

2023 LEGISLATIVE REVIEW • 10th DISTRICT

While it’s important to reflect on what we’ve accomplished – in affordable housing, environmental protection, reproductive justice, public safety, and much more –, I’m also looking ahead to the next legislative session. I’ve already introduced three bills for next year.

Helping Homeless Veterans

House Bill 1858 creates a U.S. Naval Academy license plate with proceeds going to help homeless veterans. It is unacceptable that we have homeless veterans who swore an oath to protect our country, and it’s past time to do something.

Expanding Voting Rights

House Bill 1861 provides language assistance in voting material. Every citizen has the right to fully participate in our democracy. This bill ensures everyone’s voice is heard, because our democracy is stronger with all of us participating.

Working With Farmers to Protect Our Environment

House Bill 1857 gives a tax credit for farmers using less toxic, environmentally friendly pesticides. Farmers work hard to protect and improve our environment, and I’m committed to working with them to make it easier for sustainable and healthy farming practices.



Our Work Ahead

Building A Better Health Care Workforce

The shortage of nurses, caregivers, and mental health professionals is creating hardship for all of us. I’m creating a new high school hands-on learning program for a new generation of health care workers.

Supporting Our Law Enforcement Family

HB 1413 provides flexible work schedules for police officers so that new mothers and retired professionals can balance personal needs and service to their community. Police departments are facing staffing shortages, and it’s our job to support those who serve us.

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Dear friends and neighbors,
It is an honor serving as your state representative. I’m dedicated to protecting your freedoms and fighting for you – and that’s what I did during the 2023 legislative session.
I helped lower property taxes for more people.
I introduced House Bill 1560 and worked with Rep. Sharon Wylie on House Bill 1355 which provides tax relief to seniors, veterans, and those with disabilities. This bill expands eligibility for property tax relief so that more people aren’t hurt by rising home prices. Everyone deserves housing stability, and I’m fighting to ensure no one is forced out of their home.

Protecting your community against crime is my priority.
House Bill 1633 restores the ability of our police officers to pursue suspects after a crime is committed. I cosponsored this bill because it ensures public safety by effectively balancing the risk of vehicle pursuits with protecting bystanders. The Senate version passed - and I’m proud to keep working on building safer communities by giving our police the tools to do their job and rebuild trust within our communities.
I’m fighting to protect our farmland and environment.
I introduced House Bill 1412 banning any foreign government or entity from purchasing our farmland. Foreign ownership threatens our state’s food security, water supplies, and environment. It is vital that we protect our local farming and tribal communities that care for our land.

Additionally, I introduced House Bill 1768 which encourages the use of green hydrogen, a clean energy source that creates good-paying jobs. It is part of a cleaner environmental future that makes sense, is cost-effective, and brings all of us together. I’ll keep working to make sure both bills pass next year.
I’ve kept my promise to protect your reproductive rights.
House Bill 1854 safeguards your access to abortion medication. I cosponsored this legislation because reproductive freedom means nothing without access to care. This bill ensures nobody is denied access to mifepristone. The Senate version passed – and I’m proud to have fought for your right to health care.

As a veteran having attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduated from Naval Nuclear Power School, trained at a naval nuclear reactor plant, and served in the Middle East and Southeast Asia as a public affairs officer, I am honored to serve you here in the Washington State Legislature.
Always at your service,

Representative Clyde Shavers



Serving Those Who Served Us – Our Military
Purple Star Award

House Bill 1346 establishes the Purple Star Award for school districts going the extra mile for students of military service members. I introduced this bill to encourage school districts to provide better educational and social-emotional support. As a veteran, I understand the challenges of relocation – and with the Purple Star Award, families can feel relieved knowing that their child is supported at school.



Veteran Service Officers in Island County

I secured continued funding for veteran service officers (VSO) in Island County. We have the most veterans per capita in the state – and VSOs serve an important role in helping our veterans receive benefits including housing, utility, and food assistance. Veterans sacrificed to keep us safe, and I’m making sure they receive the benefits they deserve.

Helping Military Spouses Find Employment

House Bill 1009 helps military families who are moving to Washington from across the country. Military spouses frequently struggle transferring professional licensing credentials and employment. State agencies can now remove barriers for military spouses and establish opportunities not currently in practice.

As a member of the Innovation, Community & Economic Development, and Veteran committee, I proudly supported this bill as it headed to the governor’s desk.

Train Locally, Serve Locally

Regional Training Center in Skagit County

I worked with colleagues to secure funding for a regional training center at Skagit Valley College. This facility addresses the serious workforce shortage in police departments by providing local access to training. New recruits will be able to train during the day and return to their families at night. Our peace officers deserve our support as they keep our communities safe and healthy.



Improving Education for Our Children

As **Vice Chair of the House Education Committee**, I’ve been regularly meeting with students, teachers, and administrators on improving every aspect of our education system. We’ve collaborated on special and early childhood education, career and technical training, and much more.

Financial Education in High Schools

I introduced House Bill 1658, providing financial education and allowing high school credit for paid work experience. This bill provides students the flexibility to pursue meaningful work experience while ensuring they have the financial knowledge for life beyond high school. Financial literacy must be part of every young adult’s life.

School Construction and Improvements in Oak Harbor

Senate Bill 5324 concerns the Defense Community Compatibility Account, which improves collaboration between the military and nearby communities through federal grants. I’m excited that this program will help in the construction and improvement of Crescent Harbor Elementary



School and Hand-in-Hand Early Learning Center in Oak Harbor. As a member of the Innovation, Community & Economic Development, and Veterans committee, and the Capital budget committee, I was honored to speak and vote on this bill in both House committees and House floor.

Environmental Protection

Dike District Fish Passage and Levee Improvements in Stanwood

As a member of the Capital Budget committee, I fought to include \$1.9 million for construction of a dike northwest of Stanwood to prevent flooding in Stanwood and submerging of the road to Camano Island. This state investment will be matched by \$1.75 million from Snohomish County. This dike will protect our farmland and thousands of homes and businesses and has been in the works since 2013. I’m proud that this year we were able to get it done. With more frequent flooding, I’m dedicated to doing everything I can to protect our coastal communities.

Affordable Housing and Homeless Services
Workforce Housing Apartments in Coupeville



As a member of the Capital Budget committee, I secured funding to build two 2-bedroom apartments on the second floor of the Coupeville food bank. With affordable rental housing, we can expand our community services by extending food bank hours, providing more food choices, and supporting families with affordable living.

I also introduced House Bill 1499 which allows food banks to more easily carry

essential non-food items like diapers and hygiene products. It gives freedom to food banks in meeting the immediate needs of our communities with flexible funding and less restrictive policies.

Homeless Services in Mount Vernon

I’m proud to have secured continued funding for the Skagit First Step Center, a low-barrier shelter that helps people experiencing homelessness. With 45 pallet shelters, a shower and laundry facility, and a commons area, the First Step Center is the only low-barrier shelter in Skagit County. Instead of the police bringing someone to jail, the First Step Center helps them seek treatment, find a job, and break the cycle of homelessness.

Protecting Your Reproductive Rights

My Health, My Data Act



The My Health, My Data Act is first-in-the-nation legislation that protects our deeply personal health information – including reproductive health data – from being sold without our consent. No corporation has a right to share or sell your personal health data – and we’re making sure your privacy is protected.

Investing in Our Rural Communities

I introduced House Bill 1086 which increases our local governments’ ability to contract with local service organizations. This means that, for example, a park district can work with a little league association to improve our baseball fields, and school districts can work with local volunteers to improve our playgrounds.