

## 36th Legislative District – Seattle

Here are just a few of the transformative investments we secured this session to better serve the families of the 36th legislative district:

- **\$25M** Ballard Interbay Regional Transportation (BIRT) Corridor Infrastructure
- **\$50M** North Aurora Safety Improvements
- **\$8.4M** Community Gun Violence Intervention
- **\$100M** Seismic K-12 School Upgrades
- **\$50M** Arts, Heritage, Science & Culture Support
- **\$304K** North Seattle Boys & Girls Club
- **\$241K** Ballard Boys & Girls Club
- **\$2.5M** Seattle Aquarium Ocean Pavilion
- **\$165K** Woodland Park Zoo Conservation
- **\$100K** Seattle's Waterfront Park History Preservation



*Noel and Liz on the last day of the 2022 session*

Our offices are here to help - with everything from unemployment insurance to paid family & medical leave benefits to any other issues involving state government. **Don't hesitate to reach out to our offices directly if we can be of assistance.**

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# State Representatives Liz Berry & Noel Frame 36th Legislative District



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## Washington State Legislature

Dear friends and neighbors,

The past two years have taken a significant toll on our community. Even though we're beginning to see signs of returning to a more familiar tomorrow, we know that Washington families and small businesses still need our support more than ever.

We are proud of what we were able to deliver during the 2022 legislative session. We took historic steps to build and acquire more affordable and transitional housing, provide unemployment tax relief for small businesses, expand food assistance, boost public health, help get students caught up, support vulnerable communities, and much more.

We also passed a transformational 16-year transportation package that makes meaningful, targeted action against climate change by investing \$5.4B in green transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure; \$1.3B to electrify our ferry fleet; \$290M in Safe Routes to School programs; and commits 35% of Climate Commitment Act funds into programs serving communities of color, low-income and tribal communities.

**But none of this would have been possible without your continued engagement in improving our community.**

We are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve you in Olympia.

In service,

  
Liz Berry

  
Noel Frame

My 2022 policy priorities passed into law will support workers, protect our families, and end gun violence in our communities:

### WA SILENCED NO MORE ACT

For too long, NDAs and settlement agreements have been used to perpetuate a culture of silence by blocking employees from speaking out in pursuit of justice, healing, and protecting others. I introduced **HB 1795** to allow workers to share their stories of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, and wage theft in the workplace – if they choose to do so.

### SUPPORTING RIDESHARE DRIVERS

**HB 2076** is the first-in-the-nation law to advance the rights of rideshare drivers in our state will provide the highest statewide minimum wage in the country, paid sick days, workers' compensation, discrimination protections, and protection against retaliation.

### BANNING GHOST GUNS

Gun violence is a public health crisis that has reached record highs across Washington. It is now the leading cause of death for children and teens in our state. As a mother, this is devastating. As someone who lost my dear friend Gabe to gun violence, this is heartbreaking. That's why I was proud to introduce **HB 1705** to ban untraceable, homemade 'ghost guns.'

### ELIMINATING TOXIC PFAS

Toxic PFAS 'forever chemicals' are used in many water & oil-resistant products and can cause serious long-term health problems. After reading a 2019 study finding toxic PFAS in the breast milk of Puget Sound area moms, I introduced **HB 1694** so Washington families wouldn't have to wait another decade to see these harmful products banned.

### REDEVELOPING THE INTERBAY NATIONAL GUARD SITE

My bill, **HB 1173**, to create the Ballard-Interbay State Lands Development Authority will help manage the redevelopment of the Seattle Armory property in Interbay when the National Guard relocates. By establishing this development authority now, we will be ready to put shovels in the ground, create jobs, and utilize the property in a way that maximizes the public's benefit.



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**Liz Berry**

Committees:

- Labor & Workplace Standards (Vice Chair)
- Environment & Energy
- Transportation

During the 2022 session, I focused on making historic investments in our state budget to address key challenges facing Washington families and small businesses.

### HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Washington was in a housing and homelessness crisis before the pandemic, and the economic downturn made it worse. Record investments in 2021 helped stave off a wave of evictions and kept people housed, and this session we built on that work. In total, more than \$2.5 billion from both the Operating and Capital Budgets will help protect renters, make it easier to build affordable housing quickly, and provide homelessness services. This historic level of investment is what our state needs to address this ever-growing humanitarian crisis. We also passed **HB 1905** which provides direct assistance to youth exiting foster care and allocated \$11 million to support youth who aged out of extended foster care during the pandemic, ensuring that they remain housed and safe during and after this transition.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

All students deserve a fair opportunity to learn, grow, and develop into Washington's next generation of leaders. This year, we focused on passing policies and making investments that prioritize student well-being, such as \$638 million for additional counselors, nurses, and social workers (**HB 1664**); expand accessibility and cultural competency (**HB 1153**); support and expand access to quality child care; and ensure that both educators and students have the right resources to thrive—both during the pandemic and well beyond.

### SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORTS

In 2021, record investments were made in pandemic-related relief for small businesses, and this session we pivoted to focus on the long-term supports that will help small businesses thrive into the future. We invested more than \$274 million to help small hospitality and entertainment businesses, empower entrepreneurs from marginalized communities, and support small businesses after a natural disaster. We also passed legislation to reduce unemployment insurance rates for businesses (**SB 5873**) and increase Business & Occupation small business tax credits (**SB 5980**).



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Committees:

- Finance (Chair)
- Appropriations
- Community & Economic Development