



Ruth Fisher

Quick Facts

Birth: July 21, 1925
Tacoma, Washington

Death: February 25, 2005
Tacoma, Washington

Occupation: Pierce County Planning
Commissioner

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Years served: 1983 -2003

Office: Representative

District: 27 (Pierce County)

Personal:

- 2 children

Education:

- University of Puget Sound
- Attended Stadium High School in Tacoma

Community Service:

- Comprehensive Mental Health Center of Tacoma, Pierce County, board of directors
- County Ethics Code Committee
- United Way Budget Review

Affiliations:

- Tacoma Urban League
- Women's Political Caucus

Awards:

- Women's Transportation Seminar Achievement Award
- Legislator of the Year, Good Roads Association
- Washington State Transit Association's Recognition Award

Legislative & State Service:

- Prime mover of laws that led to the creation of Sound Transit and funding for a second Tacoma Narrows bridge.
- Legislative contributions include: the creation of Washington's Growth Management Act, the 1990 High Capacity Transit legislation and Transportation Revenue Package, and legislation on Fuel Tax Evasion.
- House Ethics Board
- Capitol Design Advisory Committee
- Washington State Historical Society
- Washington Environmental Council

Committees: (1983) Constitution, Elections & Ethics; Labor; Transportation **(1985)** Commerce & Labor; Constitution, Elections & Ethics, chair; Transportation **(1987)** Commerce & Labor; Constitution, Elections & Ethics, chair; Transportation **(1989)** State Government, chair; Natural Resources & Parks; Transportation **(1991)** Transportation, chair; State Government **(1993)** Transportation, chair; Local Government; Capital Budget **(1995)** Transportation, ranking minority member; Government Operations; Agriculture & Ecology **(1997)** Transportation Policy & Budget, ranking minority member; Government Reform & Land Use **(1999)** Transportation, co-chair; Local Government **(2001)** Transportation, co-chair; Select Committee on Elections, vice chair

House Bills sponsored:

*all bills listed were passed by the legislature

(1983 session)

134-Modifying the civil service laws for public employees

Substituted, vetoed by Governor Spellman

146-Modifying provisions relating to the Asian-American Affairs Commission

Signed by Governor Spellman

150-Requiring special reports of campaign contributions over five-hundred dollars

Signed by Governor Spellman

153-Establishing additional requirements for reports of transfers of funds by political candidates or committees

Signed by Governor Spellman

239-Regulating exit polling

Signed by Governor Spellman

240-Revising procedures for mail voting

Signed by Governor Spellman

251-Establishing the state employment and conservation corps

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

266-Restricting voting devices to single precinct use

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

434-Modifying provisions relating to collective bargaining

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

511-Adding certain aquatic programs to the local improvement powers of cities and towns

Signed by Governor Spellman

534-Modifying procedures for public transportation benefit areas

Signed by Governor Spellman

540-Permitting public transportation benefit areas to designate a person other than a county treasurer as the PTBA treasurer

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

555-Revising provisions relating to discrimination

Signed by Governor Spellman

569-Prescribing duties of county auditors or elections official handling public disclosure report

Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Spellman

683-Providing for interest on workers compensation awards if appealed

Signed by Governor Spellman

(1984 session)

69-Providing for Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday as a state and school holiday

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

392-Modifying the hearing procedures for the formation of local improvement districts

Signed by Governor Spellman

1125-Mandating a study of children's mental health services

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

1133-Specifying requirements for political advertising

Signed by Governor Spellman

1138-Requiring comprehensive plans to provide for protection of ground water

Signed by Governor Spellman

1142-Modifying procedures for filing claims for occupational disease

Signed by Governor Spellman

1147-Authorizing bed and breakfast facilities to serve beer and wine

Signed by Governor Spellman

1174-Regulating acid deposition pollution

Twice substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

1191-Mandating water quality testing by public water supply systems

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

1205-Establishing a provisional center for international trade in forest products

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

1219-Establishing collective bargaining procedures for community college employees

