

2016 Legislative Review

33rd LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Amigos — la sesión legislativa del 2018 llegó a su fin en marzo. Con el Senado controlado por los demócratas por primera vez en muchos años, la legislatura pudo aprobar muchas políticas progresistas y presupuestos que ponen a la gente primero. Con el presupuesto operativo financiamos plenamente la educación K-12 e invertimos en nuestras comunidades, al mismo tiempo que redujimos impuestos a la propiedad. También aprobamos presupuestos de construcción y transporte que crean empleos e invierten en nuestras comunidades.



Representative
Mia Gregerson

Abajo podrán leer más acerca de algunas de las leyes que aprobamos este año, incluyendo un paquete de leyes para aumentar **el acceso y la representación de los electores**, la ley de **Oportunidades de Igualdad Salarial**, leyes para abordar la **violencia armada**, y el **Desayuno Después de la Campana**.

Pero nuestro trabajo no está hecho. Todavía necesitamos hacer más para asegurar que cada estudiante tenga oportunidades, que cada trabajador esté protegido, y que cada persona en Washington cuente con un lugar seguro para vivir y suficiente alimento para comer.

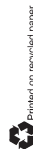
Aunque la sesión legislativa terminó para este año, me encantaría escuchar sus preguntas, preocupaciones e ideas. Mi oficina también puede ser un gran recurso para ayudarles a lidiar con agencias estatales. Por favor comuníquense con mi oficina para concertar una cita, una llamada telefónica, o tan solo para dejar un mensaje.

Sinceramente, Mia

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Friends — The 2018 Legislative Session ended in March. With the Senate controlled by Democrats for the first time in many years, the legislature was able to pass many progressive policies and budgets that put people first. With the operating budget, we were able to fully fund K-12 education and invest in our communities while also reducing property taxes. We also passed construction and transportation budgets that create jobs and invest in our communities.



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Below, you can read more about some of the legislation that passed this year, including a package of bills to increase **voter access** and representation, the **Equal Pay Opportunity Act**, bills to address **gun violence** and **Breakfast after the Bell**.

But, our work is not done. We still need to do more to ensure that every student has opportunity, that every worker is protected, and that every person in Washington has a safe place to call home and enough food to eat.

The legislative session may be over for this year, but I would love to hear your questions, concerns, and ideas. My office can also be a great resource for assistance navigating state agencies. Please reach out to my office to schedule a meeting, phone call, or just to leave a message.

Sincerely, Mia

Access to Democracy Package

I am excited that the legislature was finally able to pass a package of bills that will increase voter turnout and give communities the opportunity to elect more reflective and responsive leadership.



SB 6002 - Washington Voting Rights Act: I sponsored the House version of this legislation, HB 1800, which gives historically underrepresented communities more tools to help elect more reflective and responsive representation.

HB 1513 - Youth Voter Pre-Registration: Allows 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register when they get their driver permit or license so they can vote when they turn 18.

HB 2595 - Automatic Voter Registration: Registers eligible voters automatically through interactions with government agencies, like getting an enhanced driver's license. When Oregon enacted automatic voter registration, they added nearly 300,000 new voters in just one year.

SB 6021 - Same Day Registration: Allows citizens to register to vote on the day of the election. States with same-day voter registration have higher participation rates.

SB 5991 - The Disclose Act: Shines a light on unaccountable campaign dollars, bringing transparency to the political spending of non-profit organizations in elections.

Breakfast After the Bell

Students have one job when they enter the classroom: learning. We know that healthy, well-nourished kids do better in school. Unfortunately, too many kids are focused on where their next meal is going to come from, which means they're not focused on learning. Under House Bill 1508, hungry children will get a healthy, nutritious breakfast to start the day. And these meals will happen during instruction time, meaning kids can spend less time thinking about their hunger and more focused on their learning for the day. This will boost academic results and set our children up for success.



Common-Sense Gun Laws

The recent devastating shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, has brought national attention to the growing group of communities affected by gun violence.

To try and reduce the carnage of mass shootings, like the one in Las Vegas last October, the Washington Legislature passed **SB 5992** to ban bump fire stocks. But mass shootings are only part of the problem. The legislature also passed two bills to reduce some of the most common occurrences of gun violence – domestic violence and suicide. **SB 6298** makes it unlawful for a person convicted of domestic violence harassment to possess a firearm. **SB 5553** creates an important tool for people to take a step toward safety by allowing them to voluntarily place themselves on a “no-buy” list for firearms.

While these changes are good steps forward, more must be done to stop school shootings – and to address the gun violence that many of our communities face every day. I am encouraged by the young people across our state and the nation who are speaking out against gun violence. It is time for legislators, like me, to listen and take more action to reduce gun violence in our schools and our communities.



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Get an inside view of the legislature as a page

If you are between the ages of 14 to 16 next January, why not consider being a page for a week in Olympia? Being a page is a great opportunity to participate in the legislative process and learn more about our state government.

While all 14-16 year olds are eligible for the page program, many students in the past have been unable to take part in this unique program due to financial restraints. There is now a scholarship available to help offset the costs of living in Olympia for the week.

You can find out more information about the page program and the application process by visiting: <http://leg.wa.gov/House/Pages/HousePageProgram.aspx> or contacting my office.