

REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH SCOTT

PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
SEATTLE, WA
PERMIT NO. 1885

Clip and Save This Information

More contact information from REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Scott

Sen. Kirk Pearson(360) 786-7676
Rep. Elizabeth Scott.....(360) 786-7816
Rep. Dan Kristiansen(360) 786-7967
Attorney General
Bob Ferguson(360) 753-6200
Governor Jay Inslee (360) 902-4111
Insurance Commissioner
Mike Kreidler.....(800) 562-6900
Washington State Department of
Social and Health Services (DSHS)
– Constituent Services 1-800-737-0617
Washington State Health
Care Authority(360) 725-1040
President Barack Obama(202) 456-1414
Senator Patty Murray,
Washington, DC Office.....(202) 224-2621

Senator Maria Cantwell,
Washington, DC Office.....(202) 224-3441
Congresswoman Suzan DelBene,
Washington, DC Office.....(202) 336-6311
Congressman Rick Larsen,
Washington, DC Office.....(202) 225-2605

Oso Slide Information

The Darrington Fire Department
(maintaining volunteer list).....(360) 436-1338
Snohomish County Sheriff.....(425) 388-3845
Snohomish County Crisis
Hotline.....(800) 584-3578
King County Sheriff.....(206) 296-3311
Skagit County Sheriff:(360) 336-9450

REPRESENTATIVE

Elizabeth Scott

39th Legislative District

2014 Legislative Session Review



Representative Elizabeth Scott

How to Contact Me

Olympia Office Address:
122E Legislative Building

PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Phone: (360) 786-7816

elizabeth.scott@leg.wa.gov

Rep. Scott's
Legislative homepage:
www.representativeelizabethscott.com

For the first time since 2009, the state Legislature adjourned on time (March 13) with no plans for a special session. I'm very pleased to tell you that the budget that passed is truly a 'supplemental budget,' with no major tax hikes or huge policy changes. It increased spending by less than 0.23 percent, mostly for maintenance issues. It included a little more for education and the McCleary decision (\$58 million) and a little more for Opportunity Scholarships (\$25 million). It keeps our promise to college students by freezing tuition rates for the entire 2015 school year and keeps a little more in reserves (\$315 million) to protect against any downturn in our economy.

A handwritten signature of Elizabeth Scott in black ink, written in a cursive style.

State Representative

Elizabeth Scott

There was also no gas tax hike and no increased gun control (you'll have your say on gun control this November with Initiatives 591 and 594).

Jobs/Economy



Last November legislators were rushed back to Olympia for a whirlwind special session to vote on tax-incentive legislation to keep Boeing jobs in the Puget Sound region and provide millions of dollars in infrastructure. Unfortunately, we were unable to pass any tax-incentive proposals for other regions in the state that would have created good, family-wage jobs.

Education

In contrast to the past 30 years, the focus in Olympia is now on prioritizing education in the state budget. We did so last year, and this year's supplemental budget continues that progress. Like you, we know that money alone will not solve all of our state's education problems. That's why we will continue to fight for educational reforms to improve reading and math, improve disciplinary processes and give principals more authority to choose who teaches in their schools.

My Bills

I was pleased that my bill (House Bill 2191) to help daycares was signed into law by the governor after passing both the House and the Senate unanimously. This bill helps a segment of small business owners who are sometimes harassed by Department of Early Learning licensers to make structural changes to their facility above and beyond local code, for example moving a door or a window. Now, before requiring an alteration, a licenser must get written confirmation from a local code enforcement official that the change is necessary for the safety of the children or staff, and it can only be pertaining to licensed childcare space. The number one complaint I've heard all around the district is the ever-increasing and changing regulations for home daycares, so I was happy to have this small 'win' for our small business owners.

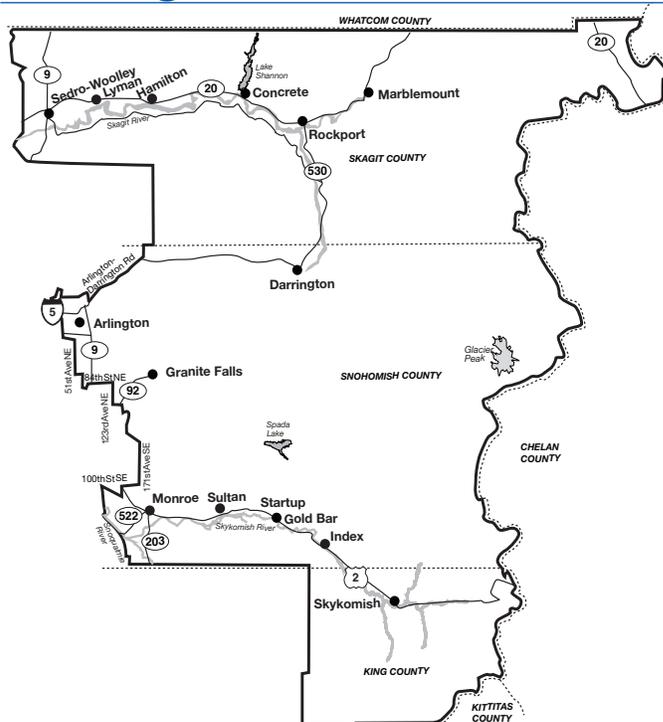
Gov. Inslee ignores victims' families with unilateral death-penalty moratorium

All nine men on Washington's death row committed heinous murders, and their victims include women or small children. So when Gov. Inslee placed a moratorium on the death penalty by executive order, it caught law enforcement, prosecutors, lawmakers and victims' advocates by surprise.

Regardless of how one feels about the death penalty, capital punishment is the law in our state. If the governor wants to change the law, he should work through the legislative process – allowing public involvement.

My other bills didn't make it through the entire legislative process but I will be reintroducing some of them for 2015. HB 2133 for student data privacy in particular gained a lot of support across the aisle (and around the country, with national press coverage) and I will be working with several Democratic cosponsors to push it forward.

39th Legislative District



Oso Slide

Thank you so much for your generosity in sending clothing and blankets; there is more than enough now. If you would like to send physical supplies, the Darrington Fire Department could use nail proof boots and wool socks for their work in the debris field.

Many people have been asking about volunteering. Some of the Darrington residents are being taken out on the debris field with the Darrington first responders, FEMA, etc. but it is limited as the task is quite grueling and dangerous. The Darrington Fire Department is compiling a list of 'long-term volunteers,' so call them if you would like to provide your contact information.



Many area residents are showing symptoms of stress. If you or a loved one is having trouble sleeping, concentrating, etc, let them know that they are not alone and it is very common with a disaster of this scope. The Oso, Darrington, and Arlington churches are staying open for longer hours than usual and a good place to find a counselor or just a listening ear. Green Cross specializes in trauma counseling and can be reached at 1-800-985-5990 or greencross530slide@gmail.com. There is also a Crisis Hotline for Snohomish County, which is 1-800-584-3578.

Telephone Town Hall

Rep. Dan Kristiansen and I will be hosting our final telephone town hall meeting of 2014 on Thursday, May 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To listen in on this community conversation, all you have to do is dial 1-800-759-5313. From there, you can ask questions or share your ideas if you'd like.

Need a guest speaker?

If you belong to a club, civic group or community-service organization and would like a guest speaker at your next meeting or event, please contact our offices to arrange a convenient date. We're happy to report on the issues we dealt with during the 2014 session, or we can tailor our remarks to address particular areas of interest or concern.