Vetoed by Governor Spellman

1373-Developing an environmental profile and assisting businesses to locate in Washington

Signed by Governor Spellman

1427-Requiring identification placards on vehicles using alternative fuel sources

Signed by Governor Spellman

1509-Authorizing a county tax on nonresidents of the state employed in the county

Signed by Governor Spellman

1625-Prohibiting mandatory measured telephone service rates

Substituted, signed by Governor Spellman

1652-Modifying the regulation of fireworks

Substituted, partial veto by Governor Spellman

(1985 session)

50-Making certain reimbursements for social security assistance retroactive

Original prime sponsor, substituted, Signed by Governor Gardner

178-Establishing the Washington State internship program

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

179-Requiring a migratory waterfowl stamp to hunt migratory waterfowl

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

222-Creating a state holiday observing the birth of Martin Luther King Junior

Signed by Governor Gardner

297-Establishing standard for organic food products

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

409-Regulating the practice of architecture

Signed by Governor Gardner

575-Authorizing payroll deductions for political contributions by public transportation employees

Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner

1153-Facilitating registration and voting by handicapped persons

Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

(1986 session)

507-Improving freeway traffic flow

Signed by Governor Gardner

1148-Regulating strip searches

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1182-Requiring the use of safety belts and child safety seats in motor vehicles

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1349-Altering procedures regarding the administration of elections

Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1363-Preventing escape of debris from vehicles

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1385-Authorizing water and sewer district commissioner elections form commissioner district

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1462-Establishing regulations to govern the sale of nursing home insurance policies

Signed by Governor Gardner

1505-Establishing a pilot program to employ those hard to employ

Twice substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1647-Repealing sunset termination of public disclosure commission

Prime sponsor, partial veto by Governor Gardner

1678-Regulating telephone solicitation

Substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner

1703-Revising the implementation of comparable worth

Signed by Governor Gardner

1802-Deleting provisions on marginal labor force attachment

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1838-Changing provisions relating to campaign financing

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1865-Revising provisions on electricians and electrician installations

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

(1987 session)

4-Revising provisions governing the release of public records

Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

124-Standardizing ballot order rotation of all candidates

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

161-Requiring motorcycle helmets

Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
163-Compensating school district boards of directors
Twice substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
188-Specifying the time for filing initiatives and referendums
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
194-Changing provision relating to designation of metropolitan park district treasurers
Signed by Governor Gardner
220-Extending collective bargaining provisions to printers at the University of Washington
Signed by Governor Gardner
235-Legalizing the possession of drugs prescribed by out-of-state physicians
Signed by Governor Gardner
291-Revising procedures for voter challenges
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
324-Revising public disclosure exemptions
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
445-Authorizing unemployment compensation for certain locked-out workers
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
506-Creating the children's trust fund
Substituted, Signed by Governor Gardner
559-Extending and revising vanpool laws
Signed by Governor Gardner
614-Revising laws on absentee voters
Original prime sponsor, substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
669-Authorizing law enforcement agencies to donate unclaimed bicycles, tricycles and toys to nonprofit charitable organizations
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
750-Changing provisions relating to farm contractors' security bonds
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
782-Changing reporting requirements for lobbyists
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
825-Revising motor vehicle fund uses
Signed by Governor Gardner
844-Authorizing a dependent care plan for state employees
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
954-Making genderless designations in some of the elections statutes
Partial veto by Governor Gardner
1034-Establishing the rail development account
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
1035-Creating the rail development commission
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1069-Eliminating obsolete references to workmen's compensation
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

(1987 second and third extraordinary session)

1260-Providing minimum wages for low wage earner nursing home employees
Signed by Governor Gardner
1261-Authorizing funds to increase the number of persons served in the chore services program and the community options program
entry system
Signed by Governor Gardner

(1988 session)

