



Legislative and Policy Update



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SCC Commission Meeting
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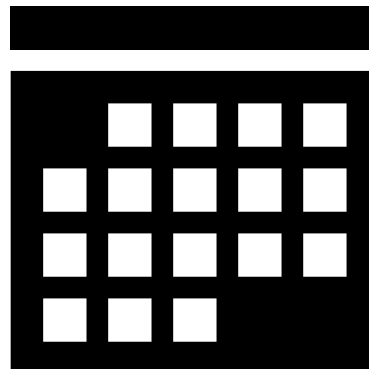
2024 Legislative Session

The 2024 Legislative session began on Monday, January 8, 2024.

Mon. 8 Jan. 2024

Thu. 7 Mar. 2024

This will be a short 60-day session ending on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

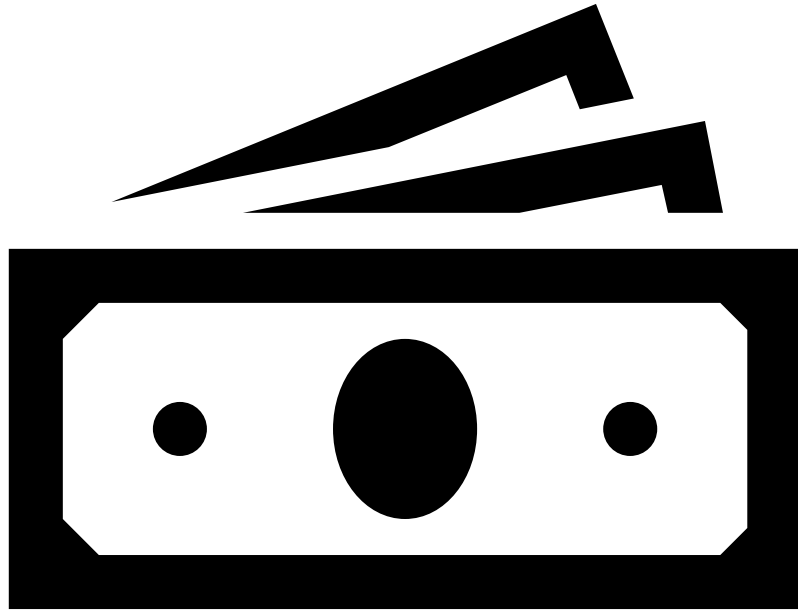


Short
60-day
Session

2024 Legislative Session

Priorities for the Legislature

- Expanding mental health and addiction treatment services
- Reducing homelessness and the state's affordable housing shortfall
- Solving funding shortfalls in the transportation budget
- Climate Change




2024 Legislative Session

Legislators will focus on the adoption of Supplemental Budgets



2024 Legislative Session Changes in Leadership

- Senator June Robinson (D-Everett) has been selected as Chair of the Ways & Means Committee. Senator Robinson had served as vice chair of the committee since 2020
 - Senator Marko Lias (D-Edmonds) was added to the Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources and Parks Committee.
 - The House has a new minority leader in Representative Drew Stokesbury, he takes over from Representative J. T. Wilcox who will remain with the Legislature.
 - Many Committee membership changes have resulted from those listed above.
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2024 Legislative Session



THE FIRST BILL CUT-OFF DATE IS
JANUARY 31
ALL BILLS MUST BE OUT OF POLICY
COMMITTEES



FISCAL BILLS MUST BE OUT OF
FISCAL COMMITTEES **FEBRUARY 5**



ALL BILLS OUT OF THE
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2024 Legislative Session

Priorities for the State Conservation Commission

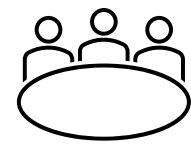
- Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)
- Senate Bill 5921 Governor-appointed tribal representation on the State Conservation Commission
- Support the Supplemental Budgets



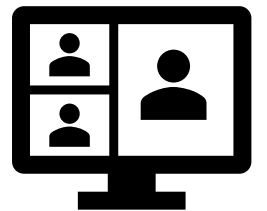
The Commission's focus will be attaining the
\$10 million needed for
Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)



Legislative Committee Meetings have hybrid options

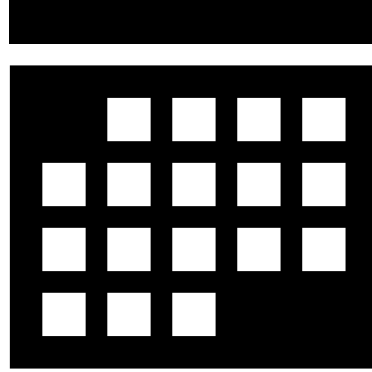


In Person

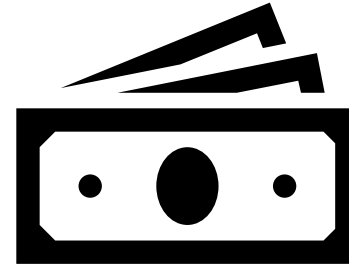


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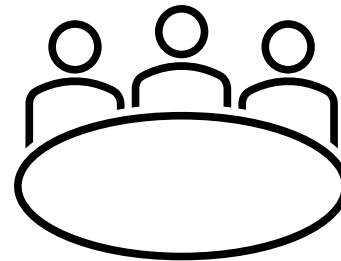
Short Legislative Session will move quickly



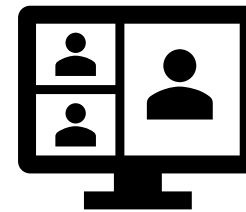
Short 60-day Session



Adoption of
Supplemental
Budgets



In Person



Virtual
Option



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Thank you!

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