

2012 Session Wrap

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you know anybody who lost their job, or is still looking for a job that matches their skills? If so, please tell me their story.

What's the number one problem that you see every day, and how would you suggest that state lawmakers fix it?

If you could do any one thing – improve our schools, make college more affordable, clean up the environment, reduce traffic gridlock, reform the tax system – what would it be, and why?

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Dear neighbors,

I'm happy to report that we've balanced the state budget – without cutting public schools or universities and without shredding the safety net.

And in a major victory for families across our state hurt by the global recession, we passed with major support from both parties the Jobs Now, Jobs Tomorrow Act, which will create 18,000 jobs while building facilities needed for a better Washington for our kids and grandkids.

It's great to be back home. I appreciate everyone who's taken the time to give me their ideas, comments and questions.

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well, and that you're enjoying the "spring." Will we ever get to plant gardens?

There isn't enough room to update you on every possible issue, so I'm going to focus on the No. 1 priority that people told me about, time after time: jobs.

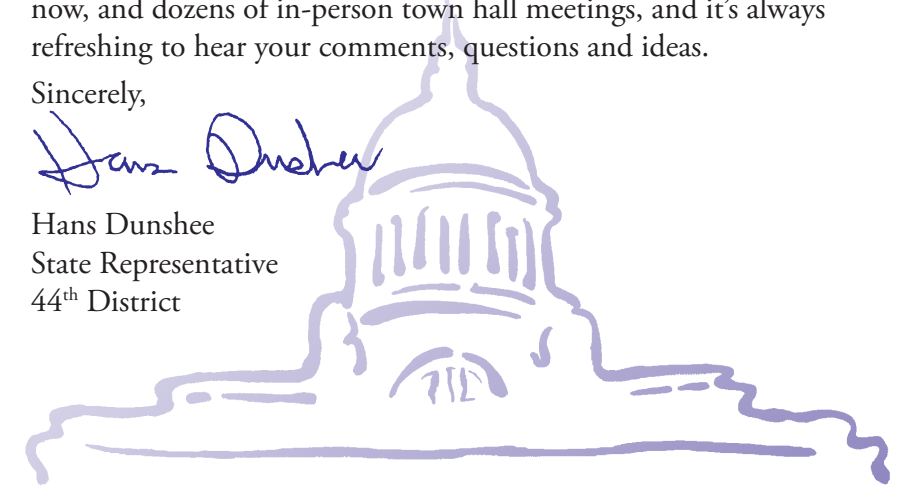
If you've got a question or comment about any piece of legislation, contact me or my legislative aide, Christina Dunsmore, at the 44th District office. We can give you the information you're looking for – or talk about an idea you have to create jobs, improve our schools or make Washington state a better place.

Serving as your representative in the House is an honor and a privilege. Thank you for that opportunity and thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope to hear from you soon.

I'll be hosting a telephone town hall for all citizens in the 44th District at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 7. I've done a couple of these now, and dozens of in-person town hall meetings, and it's always refreshing to hear your comments, questions and ideas.

Sincerely,

Hans Dunshee
State Representative
44th District



Jobs and the Economy

JOBS NOW



We all know people who've lost their job – or college kids who've graduated and had to move back home to mom and dad's basement, because there's nothing out there except pouring lattes at Starbucks.

But what can we do to create jobs?

BOLD LEADERSHIP FROM FDR AND DAN EVANS

I took inspiration from two very different men: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Democrat, and Gov. Dan Evans, a Republican.

Because a job is more than a paycheck. It's about pride, about doing something meaningful for your community while supporting your family.

I'm happy to report that after long negotiations and delays, we reached a bipartisan agreement and passed the Jobs Now, Jobs Tomorrow Act.

An investment of \$1.1 billion in state money will leverage another \$500 million in matching funds, putting 18,000 people to work on construction projects.

An additional 9,000 long-term jobs will be created by the economic development projects and export-related infrastructure we're building.

This was possible because we had the courage and creativity to do things differently, and to take advantage of some of the lowest interest rates in memory. Washington state recently got the best price on bonds in 50 years, with 3.5 percent interest rates letting us build more construction projects for less money than before. It's a win for jobs and a win for taxpayers.

Rep. Hans Dunshee

GIVING OUR KIDS A BETTER FUTURE



Creating jobs today isn't the whole point.

These projects are about jobs tomorrow so that our children and grandchildren lead a better life than we had.

Our approach is based on three principles. First, these projects would be

done sometime in the future but would be cheaper to do now, they would save us operating dollars, they would grow the economy.

The plan builds infrastructure at our schools and universities – winning the best jobs requires having the best-educated workers. But economic development isn't always hi-tech buildings and university labs.

Sometimes a simple repair of a sewer or water line is what a town needs to attract commercial development. Or repairing a hatchery to increase fish production gives a small town, like the ones along the Skykomish River, a huge economic boost.

This plan builds science buildings at our universities like UW Bothell, helping local businesses desperate to hire more workers with science degrees. Putting up those buildings creates hundreds of construction jobs – and the training our students get means jobs tomorrow.

Jobs Now includes a project to improve aerospace engineering training at WSU-Everett. That way, companies like Boeing can hire more local workers rather than importing new hires from Texas and California.

Recreational fishing brings \$4.8 billion and 14,600 jobs to our state every year. Rehabilitating hatcheries and removing culverts blocking fish passes will restore recreational fishing around the state. Construction jobs now, fishing jobs tomorrow.

Other projects reduce flooding and water pollution. Cleaner water means jobs now and better health tomorrow.

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SNOHOMISH COUNTY CONSTRUCTION AND JOBS NOW PROJECTS

\$1.5 million	WSU-Everett Aerospace Training & Research Center Expansion
\$2.26 million	Aerospace and manufacturing training equipment pool
\$4 million	Everett Community College building restoration
\$500,000	City of Snohomish boat ramp
\$104,000	City of Snohomish stormwater project
\$2.49 million	Wallace River Hatchery
\$120,000	Reiter Ponds Hatchery
\$400,000	Sunset Falls fish passage barriers and culverts
\$62.9 million	UW-Bothell phase 3



But this isn't just about our local community. Everybody got hurt in Washington state, especially rural areas and small towns. The bipartisan jobs package will treat eastern Washington forests for bark beetle damage, fix hatcheries, clean up toxic runoff pollution, build a nursing home for our veterans and rehabilitate

schools to make them safer, healthier and more energy efficient. Jobs across our state, jobs here, jobs for tomorrow.



REP. DUNSHEE SPEAKS ON THE HOUSE FLOOR.