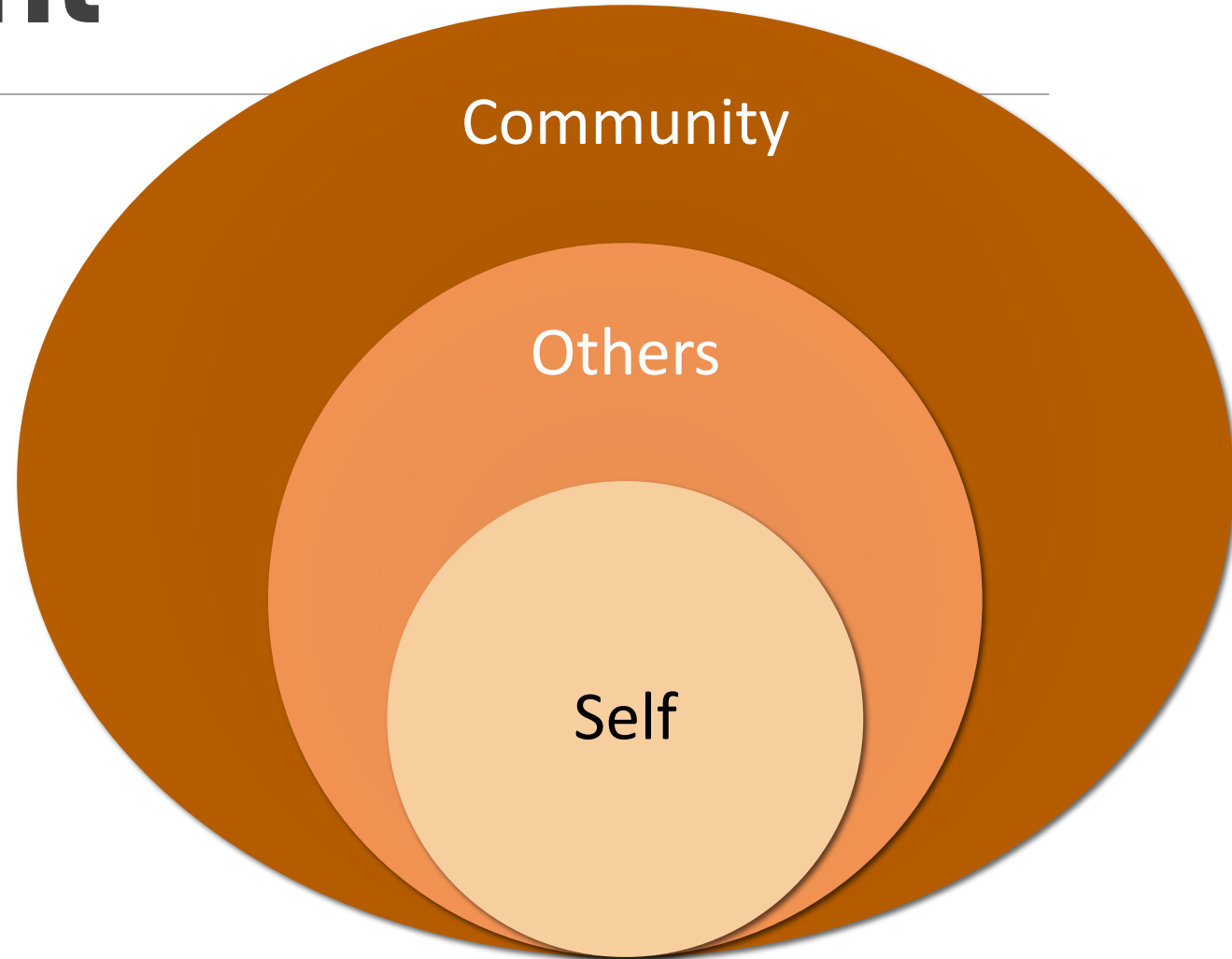


Civics & Public Policy

Civic engagement

- Raising awareness &
- Offering feedback

... to improve services,
practices, and policies
that promote
the public good





**Who has
power?**





SB 1199 HEALTH CARE/DISABILITY

JOEY WILSON
CONCERNED CITIZEN
SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE



