



2024 Election Update



Candidate filing week begins **Monday, May 6** and ends on **Friday, May 10** at which time we will know those running and retiring (although a candidate can withdraw over that weekend).

The **Primary Election** is on **Tuesday, August 6** and the **General Election** is on **Tuesday, November 5**.

Now that the legislative session has ended, we are back to the task at hand **looking at the Election**. With a Presidential, Gubernatorial, and Statewide seats up for election as well as many initiatives for voters to consider, this will prove to be an exciting year. Voter turnout will likely be high with a Presidential election and tax measures on the ballot. **All statewide positions** are up as well as the following:

- **House of Representatives:** All 98 House members up for re-election
- **Senators:** 25 out of 49 members up for re-election
- **Governor's Race**
 - **Sen. Mark Mullet** (D-05)
 - **Attorney General Bob Ferguson** (D)
 - **Dave Reichert** (R)

We will **put together about 40 fundraisers** which are usually at the **DoubleTree Suites by Hilton in Tukwila** (16500 Southcenter Parkway Seattle, WA 98188-3388). We have about 2 hours of lawmakers undivided time to educate them on our issues.

CAMPAIGNS AND RETIREMENTS

There are a lot of **big-time changes of various lawmakers leaving the legislature, retiring or seeking other elected offices.** Some of these include:

- **Senator Andy Billig** (D-3) who serves as the Senate Majority Leader let it be known he was not seeking reelection earlier this session.
- Former House Minority Leader **Rep. JT Wilcox** (R-2)

Democrat Senators not running for re-election include:

- **Sen. Karen Keiser** (D-33),
- **Sen. Sam Hunt** (D-22),
- **Sen. Mark Mullet** (D-45) || Running for Governor,
- **Sen. Kevin Van De Wege** (D-24) || Running for Public Lands Commissioner,

Involved in Other Elections may not be back:

- **Sen. Manka Dhingra***(D-45) || Running for Attorney General,
- **Sen. Patty Kuderer***(D-48) || Running for Insurance Commission,
- **Sen. Emily Randall***(D-26) || Running for 6th Congressional District, and
- **Sen. Rebecca Saldaña*** (D-37) || Running for Land Commissioner.

Senate Republican not seeking re-election include:

- **Sen. Lynda Wilson** (R-17) || Chosen not seek re-election.
- **Sen. Ann Rivers** (R-18) || Retiring, Rep. Greg Cheney running for her seat.
- **Sen. Mike Padden** (R-4) || Retiring

House Republicans who have announced they **won't be seeking another term** include:

- **Rep. Spencer Hutchins** (R-26),
- **Rep. Joel Kretz** (R-7),
- **Rep. Jaqueline Maycumber** (R-7) || Running for 5th Congressional District, and
- **Rep. Kelly Chambers** (R-25) || Running for Pierce County Executive.

House Democrat and Republican members who announced will run for a different seat.

- **Rep Marcus Riccelli** (D-3) || Running for Senate seat,
- **Rep. Bill Ramos** (D-5) || Running for Senate seat,
- **Rep. Mike Chapman** (D-24) || Running for Senate seat,
- **Rep Jessica Bateman** (D-22) || Running for Senate seat,
- **Rep. Greg Cheney** (R-18) || Running for Senate seat,
- **Rep. Paul Harris** (R-17) || Running for Senate seat,
- **Rep. Leonard Christian** (R-4) || Running for Senate seat.

What this means for us is that there is going to be a **big number of lawmakers** that will **not be coming back**, however there will be lots of **new people** that **we can educate on issues important to our industry.** We will keep you further posted on the upcoming elections.