

Washington State Legislative Advocacy 101

Lawmakers create legislation that impacts on our daily lives, and they need to hear from you on how to best apply it!

Conservation Northwest has lobbyists that track bills to see how they would change the law and work with legislators to ensure our ecosystems and wildlife are protected, connected, and restored.

Be a public voice on proposed bills that concern you, whether it's submitting public comments, signing on "pro" or "con", testifying (in-person or remote), or other actions. Public commenting and testifying involves stating reasoning for your stance clearly, backing it up with a few relevant points, and thanking your officials for their investment in considerations.

There are a lot of ways to also be an advocate that does not require a visit to the Capitol Olympia:

- Reach out to your legislators and other elected officials via phone or email.
- Write public comments or letters for officials
- Testify remotely at a public hearing
- Join your local board
- Vote and encourage others to vote

Be Involved in Advocacy!


- Know who your elected officials and governing bodies of your home
- Stay informed of public notices
- Note important dates for public hearings and input
- Share information with neighbors, friends, and family
- Promote your interests and bring to the attention of officials
- Join an advocacy board or a governing board in your region
- Follow recommendations of other leaders in your communities
- Engage on issues impacting specific communities, especially those disproportionately impacted and disenfranchised

About Washington's Legislative Process:

The Washington State Legislative Session begins the second Monday of Jan. In odd-numbered years, the session lasts 105 days, while in even-numbered years, it runs for 60 days.

Washington's Legislature has two chambers:

 House of Representatives – 98 elected officials (two per district, serving two-year terms)

 Senate – 49 elected officials (one per district, serving four-year terms)

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