HB 1199 HEALTH CARE/DISABILITY

1/30/19

PUBLIC HEARING

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HOUSE HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS COMMITTEE





Legislative:
sets policy &
votes on the
budget



Executive:
carries out
laws; runs
government



Courts:
interpret the
laws





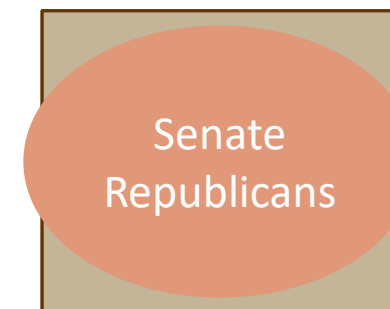
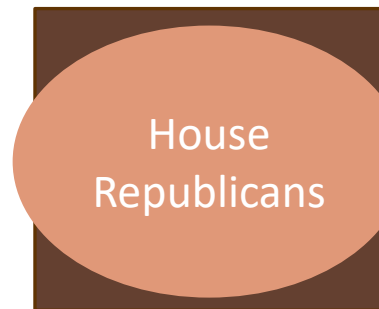
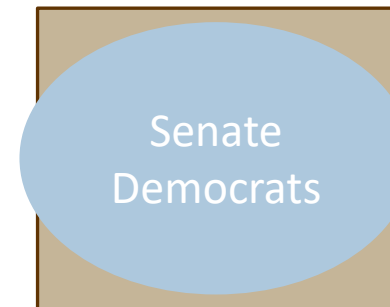
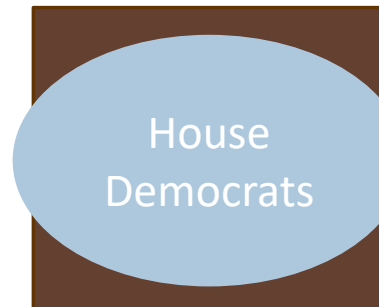
Legislative: sets policy and votes on the budget



2 chambers: House and Senate

4 formal caucuses

(also known as the “four corners”):



*The majority party has power. The caucus leaders have power



Legislative: passes laws and votes on the budget



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Human Services & Early Learning	Agendas
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Public Safety	Agendas
Rules	Agendas
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Legislative: passes laws and votes on the budget



House Health Care & Wellness Committee

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John L. O'Brien, P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600
Committee Hearings & Bill Information: (360) 786-7160
Legislative Hotline Operators: 1-800-562-6000

Committee Members

Legislative Members		
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Caldier, Michelle (R) Assistant Ranking Minority Member	122H Legislative Building	(360) 786-7802
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Davis, Lauren (D)	331 John L. O'Brien Building	(360) 786-7910
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Macri, Nicole (D)	311 John L. O'Brien Building	(360) 786-7826
Maycumber, Jacquelin (R)	425B Legislative Building	(360) 786-7908
Riccelli, Marcus (D)	434A Legislative Building	(360) 786-7888
ees/HCW/Pages/MembersStaff.aspx	122G Legislative Building	(360) 786-7828

*Committees have power ... committee leaders have power

Proposed 2024 Supplemental Budget

OPERATING BUDGET

Budget Summary



Washington State Fiscal Information

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Current Activity

The Legislature is not in session. The 2025 Regular Legislative Session will convene January 13, 2025.

Latest Budget Proposals

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New to State Budgets?

Start with **Budget Basics** for information about budget types, citizen's guides, FAQ, and more.

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The 2023-25 biennial budget is in effect from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The sections below provide data about proposed, current, and prior budgets.

<https://fiscal.wa.gov/>

What is public policy?

“Policy is about the people. Policy outlines our socially accepted norms and practices.”

Policy: Comes from the Greek “polite,” which means citizenship; “politest” which means citizen; and from “polis” which means city

“It’s our community; we have a say”

Public policy =
Rules we agree to
live by as a society.
Policies that **govern**
the public

But ALSO ...

Public policy =
Rules that the PUBLIC has an **opportunity to influence**



When should you try to influence public policy?

POLICY IN MOTION

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This quote is from a news article about a budget item a city council member proposed:

"I think that shallow subsidies really meet that segment of the population experiencing homelessness that isn't sick enough or dependent enough to get free and ready access to all of the services available that we fund through public programs."

