

The Traffic Safety For All Act (**HB 1513**) prioritizes enforcement of dangerous traffic activity over mundane infractions, so that officers' time is spent on the most serious incidents. **HB 1513** did not pass this biennium, but I'll continue to advocate for its passage in the next legislative session.

CAPITAL BUDGET WINS

Your 37th legislative district delegation worked diligently this biennium to secure millions of dollars for capital projects across our district. Here are some highlights:

- Garfield Super Block - \$3 million
- ReWA MLK Early Learning Center - \$4.252 million
- Rainier Valley Early Learning Center - \$6 million
- Murakami Building - \$100,000
- Little Saigon Landmark - \$100,000
- Buddhist Temple Arson Restoration - \$225,000
- Kin On Rehab and Care Center Shower Renovation - \$206,000
- Chinese American Legacy Artwork Restoration - \$25,000
- Cham Community Center - \$2.05 million
- Rainier Beach Playfield & Skate Park - \$500,000
- Eritrean Community Center Expansion Project - \$312,000
- EYFO Youth Enrichment - \$1.2 million
- Arte Noir - \$1.1 million
- KCTS - \$1 million
- Garden House and Grounds Rehab - \$1 million
- First Hill Boys and Girls Club HVAC - \$309,000
- Mount Zion Housing - \$1 million
- Seattle Indian Health Board Dental Expansion - \$305,000

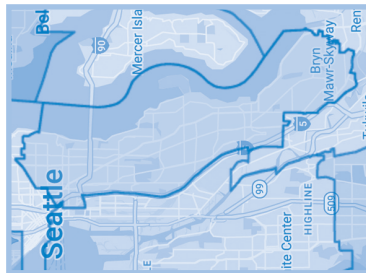


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STAY IN TOUCH

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 us about the issues that concern you. We welcome your thoughts and appreciate your participation in our democratic process.

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REPRESENTATIVE SANTOS

EDUCATION

The Legislature added \$335 million in the supplemental budget for K-12 education. These new funds will increase state support for skyrocketing maintenance and operating costs, for student transportation, for school nurses and counselors, and for free school meals. As important, the budget lifted the special education funding cap to help us serve more eligible students.

In the policy committee, we focused on four primary pillars:

- **Student-Centered Studies and Support** – to ensure that schools are engaging students where they are by: providing more frequent notice about dual credit opportunities (**HB 1146**) and allowing rising juniors to enroll in Running Start (**SB 5670**); expanding programs that value the language of families and communities (**HB 1228**), that include diverse histories and identities in the curricula (**SB 5462**), and that protect the civil rights of students with special needs (**SB 5883**).
- **Educator Excellence** – to uplift the professional educator workforce by: improving paraeducator training in pedagogical practice (**HB 1277**); prompting the Professional Educators Standards Board to explore the adoption of an educator code of ethics and clarifying that the restraint of a child facing imminent harm is not a crime (**HB 1239**).
- **Student and School Safety** – to protect students and staff by: allowing schools to maintain an epinephrine supply under a broad order by the Department of Health (**HB 1608**); requiring schools to maintain at least one dose of opioid reversal medication on site (**SB 5804**); and, directing the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop age-appropriate substance use prevention and awareness classroom materials that address the dangers of fentanyl and other opioids (**HB 1956**).
- **Strengthening School Systems to Support Success** – by establishing a uniform statewide framework for the process of adopting and reviewing school curricula and by barring local school boards from enacting book bans (**HB 2331**).

SESSION REPORT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We are privileged to represent the values of our diverse legislative district in Olympia. We're excited to share our accomplishments from the 2024 legislative session!

No matter the topic, we made sure every bill included provisions that move our state towards greater equity and justice for everyone.

More than any other bill, the state budget represents the priorities of the Legislature. Here are highlights of important investments in the 2024 supplemental budget.

Homelessness and Housing: \$230 million

Besides adopting policies to address housing supply and supports, the Legislature spent \$25 million to fill a funding gap for local homelessness and housing programs; \$34 million for local homeless services; and, \$19 million for housing vulnerable populations, supporting tenants' rights, and expanding homeownership programs.

Opioids and Fentanyl: \$215 million

Drugs decimate families and communities, as the current scourge of fentanyl accentuates. We pushed for a public health response to this crisis and secured \$156 million for increased medication for opioid use disorder treatment and supplies; \$16 million to protect family and child safety; \$10 million to support child-welfare and school-based prevention and intervention; and, \$6 million in outreach support for our tribal partners.

Human Services and Poverty Reduction: \$150 million

Homelessness/poverty and cost of living/inflation are the two "most important" problems in Washington state according to a recent media report. This is why we targeted \$64 million for food assistance for seniors, summer food benefits for kids, and neighborhood food banks; \$36 million to aid refugees, asylees, and newly arriving individuals; and, \$32 million to expand support to working families who are eligible for but not receiving temporary assistance for needy families (TANF).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

 Theresa Santos
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REPRESENTATIVE STREET

ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY:

I joined the Environment & Energy committee to work towards a sustainable future for generations to come. Our committee is attacking this issue from all sides. Linking carbon markets (**HB 2201**) strengthens our state's system of capping and reducing the release of greenhouse gases. Zero-emission school buses (**HB 1368**) and sustainable aviation fuel (**SB 5447**) provide existing industries with cleaner alternatives. Streamlining permitting of green energy (**HB 1216**) and exploring geothermal energy (**HB 2129**) unlock new sources of clean energy and great union jobs.

FINANCE:

I was excited to become the vice-chair of the Finance committee because who we tax is just as important as how we spend the money collected by the state. I'm pushing the finance committee to use our tax code to promote equity, especially given COVID-19 disparities.

Over the past two years I was able to help give tax cuts to Washingtonians with the lowest income by funding, and reducing barriers to receiving, the Working Families Tax Credit. My bill **HB 2012** expands property tax exemptions for nonprofits building affordable housing. And I ensured that Harborview remains a central part of our healthcare safety net with **HB 2348**.

I also use my position on Finance to complement climate policy passed in the Environment & Energy committee. **HB 1729** incentivizes investment in hydrogen production, with the goal of making Washington state the national hub for this green industry.

PERSONAL EXPERTISE:

I've also used my personal expertise to run bills outside of the committees on which I serve. My job in the tech industry gives me insight into how data privacy may be used against us. I brought this expertise to the My Health My Data Act (**HB 1155**) to strengthen privacy protections. Now entities must receive affirmative consent to collect healthcare data and provides users a means for their data to be deleted!

Washington state is seeing record traffic deaths and our police departments are asking for more officers to do their work.

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