

Earth Ministry/ Washington Interfaith Power and Light (WA IPL)



Our mission is to transform faith into action for the well-being of communities and the environment.

Earth Ministry/WAIPL's 2023 Legislative Advocacy Training

1. What is faithful advocacy?
2. Faithful advocacy in action
3. 2023 legislative priorities
4. Practice storytelling



What is Advocacy?

- Speaking up to influence political, economic, and social institutions
- Addressing root causes of issues through public policy
- Democracy in action



What is Faithful Advocacy?

- Speaking up for systemic justice based on religious values and spiritual traditions
- Co-creating a just and loving society
- Faith in action!



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Faith Community Engagement in Advocacy

Partisan Politics = NO!

- Endorsing candidates
- Encouraging others to vote for a particular candidate

Non-Profit Advocacy = YES!

- Non-partisan voter engagement
- Taking a position
 - On an issue, bill, or ballot measure
- Educating others, asking them to act
- Asking an elected official to vote a certain way
- Requesting an agency take a particular action



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Attributes of Faithful Advocacy

- Values-based
 - Heart-centered
 - Seeks justice and equity
 - Hopeful
- Builds bridges
 - Dialogue and collaboration
- Supported by community
 - Amplifies and sustains



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Faithful advocacy is storytelling!

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Faithful Advocacy in Action

- Meeting with elected officials
- Writing to elected officials
- Calling the WA Legislative Hotline
 - 1-800-562-6000
- Attending, signing in, testifying at public hearings
- Submitting written comments
- Speaking up at town halls
- Spreading awareness in your community



Government 101

		Branches of Government		
		<i>Legislative</i>	<i>Executive</i>	<i>Judicial</i>
Levels of Government	<i>Local</i>	City/County Council	Mayor/County Executive	Municipal Courts
	<i>State</i>	Legislature	Governor/Lt. Governor	State Courts
	<i>Federal</i>	Congress	President/Vice President	Federal Courts



Pass laws



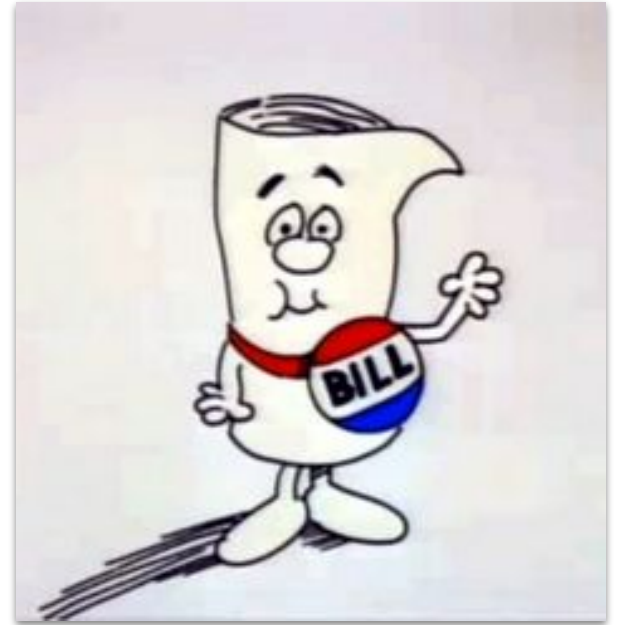
Carry out laws



Interpret laws

Washington State Legislature

1. Policy Committee
 - “First Reading” = introduction
 - Public Hearing - sign in/testify
 - “Executive Session” = vote
2. Fiscal Committee
 - Only if there’s an associated cost AKA “fiscal note”
 - Senate Ways & Means, House Appropriations
3. Rules Committee
4. Floor vote!
5. Repeat in opposite chamber
6. If passed, Governor reviews and signs/vetoes



Rules Committee

- Purpose: to decide which bills get to the floor for a vote.
- A bill must be pulled in order to be taken to the floor for a vote.
- The Rules Committee also reviews, adopts and schedules consideration of floor resolutions.



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Legislature Home

In 2023, the legislative session will return to an in-person format. Legislative buildings are open and capacity in legislative hearing rooms adjusted. Remote participation opportunities will continue. Please go to the House Operations and Senate Operations plans for more details. To view legislative proceedings click here on TVW. Please click here for more information about testifying in a committee, submitting written testimony, getting your position noted for the legislative record, and contacting your legislator.

