



FUTURE 42

2024 Snohomish County Legislative Session Recap

Introduction

The 2024 Washington State legislative session included debate and action on several key bills affecting Snohomish County residents. This year was a "short session" of 60 days and was focused on policy bills as the Legislature does not adopt their biennial budget during even years. Some of the critical policies considered this legislative session included a ban on natural gas, statewide rent control, as well as six different citizen initiatives sponsored by Let's Go Washington.

Below, you will find a recap detailing how our Snohomish County legislative delegation (8 Senators and 16 Representatives) voted on these key bills and whether or not their votes aligned with Future 42's position. Future 42 supports policies related to tax relief, public safety, regulatory reductions, lower cost of living, and government accountability. Legislator votes noted by a checkmark were in alignment with the Future 42 position while legislator votes noted by an x were in opposition to the Future 42 position.

Snohomish County Legislative Delegation

WA STATE SENATE (8 MEMBERS):

Brad Hawkins (LD12), Marko Liias (LD21), John Lovick (LD44), Ron Muzzall (LD10), June Robinson (LD38), Jesse Salomon (LD32), Derek Stanford (LD1), Keith Wagoner (LD39)

WA STATE HOUSE (16 MEMBERS):

April Berg (LD44), Julio Cortes (LD38), Lauren Davis (LD32), Brandy Donaghy (LD44), Davina Duerr (LD1), Carolyn Eslick (LD39), Mary Fosse (LD38), Keith Goehner (LD12), Shelley Kloba (LD1), Sam Low (LD39), Lillian Ortiz-Self (LD21), Dave Paul (LD10), Strom Peterson (LD21), Cindy Ryu (LD32), Clyde Shavers (LD10), Mike Steele (LD12)

Statewide bills of significance

HB 1589/SB 5562, 2023-24

"Supporting Washington's clean energy economy and transitioning to a clean, affordable, and reliable energy future."

HB 1589/SB 5562 would ban or limit the use of natural gas for residential and commercial/small businesses, including for existing customers who rely on natural gas for their heat and to prepare food for restaurants. This bill would lead to dramatically higher energy costs and force families and small businesses to spend tens of thousands of dollars to convert their properties to all-electric. A "no" vote is scored positively.

This bill passed the House & the Senate, and the Governor has signed.

HB 2114/SB 5961, 2023-24

"Improving housing stability for tenants subject to the residential landlord-tenant act and the manufactured/mobile home landlord-tenant act by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement."

HB 2114/SB 5961 would enact statewide rent control. This bill would regulate small and medium size landlords out of the market and in the long-term would lead to fewer housing options. A "no" vote is scored positively.

This bill passed the House, but no vote was held in the Senate on this bill.

HB 1932, 2023-24

"Shifting general elections for local governments to even-numbered years to increase voter participation."

HB 1932 would move local elections to even-numbered years only, rather than holding them in any year (typically odd-numbered years). This bill would reduce accountability for local elected officials. With current ballots in even-numbered years already spanning multiple pages and many voters already not completing existing ballots, adding local elections to the tail end of these ballots would reduce voter scrutiny. In addition, local candidates would struggle to compete for attention with larger, better-funded state and federal campaigns. A "no" vote is scored positively.

This bill passed the House, but no vote was held in the Senate on this bill.

Citizen initiatives

There were also six initiatives to the legislature that were sponsored by Let's Go Washington that were certified by the Secretary of State after sponsors turned in over 420,000 signatures for each of them. Only three of the six received hearings and were then eventually passed into law after receiving enough votes in the House and Senate: **I-2113**, Restore Police Pursuit, **I-2081**, Parental Notification to let parents know about their child's K-12 school curriculum and some medical procedures, and **I-2111**, Banning a State and any Local Income Taxes.

A "YES" VOTE ON ADOPTING EACH OF THESE INITIATIVES INTO LAW IS SCORED POSITIVELY.

