

## REP. BILL HINKLE, R-CLE ELUM

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### PERSONAL:

- Bill and his wife Debra live with their son and daughter in Cle Elum.
- A Tacoma native who has lived in Kittitas County since 1991, Bill is an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman.

### EDUCATION:

- Pursuing master's program at the Antiochian House of Studies based in Ligonier, Pennsylvania
- Attended Tacoma Community College and South Puget Sound Community College
- Paramedic training, University of Washington

### OCCUPATION:

- Health insurance broker, business consultant

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Real estate development and sales
- Kittitas County Commissioner, 1996-2002
- Journeyman stone and brick mason since age 19
- Pioneer provider of Internet service in upper Kittitas County
- Professional paramedic and firefighter for 17 years, last nine years at King County Medic One

### GOVERNMENT/CIVIC EXPERIENCE:

- Shoreline Hearings Board
- State Pipeline Safety Committee
- Municipal Research Council, chair
- Washington State Jury Commission
- Kittitas County Planning Commission
- Washington State Horse Park Authority
- Governor's EMS/Trauma Steering Committee
- Governor's Fuel Accident Prevention and Response Team
- Greater Columbia Behavioral Health Regional Support Network
- South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Rotary International, member
- Nature Conservancy, member
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, member
- National Rifle Association, lifetime member
- Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, board member
- Washington Cattlemen Association, affiliate member
- Yakima Regional Medical Center/Hospital, board member
- Antiochian House of Studies Alumni Association, president

## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:**

### **Preserving and creating jobs**

- Preserving and creating jobs by improving our state's business climate and helping employers.
- Building upon bipartisan workers' compensation and unemployment insurance reforms in 2011.
- Streamlining permitting processes and environmental regulations, without compromising standards.

### **Enacting health-care reform that is best for Washington state**

- Enacting health-care reform that results in more affordability and accessibility to all Washingtonians.
- Creating a private-sector health-care market that is healthy and strong, with options that ensure the patient is in control of decisions – not the government.
- Moving forward deliberately, carefully and transparently with Obamacare – taking an open look at potential risks and opportunities, and doing what is best for Washington state.

### **Setting budget priorities and living within our means**

- Ensuring a responsible and sustainable budget that does not spend more than it takes in.
- Using tough economic times as an opportunity to transform and reform state government.
- Limiting the size and scope of state agencies through a priorities of government model that focuses on education, public safety and the safety nets for our most vulnerable populations.

### **Helping our state's children and families**

- Strengthening families by helping people become self-sufficient members of our communities.
- Respecting and preserving the dignity of life, especially those who are most vulnerable – including the unborn and elderly.
- Protecting the social fabric of our society by ensuring all citizens have the opportunity to better themselves through hard work and perseverance – providing a hand up, not a hand out.

### **Ensuring fair water rights**

- Removing the Kittitas County water moratorium and understanding that water is the lifeblood of our communities.
- Protecting the water rights of individuals and communities, while recognizing and respecting those with senior water rights.
- Finding a predictable, long-term solution that protects our citizens, local economies and growing communities – an approach that provides water for agriculture, employers, energy needs, and adequate in-stream flow for fish.