



Washington State Legislature 2021 Session Update



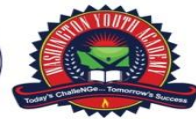
Session Overview

- **Bills** – 1,448 introduced and 341 passed – proportionally this is about half the # of bills normally introduced in a session.
- On average the proportion of bills passed compared to introduced was higher - 23.5% compared to most years' 15%
- Large # of **Governor's Emergency Powers** bills to limit authority. None passed.
- All bills that died in the 2021 session will be “alive” in the second year of the biennium (2022) at the highest point they reached in the house of origin.



Passed Bills w/ Nexus to EM

- SB5101** Adds tribal representation to EMC
- HB1271** In addition to other provisions, adds a representative from coroners and medical examiners to EMC
- SHB1209** Establishes immunity to civil liability for volunteer providers of certain nonmedical care who are acting in emergencies.
- ESSB5178** Requires the Governor, within five days of declaring a state of emergency, to determine if specified health care statutes and corresponding regulations will be waived



EM-Related Budget

- **\$1M Wildfire Appliance Grants in 2022** for eligible individuals or households that are residents of Douglas, Okanogan, Pierce or Whitman County and suffered damage to their home or were displaced from a rental unit used as a primary residence due to wildfires occurring in 2021 and meet certain criteria.
- **Disaster Response Account** funding for the state match of 18 open federal disasters.
- EMD received full funding to continue **assisting local emergency planning committees meet their mandatory planning requirements.**
- EMD received funding and was mandated to lead a **Pandemic Response and Recovery After Action Report Task Force** – Funded at only 50% of the estimated costs.
- **Governor's Emergency Fund was appropriated \$5,000,000** to assist individual Washingtonians and families during and after a disaster.