The three that did not receive a public hearing and that will be on the ballot this November for voters to decide are: **I-2117**, Repealing the Cap-and-Trade law/Climate Commitment Act; **I-2124**, Allowing workers to opt-out of the State-Run, Long-Term Care Payroll Tax; and **I-2109**, Repealing the new Capital Gains Income Tax.

A "YES" VOTE ON HOLDING HEARINGS TO CONSIDER EACH OF THESE INITIATIVES IS SCORED POSITIVELY.

All 12 local Representatives from the majority party voted against even holding a public hearing on these three initiatives, while the 4 local Representatives from the minority party voted in favor of holding a public hearing on each of the three initiatives. The Senate did not hold a formal roll call vote for those three initiatives.

Below are the outcomes of the three initiatives which were taken into consideration by the Legislature:

I-2081 Parental Rights/Notification passed in the House 82 to 15 and 49 to 0 in the Senate

I-2111 Banning a State and any City Tax on Personal Income passed in the House 76 to 21 and 38 to 11 in the Senate

I-2113 Restoring Police Vehicle Pursuits passed in the House 77 to 20 and 36 to 13 in the Senate

Snohomish County delegation-sponsored bills

There were also some key bills that impacted Snohomish County, namely:

SB 6301 - 2023-24

Concerning basic law enforcement academy.

Summary: SB 6301 would allow the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CTJC) to accept private funds or property donations to go towards funding a Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) class and offers an avenue for additional resources for law enforcement training. Classes are expected to be added here in Snohomish County.

A "YES" VOTE IS SCORED POSITIVELY.

Votes on Final Passage: Senate 48-0 House 90-6. Final Passage Votes Effective: June 6, 2024

HB 1961 - 2023-24

Concerning animal cruelty in the first degree.

Summary: HB 1961 would strengthen penalties for the most egregious acts of animal cruelty in Washington State, of which there have been an increase in our region.

A "YES" VOTE IS SCORED POSITIVELY.

Votes on Final Passage: House 95-1 Senate 49-0. Final Passage Votes Effective: June 6, 2024

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Senator Derek Stanford (D) LD1	X			Y	X	Y					Y	Y
Rep. Davina Duerr (D) LD1	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y		X	X	X	Y	Y
Rep. Shelley Kloba (D) LD1	X	X	Y	Y	X	Y		X	X	X	Y	Y
Senator Ron Muzzall (R) LD10	Y			Y	Y	Y					Y	Y
Rep. Clyde Shavers (D) LD10	Y	X	X	Y	Y	Y		X	X	X	Y	Y
Rep. Dave Paul (D) LD10	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y		X	X	X	Y	Y
Senator Brad Hawkins (R) LD12	Y			Y	Y	Y					Y	Y
Rep. Keith Goehner (R) LD12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rep. Mike Steele (R) LD12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator Marko Lias (D) LD21	X			Y	Y	Y					Y	Y
Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self (D) LD21	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y		X	X	X	Y	Y
Rep. Strom Peterson (D) LD21	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y		X	X	X	Y	Y

Y

Voted for the F42 position

X

Voted against the F42 position

Bill did not come before that chamber for a vote

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Senator Jesse Salomon (D) LD32	X			Y	X	Y				Y	Y
Rep. Cindy Ryu (D) LD32	X	X	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	Y	Y
Rep. Lauren Davis (D) LD32	X	X	X	Y	X	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y
Senator June Robinson (D) LD38	X			Y	Y	Y				Y	Y
Rep. Julio Cortes (D) LD38	X	X	X	X	X	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y
Rep. Mary Fosse (D) LD38	X	X	X	X	X	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y
Senator Keith Wagoner (R) LD39	Y			Y	Y	Y				Y	Y
Rep. Carolyn Eslick (R) LD39	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rep. Sam Low (R) LD39	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Senator John Lovick (D) LD44	X			Y	Y	Y				Y	Y
Rep. April Berg (D) LD44	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y
Rep. Brandy Donaghy (D) LD44	X	X	X	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	Y	Y

Y

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X

Voted against the F42 position

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