1302-Establishing penalties for sexual offenses against developmentally disabled persons
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1306-Specifying the disciplinary authority and protecting classified school employees
Signed by Governor Gardner
1319-Establishing minimum standards for leave for family care
Signed by Governor Gardner
1341-Revising procedures for write-in voting
Signed by Governor Gardner
1592-Authorizing workers' compensation for workers with asbestos related diseases
Substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
1660-Establishing a motorcycle skills program
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1686-Regulating the use of the state seal
Signed by Governor Gardner
1857-Creating a transportation improvement board

Signed by Governor Gardner

(1989 session)

1024-Notifying victims and witnesses of sex offenses of escape, release or furlough of inmates

Signed by Governor Gardner

1074-Requiring health insurance to cover mammograms

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1133-Regarding employer involvement in childcare

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1254-Providing immunity from civil liability

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1322-Authorizing cost-of-living adjustments for members of retirement systems

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1324-Creating a department of health

Substituted, full veto by Governor Gardner

1330-Changing provisions relating to ferry operation

Signed by Governor Gardner

1354-Continuing the interagency committee for outdoor recreation

Signed by Governor Gardner

1388-Limiting the application of the Good Samaritan statute

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1395-Exempting certain financial and commercial information from public disclosure

Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner

1412-Authorizing remembrance tabs for veterans' license plates

Full veto by Governor Gardner

1438-Increasing public transportation reporting requirements

Signed by Governor Gardner

1480-Changing provisions relating to the productivity board

Signed by Governor Gardner

1503-Relaxing bonding requirements on ferry contracts

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1520-Changing provisions relating to salary surveys for ferry system employees

Signed by Governor Gardner

1545-Increasing penalties for registering a vehicle in another state

Signed by Governor Gardner

1572-Claifying procedures for nominations of minor parties and independent candidates

Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1582-Establishing a before and after school child care pilot program

Substituted, full veto by Governor Gardner

1645-Regulating the relationship between motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers

Partial veto by Governor Gardner

1664-Restricting the use of tinted glass on motor vehicles

Signed by Governor Gardner

1671-Providing major solid waste reform

Substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner

1698-Consolidating standards for establishing precinct boundaries

Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner

1788-Pertaining to the Puyallup tribe of Indians' land claims

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1958-Specifying chiropractic board membership requirements and clarifying the duties of board members

Substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner

1996-Revising voter registration cancellation procedures

Signed by Governor Gardner

2129-Promoting diverse cultures and languages in Washington

Signed by Governor Gardner

2244-Providing for maternity care for low-income families

Signed by Governor Gardner

(1990)

1055-Financing fire protection for state-owned buildings

Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner

1323-Changing provisions relating to portability of public employment retirement benefits

Signed by Governor Gardner

1565-Relating to family relationships presumed to be valid for immigrants

Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

1571-Changing the procedure for filing port district vacancies
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
1703-Revising computation of subsistence and travel expenses
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
1724-Establishing criteria for state highway designation
Signed by Governor Gardner
1825-Changing provisions relating to high capacity transportation systems
Original prime sponsor, substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
1890-Changing provisions concerning redistricting
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
2335-Regulating preservation of historical and abandoned cemeteries
Signed by Governor Gardner
2386-Clarifying the state of temporary permit fees paid to vehicle dealers
Signed by Governor Gardner
2390-Regulating hazardous substance and waste
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2494-Changing provisions relating to oil and hazardous substance spill
Twice substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2567-Changing provisions relating to state employment
Signed by Governor Gardner
2602-Changing provisions relating to support services for adoptions
Partial veto by Governor Gardner
2655-Changing reporting requirements for lobbyists and for employers of lobbyists
Signed by Governor Gardner
275-Prohibiting the use of voting machines that do not record votes on separate ballots
Signed by Governor Gardner
2797-Rearranging provisions relating to candidacy and changing provisions relating to ballot forms and voting equipment
Prime sponsor, partial veto by Governor Gardner
2840-Creating the position of executive director of the county road administration board
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
2882-Authorizing the department of transportation to approve emergency contracts
Signed by Governor Gardner
2929-Enacting comprehensive growth planning provisions
Substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
2932-Providing for regional water resource planning
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2989-Delaying required registration for freight brokers and forwarders
Signed by Governor Gardner