– PUBLIC OFFICIAL X

Shallow subsidy:
Offers a set percentage of rental support over a defined time, differentiating it from traditional rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention

A response posted on social media, about that quote:

"Yea. not true, when my children and I were homeless it flat out did not matter that the stress was increasing my 5-year-old son's seizure disorder and causing him to have up to 100 seizures a day. Even more dangerous, being we were homeless and spending our days at public places while he would fall and seize non-stop. No one expedited housing services for him.

"Does she want to talk about other services for him and how LONG it took: SSI? DDA? Head Start inclusion? Seattle Children's referral. Etc. etc. etc. PUBLIC OFFICIAL X is clearly disconnected from our community."

- COMMUNITY MEMBER Y

Why was this person upset?

Can they/should they do more?
Would you?



Influencing public policy

Be informed

- Coalitions and advocacy organizations track bills. Find your people and connect
- If there is a bill, look it up. You can comment on it, follow it, watch hearings – all online
www.leg.wa.gov
- No bill, but have a concern? Ask for meeting!

Welcome to the Washington State Legislature

The Washington State Legislature is the state's lawmaking body, where elected Senators and Representatives come together to create and pass laws that shape the daily lives of Washingtonians.

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Find out what's happening in the Legislature

The Legislature will convene for the 2025 regular session on
January 13, 2025

The next regular session convenes in 38 day(s) on 01/13/2025

Important legislative session dates

No upcoming events to display.

See all meetings and events

Influencing public policy

Share what you have to say

- Formally: Testimony at a hearing; email; phone call
- Informally: At a town hall or candidates forum; a post on social media

Influencing public policy

You can be more effective if you know when and who to share with

- Who is engaged?
- Who has power over the legislation?

<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5883&Year=2023&Initiative=False>

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SB 5883 - 2023-24

Concerning the burden of proof for special education due process hearings.

Sponsors: [Trudeau](#), [Braun](#), [Dhingra](#), [Frame](#), [Hasegawa](#), [Kauffman](#), [Nobles](#), [Saldaña](#), [Valdez](#), [Wilson](#), [C.](#)

Companion Bill: [HB 2121](#)

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Bill History

2024 REGULAR SESSION

IN THE SENATE

- Dec 19 Prefiled for introduction.
- Jan 8 First reading, referred to Early Learning & K-12 Education. ([View Original Bill](#))
- Jan 15 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM. ([Committee Materials](#))
- Jan 18 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM. ([Committee Material](#))
EDU - Majority; do pass. ([Majority Report](#))
- Jan 19 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Jan 24 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Jan 31 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1. ([View Roll Calls](#))

IN THE HOUSE

- Feb 2 First reading, referred to Education.
- Feb 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 10:30 AM. ([Committee Materials](#))
- Feb 19 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM. ([Committee Materials](#))
ED - Majority; do pass. ([Majority Report](#))
Minority; without recommendation. ([Minority Report](#))
- Feb 21 Referred to Rules 2 Review.
- Feb 24 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading.
- Feb 27 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 3. ([View Roll Calls](#))

IN THE SENATE

- Feb 28 President signed.

IN THE HOUSE

- Feb 29 Speaker signed.

OTHER THAN LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- Mar 7 Delivered to Governor. ([View Bill as Passed Legislature](#))
- Mar 13 Governor signed.
Chapter 29, 2024 Laws. ([View Session Law](#))
Effective date 6/6/2024.

Available Documents

For a complete list of documents, go to [Online Reports Text of a Legislative Document](#).

Bill Documents

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Bill Reports

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[Final Bill Report](#)

Fiscal Note

(Not Available)

Amendments

(No Amendments)

Available Videos

(Video links take you to the TVW website)

Live video is available at the stated time. Archived video becomes available approximately two hours after the close of the hearing or floor session.