What's happening on the floor?

Today is Day 50 of the 2023 Regular Session

[House Floor Calendar](#) | [House Display Board](#) | [Senate Floor Calendar](#) | [Senate Display Board](#)

House Live Video

Please check the Committee Schedules website for the most up-to-date information concerning individual committee meeting dates and agendas.

Scheduled hearings and floor sessions: **Today**

Committee	Agenda	Date/Time	Location	View Video	Last Updated
HOUSE SESSION/CAUCUS		2/27/2023 9:00 AM		View Video	
SENATE SESSION/CAUCUS		2/27/2023 10:30 AM		View Video	

Highlights

Legislative Hotline: 1.800.562.6000

[Employment Opportunities](#)

Public Records Requests

For information about submitting a public records request to either the House or the Senate, please follow the links below:
[House Public Records Request](#) | [Senate Public Records Request](#)

More Information

Get bills via web services: The Legislature makes bill, committee, and law information available via web services for developers using automated systems. For more information, see the [Legislative Web Services](#) page.

Budget Links:

- [Fiscal Reports \(LEAP site\)](#)

Reports to the Legislature: Find reports filed by state agencies and other organizations as requested by the Legislature.

Session Laws:

- [How to find session law information](#)
- [Historical list of session laws](#)



Let Your Voice Be Heard

- [Contact Your Legislators](#)
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Find

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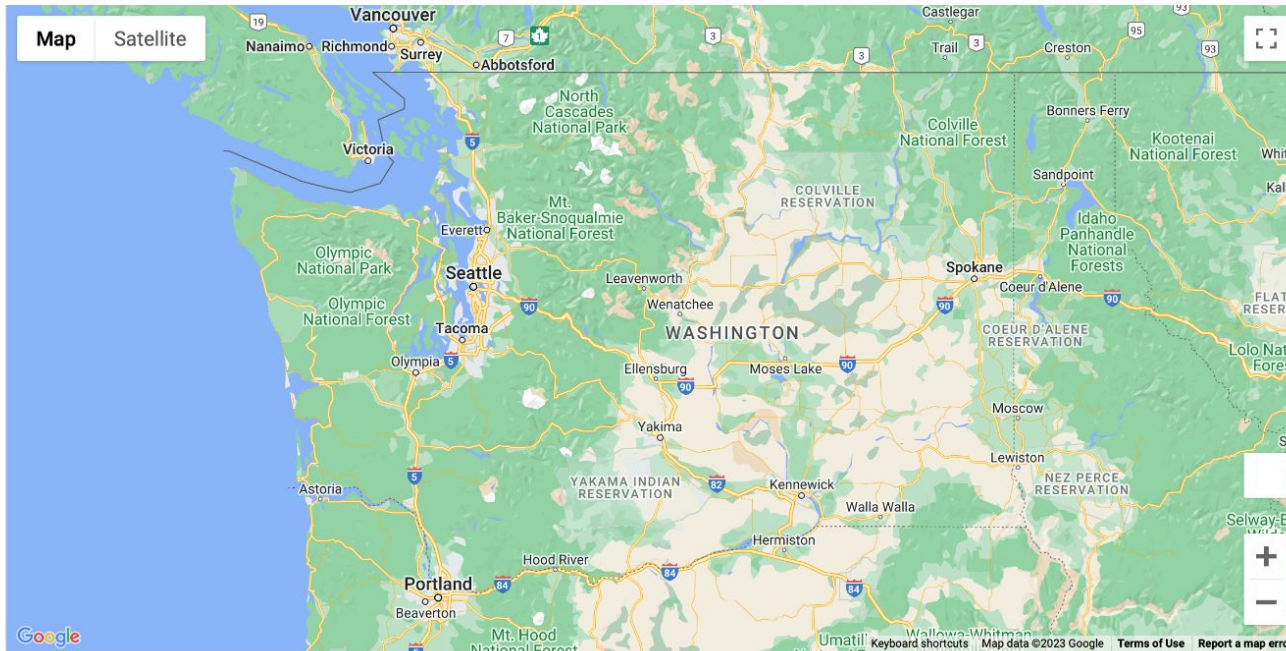
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Map District Type:

