



2020/21 Legislative Update

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New Elections 2020

Primary: Tuesday, August 4
General: Tuesday, November 3



2020 Primary Election Recap

- **Large field of candidates** running for offices (Governor's Office 30 candidates)
- **Incumbents** with **good name recognition** would have the **advantage** in this unusual election
- Many **incumbents** having serious **challenges** from candidates of **their own party**.
- **Voter turnout** so far is at 32% which is comparable to 2016 turnout levels that reached almost 35%
- We did **not see a blue wave** as some suggested, but we did see Democrats do well in State Elections.
- Good showing by **House Republicans** who made **solid gains**



*** 2020 Primary - Tuesday, August 4**
Senate Target Key Races

Sen. Mark Mullet (D-5) - 47.61%



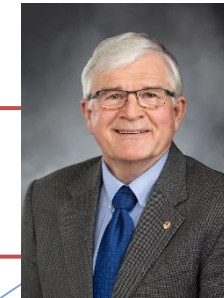
Sen. Steve O'Ban (R-28) - 49.67%



Sen. Ron Muzzall (R-10) - 50.79%



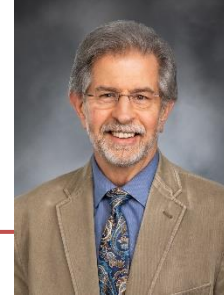
Sen. Dean Takko (D-19) - 44.33%



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***2020 Primary - Tuesday, August 4** **House Target Key Races**

Rep. Steve Kirby (D-29) - 30.6%



Rep. Zack Hudgins (D-11) - 33.58%



Rep. Brian Blake (D-19) - 46.58%



Chris Gildon (R-25) - 44.74%



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Legislature Democrat Controlled

SENATE (49 seats) - *Democrat control*

- 28 Democrats
- 20 + 1 Republicans
 - Sen. Tim Sheldon (caucuses w/ SRCC)

HOUSE (98 seats) - *Democrat control*

- 57 Democrats
- 41 Republicans

GOVERNOR - *Democrat control*



Sen. Andy Billig
(D-3)

Democratic Leader



Rep. Laurie
Jinkins (D-27)

Speaker of the House



Jay Inslee

Governor

Unemployment Rate

(COVID-19 Impacts)



US Unemployment

10.2% July 2020

State Unemployment

10.3% July 2020

Seattle Unemployment

8.3% July 2020



“Balance the Budgets” 2021 Legislative Priority

- ▶ **\$8.9 Billion** Budget Shortfall; New Revenues?
 - ▶ Impact to real-estate management & ownership
- ▶ **PASS: 2021/23 - Budget Funding - January 2021 Session**
Operating Budget/shortfall
 - ▶ Transportation Budget/ shortfall
 - ▶ Capital Budget/shortfall
- ▶ Review of **COVID-19 Impact** on Business and State





Proposed Tax “Ideas”- 2021 Session:

1. Capital Gains Tax: **New tax**

Real-estate, stocks, bonds, sale of precious metals and 9% (new tax)

2. Closing Tax Exemptions:

Sales tax on Services (over 400 Tax exemptions); including sales tax on property management fees, sales tax on sale of real-estate commissions, CPA’s & Legal fees, janitorial services.

4. Employers Wage Tax

5. Rent Control: Residential & Commercial



Patrick Reilly,
WA-SSA President



Donald Arsenault,
WA-SSA Legislative Chair

Budget Issues 2020

- ❑ **Impact of COVID-19 to all levels of Government Funding**
- ❑ **Low Income Housing & Homelessness:** More Housing
- ❑ **Mental Health & Foster Care**
- ❑ **Transportation Tax:** Pay per mile
- ❑ **Police Reform**



Governor Jay
Inslee



Rep. Laurie Jenkins (D-27)
House Speaker

THANK YOU!

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