[Jan 15, 2024 Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM](#)

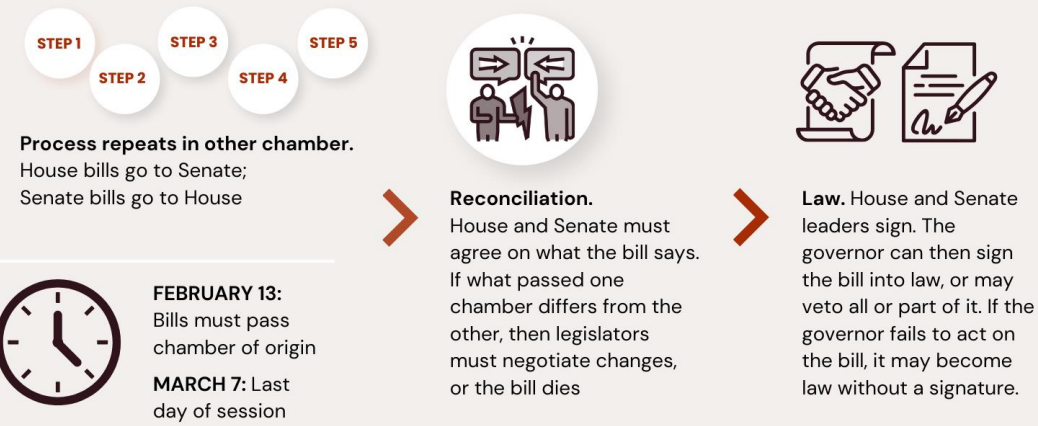
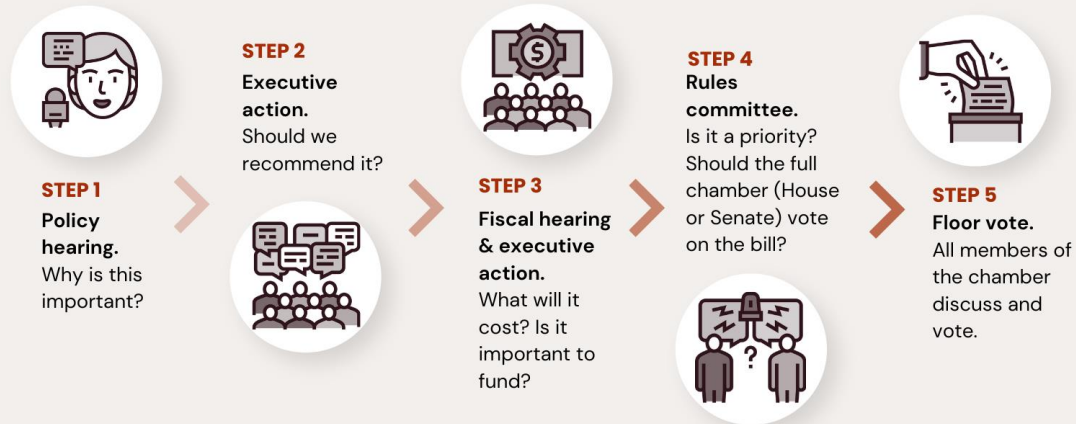
[Jan 18, 2024 Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education at 1:30 PM](#)

[Feb 14, 2024 House Education at 10:30 AM](#)

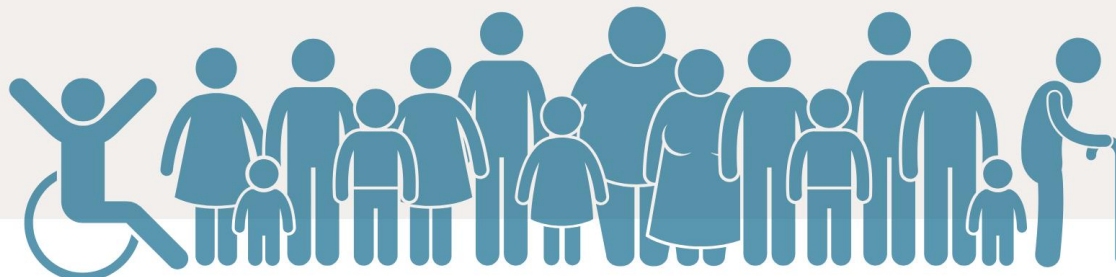
[Feb 19, 2024 House Education at 1:30 PM](#)

Path to passage

Bills can be introduced in either House or Senate.
They must pass both chambers.