(1991 session)

1025-Establishing growth management strategies
Engrossed, substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
1024-Adopting oil and hazardous substance spill prevention and response provisions
Engrossed, substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
1028-Making major changes to air quality laws
Engrossed, substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
1057-Providing protection to the lieutenant governor
Signed by Governor Gardner
1071-Changing provisions relating to the appointment of precinct election officers
Engrossed, signed by Governor Gardner
1072-Changing provisions relating to elections
Signed by Governor Gardner
1081-Implementing a bicycle safety program
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1118-Adjusting length restrictions on buses
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Gardner
1262-Lessening emergency service tow truck restrictions
Signed by Governor Gardner
1274-Adjusting provisions relating to street utilities
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1342-Authorizing cities to impose an excise tax on the sale or distribution of motor vehicle fuel and special fuel
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1431-Updating the Model Traffic Ordinance
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
1452-Creating the high-speed ground transportation steering committee

Prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1558-Improving the state patrol compensation survey
Signed by Governor Gardner
1671-Changing provisions relating to growth strategies
Original prime sponsor, twice substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
1677-Updating population criteria for high capacity transportation programs
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1771-Changing transportation authority of first class cities
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
1992-Implementing advance right of way acquisitions
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
1995-Exempting converter gear and tow dollies from licensing
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
2005-Regulating freight brokers and forwarders
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2140-Assisting transportation agencies in budgeting and planning
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2151-Revising provisions relating to high capacity transportation systems
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2198-Making changes to the joint center for higher education
Signed by Governor Gardner

(1992 session)

1631-Establishing in statute the commission on African-American affairs
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2281-Modifying requirements for crew size on passenger trains
Substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2319-Improving election administration
Substituted, partial veto by Governor Gardner
2417-Allowing the department of licensing to issue special disabled parking permits and license plates to boarding homes
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Gardner
2553-Adopting the 1992 supplemental transportation budget
Prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2609-Making airport expansions consistent with the state air transportation policy plan
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2610-Authorizing regional transit authorities and creating a regional transportation council
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2643-Restructuring reimbursement of vehicle licensing and registration activities
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2714-Regulating addition of territory to public transportation benefit areas
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2746-Authorizing contracts between town truck operators and landowners for payment of impound charges
Signed by Governor Gardner
2844-Removing the limitation on deficiency claims against owners of vehicles subjected to a law enforcement impound
Signed by Governor Gardner
2876-Making changes in public disclosure laws
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner
2896-Authorizing state ferry bonds
Signed by Governor Gardner
2964-Modifying rental car taxation and providing funding for traffic safety education programs
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Gardner

(1993 session)

1006-Enabling public-private transportation initiatives
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1007-Enhancing state-wide transportation planning
Prime sponsor, engrossed, partial veto by Governor Lowry
1059-Regulating possession of weapons in court facilities
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1064-Requiring the adoption of a policy prohibiting corporal punishment in schools
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1085-Authorizing community and technical colleges to develop and fund transportation demand management programs
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1103-Changing the model traffic ordinance from statute to rule
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1107-Requiring yielding right of way to buses
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Lowry

1119-Prohibiting state agencies from accepting advertising from unregistered sellers
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1127-Controlling vehicle tax or license fee evasion
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1129-Limiting commercial motor vehicle inspections
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1144-Providing a funding mechanism for the office of marine safety's filed operations

1174-Regarding the study of American Indian languages and cultures
Signed by Governor Lowry

1218-Changing requirements for claims against local governmental agencies
Signed by Governor Lowry

1263-Specifying testing for state patrol promotion
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Lowry

1271-Prescribing allowed vehicle lengths
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Lowry

1303-Authorizing state highway bonds
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Lowry

