

11TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT END OF SESSION UPDATE

Neighbors,

During the 2022 Legislative Session, we strove to ensure that as our state recovers from the pandemic we're bringing everyone along in that recovery, from working families barely hanging on to small businesses hit hard by COVID impacts. To that end, we focused on strengthening economic well-being, advancing racial equity, addressing the climate crisis, and better serving Washingtonians. By the end of the short, 60-day session, we passed legislation and made significant investments in each of these areas.

We supported small and Main Street businesses by increasing the small business B&O tax credit and investing in help for hospitality businesses and arts, heritage, and cultural organizations. We also funded rent, utility, and food assistance to better support families struggling most in our state.

We invested in the mental health and well-being of our children with more nurses, counselors, and social workers in K-12 schools. And we ensured all parents can actively engage in their child's learning by increasing language access in our schools.

Our biggest climate win was passing the historic Move Ahead Washington transportation package, which ushers in a sustainable and achievable transportation future for our state, investing in everything from bicycle and pedestrian grants, to EV charging stations, to transit, including ferries.

We started our COVID recovery work in 2021 with the Washington Recovery Budget, and this year we continued with unprecedented supplemental budget investments, a capital budget to meet our state's challenges, and a historic transportation package that moves us forward.

11th District Budget Investments

We advocated for investments to support our community, including \$2.5 million for Renton Housing Authority that allows them to break ground this summer on the Sunset Gardens affordable housing project. We also helped secure funding for a teen and senior center in Tukwila, before- and after-school programs for low-income Tukwila School District students, and a pilot program at Renton Technical College to increase outreach and participation in running start and adult education programs.

Additionally, we helped secure funding for local projects to:

- Widen I-405/SR 181 to SR 167 to help reduce traffic congestion
- Continue widening the I-405 corridor between Renton and Bellevue
- Build a pedestrian boardwalk to extend Renton's May Creek Trail and make connections to public transit

It's an honor to represent you in the Legislature. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, comments or ideas.

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COVID-19 vaccinations are still underway to protect our community from the ongoing pandemic. If you have questions about the vaccine, or to find a vaccination site near you, head to **VaccineLocator.doh.wa.gov**, or call the COVID-19 Information Hotline at **1-800-525-0127, then press #.**

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