Please note: Dates in this graphic are from the 2024 session. The legislature has not yet voted on a cutoff calendar for the 2025 session



And they're off ... bill making

1. Bill is “read” and referred to committee
2. **Chair** decides if a bill will be heard. Not all will be heard (**Public comment opportunity**)
3. **Chair** decides whether to call a vote. Not all will be voted on (**Good bets: Mass appeal!**)

And they're off ... bill making

4. Committee members offer and vote on amendments. (No public comment). They vote on the bill. It may be referred to fiscal committee.
5. Goes to Rules committee. Someone from Rules needs to "pull" the bill for it to go to the full chamber for consideration. Not all get pulled (Great time to have champions)

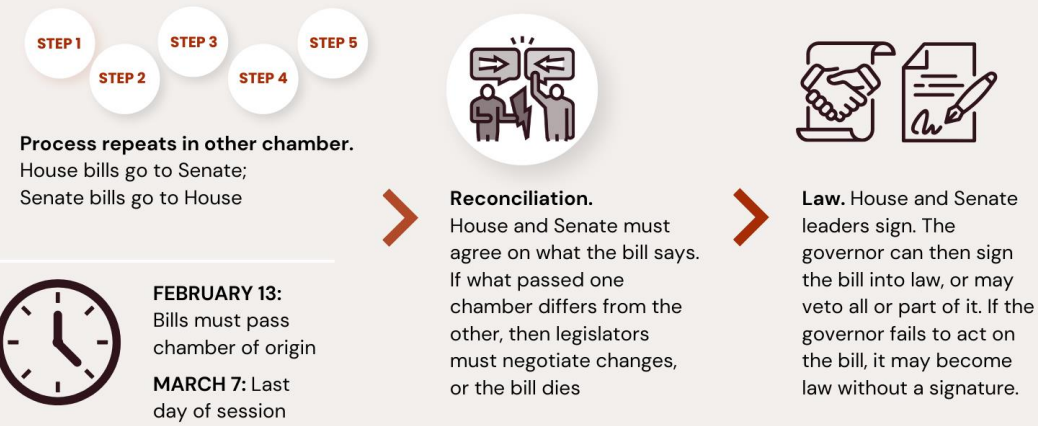
And they're off ... bill making

6. Goes to "floor" (full chamber). Leadership decides when/ whether to vote. Not all will be voted on (Great time to have champions)
7. Any member can offer a floor amendments, including "strikers" (Are there opponents behind the scenes?)

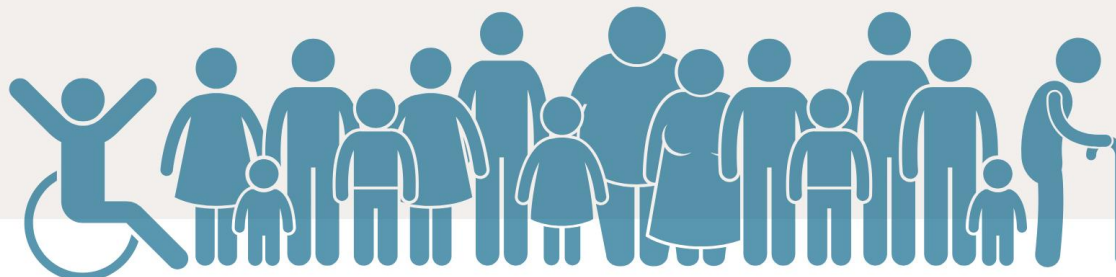
Passes to the other chamber! Process repeats

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Another way to influence ...

Join a citizens committee or advisory body.

This is especially helpful if you want to help inform administrative rules or the executive branch

Petitions and mass alerts

- If there is a big response, mass alerts or petitions can show there is a constituency. They are a show of power.
- If you want your individual voice heard, then testify, call, or send a note. If you use an action alert, change the subject line and make sure what you uniquely have to say is on top



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFroMQIKiag>

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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5672

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

Passed Legislature - 2019 Regular Session

State of Washington 66th Legislature 2019 Regular Session

By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, O'Ban, Walsh, Wellman, Darneille, Dhingra, Hunt, Keiser, Frockt, Kuderer, Nguyen, and Saldaña)

READ FIRST TIME 03/01/19.

