



## Washington State House Republicans

### Our legislative priorities:

- Provide students with a world-class education
- Empower families and strengthen communities
- Protect taxpayers and hold government accountable
- Safeguard neighborhoods

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### Fast facts:

- The Legislature overrode 27 vetoes from Governor Inslee in the 2016 special session. The Legislature last overrode a veto by the governor in 1998.
- The Washington State House of Representatives has 48 Republicans and 50 Democrats.
- The Washington State Senate has 26 Majority Coalition Caucus members and 23 Democrats.
- The Legislature meets for 105 days in odd-numbered years and 60 days in even-numbered years.
- There are three state budgets: operating, transportation and capital.
- Our state has a two-year budget cycle. The 2015-17 cycle began July 1, 2015 and runs to June 30, 2017.
- There are 295 school districts in the state, educating approximately 1,040,000 students.
- There are six public baccalaureate institutions and 34 community and technical colleges in the state, representing approximately 233,000 students.
- The Legislature passed a 5 cent state gas-tax increase in 2003, 9.5 cents in 2005 and 11.9 cents in 2015.
- Our state corrections system manages approximately 17,000 inmates and 17,000 offenders on community supervision.
- Washington ranks second in the country in total renewable energy generation, with 70 percent of our state's electricity mix is made up of carbon-free, renewable hydropower.