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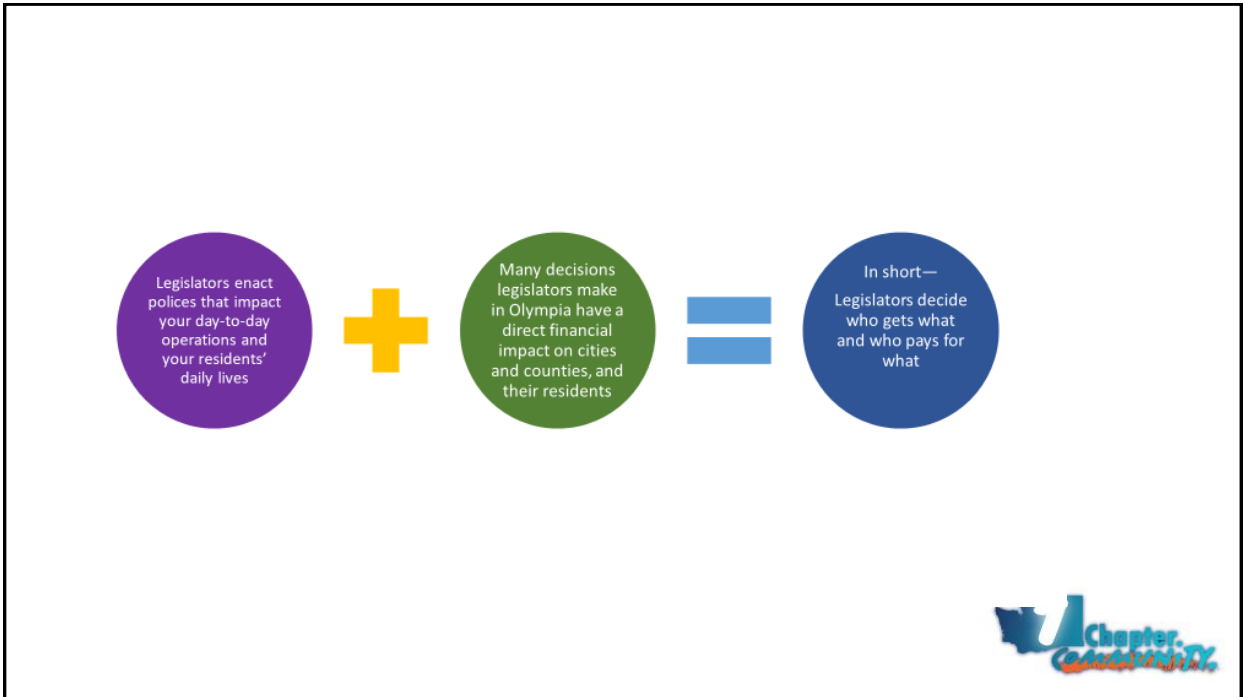
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## Why should you advocate at the state level?

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# Advocacy is a year-round job!



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## The basics

**leg.wa.gov**

- Find your legislators
- Search bill numbers
- Find cutoff calendars
- Search committee info
- Find hearings & agendas
- Get contact information

Committee	Agenda	Date/Time	Location	View Video	Last Updated
Labor & Workplace Standards (H)	Agenda	9/14/2022 10:00 AM	Virtual	View Video	9/01/2022



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## Quick facts about the Washington Legislature

- Bicameral (2 chamber) Legislature
  - **49 Senate** members
  - **98 House** members
  - **49 leg. districts:** 2 Reps. & 1 Senator
- Convenes the second Monday in January of each year
  - **60 days** in even-numbered years
  - **105 days** in odd-numbered years
- The Legislature passes the **two-year budgets** in odd-numbered years
- Representatives are elected to a two-year term
  - Elections held in even-numbered years
- Senators are elected to four-year staggered terms
  - Half of the membership stands for election in even-numbered years
- **Sine Die** is the last day of the legislative session



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## 2023 legislative session

First year of this biennial legislative cycle (23-24)

Bills introduced in 2023 carry over to 2024 year

Odd-numbered year, Long session at 105 days  
Even-numbered year, short session at 60 days

The Legislature doesn't take days off during session

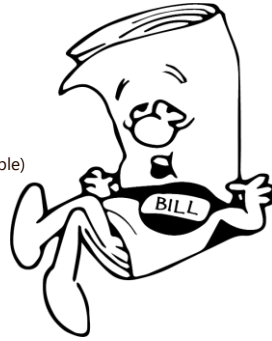
Biennial budgets (operating, capital, transportation) will be adopted this year

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# How does a bill become a law?

**Idea is drafted into bill form**

- Sponsored by legislator
- Introduced and referred to committee
- Public hearing in policy committee
- Voted out of policy committee
- Public hearing in fiscal committee
- Voted out of fiscal committee (if applicable)
- Rules Committee
- Majority puts it on calendar for vote
- Floor vote



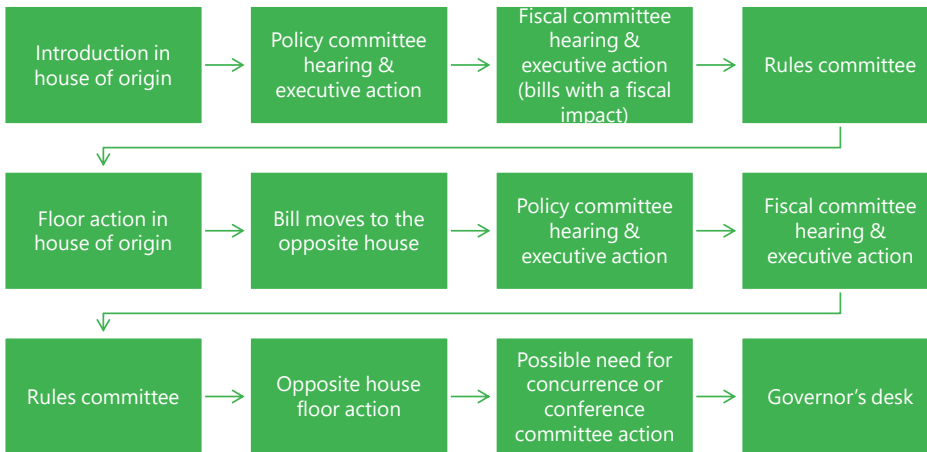
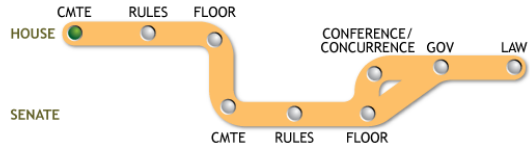
Hundreds introduced each year, but most die before becoming law

**Process begins in opposite chamber**

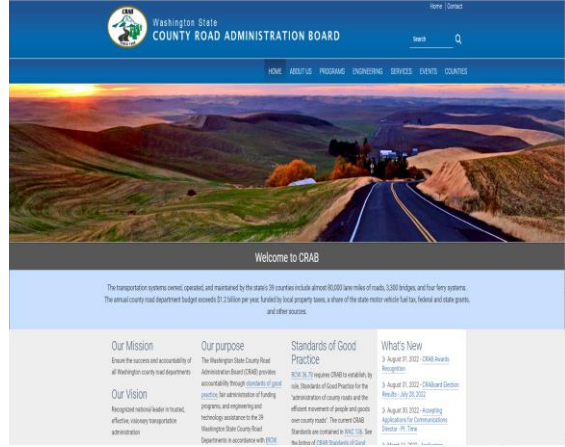
- Passage of identical measures
- Signature or veto by Governor



# Legislative Process



# State Agencies



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# Questions?



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