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Washington State Legislature Update for the EMC (Nov 2018)

2019 Legislative Session

“The Process” – High Level”

Agency Strategic Plans Drive What is Requested for Budgets & Bills



Agency Request Process = Volumes of Requirements for both Budgets & Bills, Developed, Vetted and Submitted to the Governors Office (May – Sep)



Governor’s Budget and Agency Request Bill Decisions (mid-Dec)

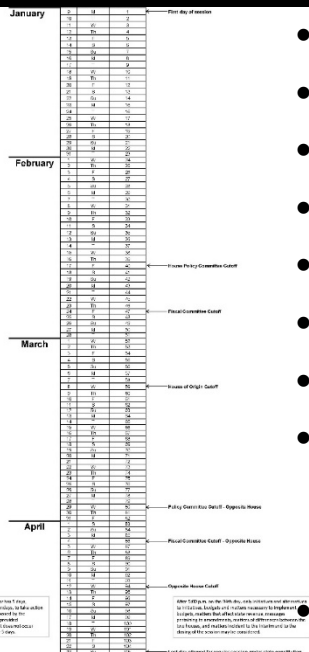


Agencies Allowed to Approach Legislature To Sponsor Bills and Advocate for the Only What is on the Governor’s Budget Request



How long do we have? = Long session is 105 Days and the bills need to pass by Day 94 and budget by Day 105

2017 Session Cutoff Calendar



- (7) days a week count as a day during session
- Federal holidays include full calendar of hearings
- Day 40 = House of Origin Policy Committee Bill Cutoff
- Day 47 = House of Origin Fiscal Committee Bill Cutoff
- Day 59 = House of Origin Bill Cutoff
- Day 80 = Opposing House Policy Committee Bill Cutoff
- Day 86 = Opposing House Fiscal Committee Bill Cutoff
- **Day 94** = Opposing House Bill Cutoff – all bills that are not budget or necessary to implement the budget (NTIB) **Day 105** = last day of the regular session

Governor has 5 days excluding Sundays to take action on a bill ² except if passed in the last five days of session



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2019 Emergency Management Legislative Priorities

Emergency Management Policy Bills Priorities

- Catastrophic Incident Emergency Preparedness Bill (Agency Request)
- Washington Disaster Individual Assistance Bill (Agency Request)
- Governor's Powers Bill (Agency Drafted – Member Request)
- Continuity of Government Bill to Amend RCW 42.14
- Continuity of Government Bill to send Article II Section 42 Change to Voters

Emergency Management Operating Budget Requests

- Enhanced 911/Next Generation
- Catastrophic Preparedness
- Resilient Emergency Communications
- Public Alert and Warning
- Critical Infrastructure
- Hazardous Materials Planning
- Individual Assistance Program
- FirstNet



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Emergency Management Legislation

Catastrophic Incident
Emergency
Preparedness Bill
(Agency Request)

- Adds definitions to statute and deletes prohibitions on planning for evacuation for a nuclear attack
- Requires director to develop, maintain, train and exercise catastrophic incident plans, and programs for alert and warning with education, outreach, response and recovery.

Washington Disaster
Individual Assistance
Bill (Agency Request)

- Provides authority to establish a program for emergency assistance financial grants for events that do not qualify for federal funding.
- Provides specific authority to use the disaster assistance account for the assistance.

Governor's Powers
Bill (Agency Drafted
Member Request)

- Extends the Governor's authority under emergency proclamations to waive or suspend certain statutory obligations or limitations in the affected areas if strict compliance would present, hinder or delay necessary action for emergency response



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Emergency Management Legislation

Continuity of Government (COG) Bills

- Following catastrophic incidents that result in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage or disruption it is important that government services continue.
- Both the WA State Constitution (Article II, Section 42) and implementing statute RCW 42.14 only provide for COG in the event of enemy attack.
- The two COG bills amend state statute and send the constitutional change to the voters at the next general election to provide for catastrophic emergencies other than attack.
- The statutory bill adds contextual definitions to state law and requires a educational program for state and local government

Washington Youth Academy Capital Budget Request

WYA Eastside Campus Pre-Design

\$200,000 for Phase I pre-design for a 36,000 sq.ft. dormitory, offices, classroom library, kitchen and other support areas to be co-located with the Tri-Cities Readiness Center (Richland, WA)

How a Bill Becomes a Law – Washington State Legislature

