



State Legislative Quick Sheet

This sheet is intended as a static reference guide for EERI Citizen Advocates to understand their state legislative structure.

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LEGISLATURE

House of Representatives
98 Members, 2 year terms

Senate
49 Members, 4 year terms

Washington has 49 legislative districts, each with 2 Reps and 1 Senator. Find your district at:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>



WASHINGTON

MAJOR FAULTS:

Cascadia Subduction Zone
- Juan de Fuca Plate subducts under North American
- Affected area can stretch from North CA to South BC

Other Shallow Fault Zones

- Tacoma
- Whidbey Island
- Seattle

SIGNIFICANT SEISMIC HISTORY:

2001 – Nisqually (M6.8)
1965 – Puget Sound (M6.7)
1949 – Olympia (M6.7)
1700 – Cascadia Subduction Zone (M9.0)

SCENARIOS & DRILLS:

- Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup (CREW) Scenarios
- USGS Scenario Shakemaps (Cascadia & Olympia Fault)
- M9 Project
- Resilient Washington State (RWS) Initiative
- Annual WA ShakeOut Drill

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:
EERI Legislative Action Center
<https://www.eeri.org/advocacy-and-public-policy/legislative-action-center/>

WA Legislative Database
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

QUESTIONS? policy@eeri.org



SESSION

Washington's legislature meets annually in January, for 105 days every odd year and 60 days every even year.

Find the legislative calendars at:

<http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

KEY DATES & COMMITTEES

The ideal time to suggest legislative ideas to your state representatives is outside of active sessions and/or between September and November.

The following are some committees which consider seismic legislation:

- House Local Government Committee
- House Capital Budget Committee
- Senate Local Government Committee
- Senate Ways & Means Committee

Committee websites are found at:

<http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/CommitteeListing.aspx>