- Legislative**
- Congressional

State District 36 Legislators

Sen. Frame, Noel
Democrat

Rep. Reed, Julia
Democrat

Rep. Berry, Liz
Democrat

Congressional District 7 Legislators

U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell
Democrat

U.S. Senator Patty Murray
Democrat

U.S. Representative Pramila Jayapal
Democrat



Map District Type: **Legislative** Congressional

Map Satellite

District 36 Legislators
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Democrat



Republican Deputy Whip
16th Legislative District

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Early Learning & K-12 Education
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Senator Phil Fortunato (R)
31st Legislative District

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Committees
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Transportation



Senator Noel Frame (D)
36th Legislative District

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Human Services



Senator Chris Gildon (R)
Republican Deputy Leader
25th Legislative District

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Committees
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Business, Financial Services, Gaming & Trade
Housing
Rules



Senator Bob Hasegawa (D)
Majority Caucus Chair
11th Legislative District

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You have selected to e-mail Sen. Noel Frame

Follow the steps below to send your message directly to your legislator. To learn about other ways to participate in the process, click [here](#).
Required items marked with *

Step 1: Verify your legislative district

Please enter your home address below:

Street Address:* City:* State:* WA Zip:*

Verify District

Step 2: Enter your contact information

First Name:* Last Name:*

Email:* Confirm Email:*

Phone Number: *ex. 3605551234 or (360) 555-1234*

Step 3: Enter your message to Sen. Noel Frame

Would you like to leave a bill comment as well?

Bill Number:
(Optional, example: 1234)

Find Bill

Initiative Number:
(Optional, example: 1000)

Find Initiative

Description:

Position: (Optional)

Support Oppose Neutral

Subject:* (100-character limit)

Message: * Note: Emoji characters may not be passed through in the comment (5000 characters remaining)

Would you like a response from Sen. Noel Frame?* Yes No

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Earth Ministry/WAIPL's 2023 Priority Bills

Growth Management Act (GMA) Updates

Climate: HB 1181 / SB 5203 (Rep. Duerr/Sen. Lovelett)

UPDATE: Referred to House Rules!! Stalled in the Senate

- Requires counties/cities to address resilience and climate change in land use plans
- Incorporates transit and bike/pedestrian planning



Environmental Justice HB 1723/SB 5651

(Rep. Duerr/Sen. Lovelett)

UPDATE: Stalled in House, Stalled in Rules

- Requires that EJ and climate change are explicitly addressed to reduce health disparities
- Better, more equitable public participation requirements and funding



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WA Recycling and Packaging Act (WRAP Act):

SB 5154 / HB 1131 (Sen. Rolfes/Rep. Berry)

UPDATE: Referred to House Rules!! Stalled in Senate

- Requires consumer product producers to fund statewide residential recycling services for packaging and paper products - graduated fees based on products' ability to be reused, composted, or recycled
- Graduated fees based on products' ability to be reused, composted, or recycled
- Shifts costs/responsibilities to manufacturers



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Toxic-Free Cosmetics Act: HB 1047 (Rep. Mena)

UPDATE: Referred to House Rules!!

- Bans hazardous chemicals including PFAS, phthalates, formaldehyde, and lead in cosmetics and personal care products by 2025
- Fills gaps in info on hazards and provides incentives for small businesses to make safer products



Learn more at: bit.ly/EMWAIPLleg23

Earth Ministry/WAIPL's

Calling on Faith Leaders to tell FERC: Protect Our Communities

**Sign the ID, WA, and OR
Faith Leaders' Letter to FERC**

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**STOP
GTN XPRESS**

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**Power
& Light**

Ecumenical
Ministries
of Oregon

Time to practice

1. Take some time to reflect on your own story.
 - a. Who are you?
 - b. What do you value?
 - c. What do you want?
2. Pick one of the Earth Ministry/WAIPL bills
3. Share with someone else your story and how it influences your thoughts on one of the bills.
4. Listen to someone else's story



Ways to get involved

For more information, check out our website:

www.earthministry.org

Sign up for weekly legislative alerts:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/ERrh8JwfXke7X8SM8P3C1A2>

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