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Please call, write, or schedule an appointment with me. My office staff can help make the arrangements.

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2023 LEGISLATIVE PREVIEW

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The 2023 "hybrid" legislative session is already underway and I am excited to welcome you back to in-person engagement in our democratic process! As our state and nation continue to recover from the social, emotional, and economic reverberations of the global pandemic, I am committed to bringing everyone along in our effort to build back better than ever before. In this newsletter, I am pleased to share with you my legislative goals for 2023 and the ways you can reach me during the session.

The most important legislation that the Legislature is required to adopt are the 2023-2025 biennial capital budget, operating budget, and transportation budget bills. To the extent that these budgets are expressions of our values as a state, I am committed to infusing these documents with our collective desire for equity, shared prosperity, and sustainability. I will also continue to champion policies to expand meaningful educational pathways for each and every student, to increase equitable economic opportunity to marginalized members of our community, and to preserve and protect the diverse historical communities that helped build our great state.

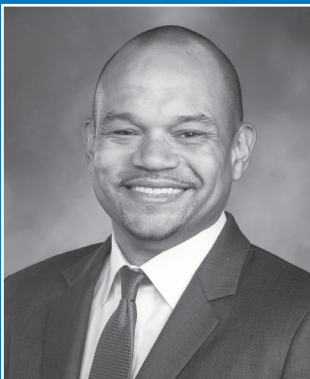
My 2023 committee assignments well-position me to support the highest priorities of the 37th Legislative district. I am deeply honored to continue serving as Chair of the House Education committee. I will also continue to serve on the Consumer Protection and Business committee and look forward to re-joining the Finance Committee after a 12-year absence.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for the opportunity to serve you in the Washington State House of Representatives. Please stay in touch by calling or writing to me about the issues that concern you. I welcome your thoughts and appreciate your civic participation in our democratic republic.

Sincerely,

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Words cannot express how honored I feel to be your representative. I can't wait to get to work building a Washington where reproductive rights are respected, housing is affordable, tenants are protected, working people have jobs which support their families, all children have excellent schools, we feel safe in our communities, our environment is preserved for future generations, and a lens of equity is used to guide our path to implementing this future.

My committee assignments position me to advance our priorities immediately. As Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, I will work towards a progressive tax code where wealthy individuals, and large businesses, pay their fair share. I will steward important environmental justice, energy, and conservation policy through the Environment and Energy Committee. On the Innovation, Community & Economic Development, & Veterans Committee, I can help ensure small businesses that compose the vibrant tapestry of the 37th bounce back from the pandemic.

The issues affecting our communities reach far beyond these three committees, so in the first week I have already sponsored legislation to: enshrine reproductive rights in our constitution (HJR 4201), protect healthcare data in the wake of the Dobbs decision (HB 1155), increase housing supply and protect tenants (HB 1110, HB 1111, HB 1124), expand apprenticeships that support good jobs (HB 1013, HB 1050), curb gun violence (HB 1143, HB 1240), center justice in our criminal justice system (HB 1042, HB 1025, HB 1087), and pilot universal basic income (HB 1045).

Part of crafting legislation that reflects our shared values is having open lines of communication. That starts with hearing from you! I look forward to hosting you in Olympia, meeting virtually, and connecting in district. This mailer contains several ways to get in touch with me and participate in the legislative process.

I will also proactively keep you informed of activity in Olympia through newsletters (sign up on my website), my website ([housedemocrats.wa.gov/street](https://www.housedemocrats.wa.gov/street)), and my legislative Facebook, ([facebook.com/RepChipaloStreet](https://www.facebook.com/RepChipaloStreet)).

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Our democratic institutions are strengthened when everyone participates, so we're looking for your input on issues that will come up in the Legislature in 2023. Here are four great ways to stay involved:

LEARN—The whole legislative process, from start to finish, is explained at leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Overview.aspx

WATCH—Go to TVW.org for broadcasts of debates, votes, committee meetings, and other events in the House and Senate. There's also an extensive archive of past events if you missed watching a live show.

RESEARCH—To look up legislation by lawmaker or topic, visit <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/>

CONTACT A LEGISLATOR OR TESTIFY — To get in contact with us or to share your testimony on any bill, visit <https://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Participating.aspx/>



LEGISLATIVE PAGE PROGRAM IS BACK!

With the Legislature returning to in person session in Olympia, the legislative page program is back and accepting applications! The page program gives young Washington residents the chance to learn and participate in the legislative process by attending page school, assisting offices, delivering messages and working on the House & Senate floors.

This unique opportunity is open to Washington residents who are at least 14 years old but have not reached their 17th birthday. We're making a one-time exception this session to allow 17 & 18-year-olds to participate during two specific weeks since the program was discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, visit the page program's website at leg.wa.gov/House/pages/housepageprogram.aspx

