



## Washington State Legislature Update for the EMC (Feb 2019)

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

The calendar grid shows the following key dates and events:

- January:** 1st (First day of session), 15th (House Policy Committee Cutoff), 22nd (House of Origin Policy Committee Bill Cutoff), 29th (House of Origin Fiscal Committee Bill Cutoff)
- February:** 5th (House of Origin Bill Cutoff), 12th (Opposing House Policy Committee Bill Cutoff), 19th (Opposing House Fiscal Committee Bill Cutoff)
- March:** 26th (Opposing House Bill Cutoff), 3rd (Last day of session)
- April:** 10th (Last day of session)

- (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 **(Feb 22)**
- Day 47 = House of Origin Fiscal Committee Bill Cutoff **(Mar 1)**
- Day 59 = House of Origin Bill Cutoff **(Mar 13)**
- Day 80 = Opposing House Policy Committee Bill Cutoff **(Apr 3)**
- Day 86 = Opposing House Fiscal Committee Bill Cutoff **(Apr 9)**
- **Day 94** = Opposing House Bill Cutoff – all bills that are not budget or necessary to implement the budget (NTIB) **(Apr 17)**
- **Day 105** = last day of the regular session **(Apr 28)**

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



## Emergency Management Legislation

Catastrophic Incident  
Emergency Prep Bill  
**SB 5247 - Sen Frockt**  
**Exec 2/6 SGTR&E**  
**HB 1200 – Rep Dolan**  
**Appropriations 2/1**

- 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.

Governor's Powers Bill  
(Agency Drafted  
Member Request)  
**SB 5260 Sen Zeiger**  
**Exec 2/6 – SGTR&E**

- Extends the Governors 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



## Emergency Management Legislation

Continuity of  
Government  
(COG) Bills

**SB 5012/SJR 8200**  
**Sen Takko**  
**Ways & Means**  
**2/1 & Hearing**  
**2/11**

**HB 1077/HJR 4200**  
**Rep Goodman**  
**1/23**  
**Appropriations**

- 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



## Emergency Management Legislation

Natural Disaster  
Mitigation  
Workgroup  
HB 1040  
Appropriations/  
SB 5106 Rules  
Rep Reeves/Sen  
Das

Creates a work group to review disaster mitigation and resiliency activities in Washington, other states, and at the federal level. Directs the work group to submit a final report with recommendations by December 1, 2020, on whether Washington should create an ongoing disaster resiliency program and the activities the program should engage in.  
**Note – SB 5106 amended to add Dep of Ag, and State Conservation Commission**

Fire Service Mob  
HB 1170/SB5019  
Rep Griffey/Sen  
Takko

Repeals the expiration date for all hazards state fire mobilization and requests to move it to 2024. **The house version was voted out of committee so there is no longer a sunset date and this prevents expiration. In Approps & W&M.**

First Informer  
Broadcasters  
HB 1147/SB 5186  
Rep Chapman Sen  
Hunt

Prohibits the seizure or confiscation of a first informer broadcaster's vehicles, fuel, food, water, or other essential materials brought into an area affected by an emergency or disaster, except as otherwise authorized by law. **No fiscal impact – bills are in Rules**



## Emergency Management Legislation

Emergency  
Planning/Nuclear  
HB 1419  
Rep MacEwan

Eliminates a prohibition on including in emergency management plans preparation for emergency evacuation or relocation of residents in anticipation of nuclear attack.  
**No Fiscal Impact – Bill is in Rules**

School Safety &  
Well Being  
HB 1216/SB 5317  
Rep Dolan/Sen  
Wellman

Requires each educational service district to establish a Regional School Safety Center with certain duties, subject to state funding. Requires the OSPI to monitor certain safety-related programs and plans, subject to state funding. Directs the JLARC to study the first responder mapping information system, by 1-31-20. **Adds a representative of the OSPI to the Emergency Management Council (EMC) and directs the EMC to consult with certain organizations on issues that involve early learning, kindergarten through grade 12, or higher education. Changes earthquake drill from may to must.**  
**Fiscal Impact Bill – HB 1216 to exec from Ed. Committee and SB 5317 not currently scheduled yet. No fiscal hearings yet**



## Emergency Management Legislation

SB 5557  
Concerning  
Seismic Hazard  
Risk Reduction

Sen Lias

Local Gov focused task force to: a) develop criteria and implementation measures necessary to adopt a functional recovery standards for all emergency services and state-owned buildings to allow immediate response. Creates a MIL Dep 1 FTE focused on seismic works. Works to provide a tax preference to encourage functional recovery construction. Establishes a grant program for retrofitting URM. Authorizes local gov to incentivize functional recovery in order to mitigate earthquake damage. Adds contextual definitions.

**Scheduled for public hearing in the Local Gov Committee 2/7**

SB 5514  
Responder  
Agency  
Notifications to  
Schools

Sen Padden

Requires first responder agencies to notify all schools in the vicinity, including private schools, if there is a situation for which an evacuation or lockdown appears reasonably necessary.

**Public hearing 1/30 – Not scheduled for Exec Action**



## Emergency Management Legislation

HB 1940 Wildland  
fire response  
48 hr  
Rep Kretz

Relates to providing wildland fire response resources in the first forty-eight hours. Requires DNR, non federal fire protection agencies within 1 hour to determine whether department resources are readily available for firefighting. Requires the department and non federal fire protection agencies to seek, deploy and include private firefighting resources in the first 48 hr response. Provides for no civil liability. Requires state fire marshal to establish a pre-mob assistance program designed to provide financial assistance to a local fire protection agency. Requires reimbursement of local fire protection agencies for the cost of contracting in the first 48 hours of up to \$10K. Defines local fire protection service agency. Requires state fire marshal report to leg on pre-mob assistance program.

HB 1941 Wildfires  
Impact Review  
Rep Kretz

Requires a multi-agency comprehensive review of the impact of catastrophic wildfires on communities as a means of improving government responses in the future.



# How a Bill Becomes a Law – Washington State Legislature

#1

## Bill Introduction & Sponsorship

- Code Reviser Bill Drafting
- Legislator sponsorship
- Introduced in **House/ Senate or both**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading House/Senate & referral

#2

## Committee Study & Hearings

- Committee chair “decides” whether a bill receives a hearing and when
- Committee public hearing
- Committee executive session hearing

#3

## Bill Reported “Out of Committee”

- “Do-pass or do not pass” & amendments
- >\$50K = Fiscal Committee Referral/Hearing
- Bills <\$50K Move to Rules Committee

#4

## Rules Committee & Floor Session Voting

- Rules Members Determine Calendar by a Small # Pulls/Member
- Senate Rules = (2) Pull System, Order of Consideration and Floor Calendar
- House Rules =
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading/debates are on the floor

#5

## Opposing House Consideration

- Bill Must Move Through Same Process in the Second/Opposing House
- Bills That do Not Move – Make Cutoff = “Die” for the current session that biennium
- Amendment in the Opposing House Requires Acceptance Vote by House of Origin for that bill (Concurrence Calendar)
- Dispute Calendar -- Disagreements

#6

## “Enrolling” & Signing Bills Passed by Both Houses

- Signed by President of Senate
- Signed by Speaker of the House
- Governor’s signature (within 5 days if Leg in session within 20 days if passed in the last 5 days of session or the bill reaches the Governor after adjournment)
- Sec of State - chapter/session law #