

# THANK YOU, SPOKANE!

With a great sense of gratitude and accomplishment, I announced last month I am not running for re-election in 2024. I'll be finishing my Senate term (which runs through the end of the year) and my term as Majority Leader.

For the last 14 years, I have been incredibly lucky to serve you as a member of the Washington State Legislature, first

in the House of Representatives and then as your state senator for the past 12. With your support, input, and encouragement, I have tried my hardest to deliver for Spokane and our state. I am proud of the results we have achieved together.

As meaningful and rewarding as this job is, I also know an important part of leadership is to know when it is the right time to step aside and make room for others to lead. That time is now, and I know others will step up to ably carry on the work of representing Spokane as I move on to new adventures.

I have so many people to thank: my colleagues, the incredible legislative staff, my family who have supported and inspired me in this work, and, of course, all of you, the people of Spokane, for trusting me to represent our community. I have tried my best every day to earn that trust.

Onward!  
- Andy

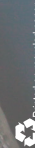


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# 2024 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Sen. Andy Billig



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Inside you will find highlights from the recently concluded 2024 legislative session. We focused on investing in Spokane, building healthier communities, ensuring every Washingtonian has a home, and keeping our air and water clean. We are honored to represent the people of Spokane and always welcome and appreciate your feedback.

— Andy & Timm

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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2024 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE

## A HOME FOR EVERYONE



- \$127 million increase to the state's Housing Trust Fund to help build affordable housing like the Gonzaga Family Haven above
- Created incentives to convert underutilized commercial buildings into housing
- Expanded a property tax exemption for seniors and people with disabilities who have ADUs on their property
- Created additional protections for people living in mobile home communities

## PRIORITIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Increased funding for training law enforcement officers
- Strengthened hate crime laws to include defacement of public property
- Made improvements to how the state responds to victims of child trafficking and sexual assault
- Adopted firearm safety legislation to limit open carry in sensitive places, require gun owners to report lost or stolen firearms within 24 hours, and ensure firearm dealers store inventory securely
- Major investments to enhance traffic safety and prevent DUIs

## BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

- Expanded the UW RIDE Program, which will train more urgently needed dental providers in Spokane
- Expanded access to physician assistants in rural and underserved communities
- Protected abortion providers by allowing the use of a clinic's name on medication labels in place of the prescriber's name
- Adopted new protections so people who have medical emergencies do not get slapped with a surprise ambulance bill
- Invested in behavioral health services, including funding to build innovative tribal behavioral health facilities in partnership with tribes and the federal government

## SUCCESS FOR EVERY CHILD



- Increased support for K-12 students, with a particular focus on special education
- Expanded the number of students eligible for free school meals
- Improved the Working Families Tax Credit, a highly successful program that last year provided support for 163,000 Washington households
- Removed barriers to employment for child care workers
- Increased funding for the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program
- Required all middle and high schools to educate students on the dangers of opioids

## A HEALTHY PLANET



- Continued funding for important Climate Commitment Act programs that lead to cleaner air, new clean energy jobs, and more resilient communities:
  - Free transit for all youth under 18
  - Electric school buses
  - Safer walking and cycling routes
  - Heat pumps for thousands of low-income families
  - Public electric vehicle charging stations
  - Utility bill assistance to bring cost relief to 750,000 households
  - Engineering study to reduce and reuse carbon emissions from Spokane's Waste to Energy Plant
- Added 6PPD, a chemical commonly found in vehicle tires, to the priority chemical list under the Safer Products for Washington Act to protect ecosystems and waterways like the Spokane river

## SPOTLIGHT: NORTHEAST YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

In 2024, the state capital budget designated funding for Northeast Youth and Family Services (NEYFS) to expand operations in their new facility. NEYFS is a family resource center working to eliminate barriers to children's success in Spokane. This funding will help support new multicultural community engagement opportunities like a food pantry, educational garden, and community kitchen.