1 AN ACT Relating to adult family home specialty services; amending
2 RCW 70.128.010 and 70.128.230; adding new sections to chapter 70.128
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.128
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
8 specific purpose, the developmental disabilities administration
9 within the department shall work with stakeholders to design and
10 implement services for individuals living in adult family homes who
11 have a primary need of care related to a developmental or
12 intellectual disability. These services must be enhancements or in
13 addition to services currently available, and designed to meet the
14 specific provisions related to the assessment, environment,
15 regulations, provision of care, and training requirements. These
16 services must be enhancements or in addition to services currently
17 available, and designed to support an intentional environment to
18 improve resident quality of life, promote resident safety, including
19 protecting safety in relationships between residents, increase
20 resident length of stay, clarify regulations, streamline training
21 requirements, reduce the need for institutional settings, and attract

HOUSE BILL REPORT
2SSB 5672

As Passed House - Amended:
April 17, 2019

Title: An act relating to adult family home specialty services.

Brief Description: Concerning adult family home specialty services.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Cleveland, O'Ban, Walsh, Wellman, Darneille, Dhingra, Hunt, Keiser, Frockt, Kuderer, Nguyen and Saldaña).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care & Wellness: 3/19/19, 3/27/19 [DPA];
Appropriations: 4/8/19 [DPA(APP w/o HCW)].

Floor Activity:

Passed House - Amended: 4/17/19, 98-0.

**Brief Summary of Second Substitute Bill
(As Amended by House)**

- Directs the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration to develop services for: (1) individuals living in adult family homes whose primary care needs relate to a developmental or intellectual disability; or (2) individuals living in adult family homes that are dedicated solely to caring for persons with dementia.
- Establishes an adult family home training network to make required training available for adult family homes.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

Majority Report: Do pass as amended. Signed by 9 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Macri, Vice Chair; Davis, Jinkins, Riccelli, Robinson, Stonier, Thai and Tharinger.

Minority Report: Without recommendation. Signed by 3 members: Representatives Chambers, DeBolt and Harris.

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not a part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

Who do you contact?

Start with your elected representatives.

Here is [how to look them up](#).

You can learn a lot about them (committees, bills sponsored, bio page, etc)

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Who else?

People with power over the process

A committee chair – they decide what bills to hear and when/whether to call a vote.

Other committee members.

Other leadership

Committee members and staff

15 members

in the House Education Committee

Chair: [Santos, Sharon Tomiko](#)

Vice Chair: [Shavers, Clyde](#)

Ranking Minority Member: [Rude, Skyler](#)

Assistant Ranking Minority Member: [McEntire, Joel](#)

Committee members and staff

Legislative Members

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McEntire, Joel (R) Assistant Ranking Minority Member	409 John L. O'Brien Building	360-786-7870
Bergquist, Steve (D)	438B Legislative Building	360-786-7862

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Key committees for disabilities

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Health and Long Term Care

Early learning & K-12

Housing Stability & Affordability

Human Services

Finance

Law & Justice

Rules

Ways & Means (budget)

SENATE

Get to know your elected reps

Local and federal leaders – Any time. You probably will meet with staff.

State leaders – When they aren't in session.

Attend coffees; go to town halls; go to LD meetings; attend candidate forums; connect on social media; subscribe to their newsletters

Influencing the process

Offer ideas for bills and amendments

Testify, write or call when it is heard in a policy committee

Do the same when it is heard in a fiscal committee

Write or call when it is discussed in the full House/Senate

Write or call when a committee makes changes ...
When it goes to the governor ... Throughout the budget process (funds to implement the bill need to be included in the budget)



Policy committee: Is this bill a good idea? Will it help people?



Fiscal: How much will it cost? Is it worth the money?



Can most people support it?

When I ask legislators how many calls or letters it takes to get their attention on an issue, they often say “about a dozen.”

– [Nancy Amidei](#)

SB 5672 - 2019-20

Concerning adult family home specialty services.

Sponsors: [Cleveland](#), [O'Ban](#), [Walsh](#), [Wellman](#), [Darneille](#), [Dhingra](#), [Hunt](#), [Keiser](#), [Frockt](#), [Kuderer](#), [Nguyen](#), [Saldaña](#)

Bill Status-at-a-Glance

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5672

Current Status:
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