1333-Providing for youth gang violence reduction
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1338-Prohibiting interference with access to or from a health care facility
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1343-Allowing the reduction in sentences of battered women convicted of murder prior to July 23, 1989
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1346-Repealing enforcement and right of action provisions for family leave
Signed by Governor Lowry

1355-Increasing nonvoter-approved debt limit for metropolitan park districts
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Lowry

1372-Creating the governmental accountability task force
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1379-Making housekeeping changes in various service programs of the department of licensing
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Lowry

1401-Describing when tax foreclosed property may be disposed of by private negotiations
Signed by Governor Lowry

1444-Requiring identification for driver's licenses and identicards
Signed by Governor Lowry

1477-Creating a fuel tax exemption
Signed by Governor Lowry

1617-Planning high-speed ground transportation
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Lowry

1635-Purchasing jumbo ferries
Partial veto, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1670-Providing service credit for periods of paid leave
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1707-Regulating motor carriers
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1713-Revising vehicular window tinting labels
Signed by Governor Lowry

1761-Clarifying and extending dates established under the growth management act
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

1845-Modifying certain horse racing purses
Engrossed, signed by Governor Lowry

1893-Regulating motor vehicle dealers' buyer's agents' relationships
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

2001-Clarifying voter approval procedures for transit agencies
Signed by Governor Lowry

2032-Authorizing counties with a population of one million or more to have family court and mental health commissioners
Signed by Governor Lowry

2036-Providing multimodal transportation funding
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

2054-Reforming public employment law
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

2055-Creating the department of fish and wildlife
Substituted, partial veto by Governor Lowry

2066-Changing school levy provisions
Signed by Governor Lowry
2067-Encouraging commute trip reduction programs
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2111-Adopting the supplemental transportation budget
Prime sponsor, engrossed, full veto by Governor Lowry

(1994 session)

1928-Providing for more comprehensive regional transportation planning
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2169-Establishing board membership criteria for regional transit authorities
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Lowry
2224-Regulating licensing of motor vehicles and vessels
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2326-Eliminating gasohol tax exemption
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2334-Printing educational publications of the state historical societies
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2414-Changing provisions relating to child passenger restraint systems
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2510-Implementing regulatory reform
Partial veto, engrossed, twice substituted, partial veto by Governor Lowry
2592-Harmonizing oversize vehicle permit laws
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Lowry
2593-Funding highway improvements
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Lowry
2628-Revising provisions relating to condemnation of blighted property
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2629-Revising the definition of junk vehicle
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2707-Revising transportation improvement funding procedures
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2760-Authorizing sales tax equalization for transit systems
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2909-Authorizing bonds for public-private transportation initiatives
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Lowry

(1995 session)

1039-Increasing the number of citizen members of the Washington Citizens' Commission on salaries for elected officials
Signed by Governor Lowry
1107-Eliminating and consolidating boards and commissions
Signed by Governor Lowry
1109-Transferring the aeronautics account and the aircraft search and rescue, safety and education account to the transportation fund
Signed by Governor Lowry
1192-Revising vehicle load fees
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1193-Giving the department of transportation discretion in setting capital facility rental rates
Signed by Governor Lowry
1195-Excluding site exploration as a substantial shoreline development
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1225-Regulating vehicle and fuel licensing
Signed by Governor Lowry
1233-Avoiding conflicts of interest on election canvassing boards
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1310-Strengthening the provisions of the pilotage act affecting marine safety and protection of the marine environment
Signed by Governor Lowry
1311-Providing for enforcement and administration of the pilotage act
Signed by Governor Lowry
1407-Transferring functions of the Maritime Commission to a nonprofit corporation
Signed by Governor Lowry
1452-Allowing voters to protect a portion of metropolitan park district property taxes from pro-rationing
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1512-Expanding the adopt-a-highway program
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1527-Recognizing veterans of World War II

Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1787-Restoring certain provisions deleted in 1993
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1790-Changing appointment provisions for the director of a combined city and county health department
Partial veto by Governor Lowry
1922-Regulating excursion vessels
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2090-Revising provisions relating to taxation of gasohol
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry

(1996 session)

1964-Simplifying accident report record-keeping
Substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
1967-Increasing penalties for repeat violations of vehicle licensing requirements
Twice engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2150-Authorizing investigation of documents submitted with a driver's license application
Engrossed, substituted, partial veto by Governor Lowry
2343-Funding transportation
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Lowry
2604-Providing vehicle owners' names and addresses to commercial parking companies
Full veto by Governor Lowry
2659-Computing special fuel tax on a mileage basis
Signed by Governor Lowry
2660-Revising procedures for refund of certain fees and taxes
Signed by Governor Lowry
2687-Revising regulation of vehicle size and load
Signed by Governor Lowry
2836-Authorizing speed limits set according to engineering and traffic studies
Signed by Governor Lowry

(1997 session)

1008-Standardizing issuance of license plates
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1011-Exempting state and county ferry fuel sales and use tax
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1189-Making the moratorium on oil and gas exploration and production off the Washington coast permanent
Signed by Governor Locke
1198-Regulating motor vehicle dealer practices
Signed by Governor Locke
1234-Modifying the size of the state advisory board of plumbers
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1316-Designating state route number 35
Signed by Governor Locke
1353-Facilitating sale of materials from department of transportation lands
Signed by Governor Locke
1402-Providing additional alternatives for financing street, road and highway projects
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1420-Modifying local public health financing
Signed by Governor Locke
1457-Regulating the issuance and cost of permits and certificates issues by the department of licensing
Signed by Governor Locke
1458-Regulating vehicle and vessel licensing
Partial veto by Governor Locke
1459-Regulating licensees of the department of licensing
Signed by Governor Locke
1539-Regulating fire district associations
Full veto by Governor Locke
1604-Clarifying advertising requirements for limousines
Signed by Governor Locke
1802-Requiring auto transport companies to report revenues to the UTC on a yearly basis
Signed by Governor Locke
2165-Paying interest on retroactive raises for ferry workers
Signed by Governor Locke

(1998 session)

1211-Making accident reports available to the traffic safety commission
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1487-Enhancing transportation planning
Signed by Governor Locke
1786-Requiring the transportation improvement board to report to the legislative transportation committees
Substituted, full veto by Governor Locke
2342-Providing tax exemptions for businesses in community empowerment zones that provide selected international services
Engrossed, twice substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2615-Creating partnerships for strategic freight investments
Engrossed, substituted, partial veto by Governor Locke
2659-Regulating collection of special fuel taxes and motor vehicle fuel tax
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2858-Reflecting current practice for payment of taxes on rental cars
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2917-Regulating fuel tax and international registration plan payments
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
3015-Providing tax exemptions for the state route number 16 corridor
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke

(1999 session)

1053-Simplifying the transportation funding statutes
Original prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
1125-Funding transportation for the 1999-2001 biennium
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substitutes, partial veto by Governor Locke
1143-Authorizing deductions from inmate funds
Engrossed, twice substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1181-Changing provisions relating to penalties and treatment for crimes involving domestic violence
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1204-Coordinating land acquisition and environmental mitigation activities
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1264-Making corrections regarding combing water-sewer districts
Engrossed, signed by Governor Locke
1294-Technically editing chapter 46.20 RCW (driver's licenses)
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1304-Updating references to the transportation improvement board bond retirement account
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1321-Requiring stops at intersections with nonfunctioning signal lights
Signed by Governor Locke
1322-Adding information to motorist information signed
Signed by Governor Locke
1324-Planning for transportation safety and security
Original prime sponsor, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1463-Adjusting deadlines for reports to the secretary of transportation
Signed by Governor Locke
1495-Regarding refunding bonds
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
1547-Authorizing sales and use tax for zoo and aquarium purposes
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1550-Extending Milwaukee Road corridor franchise negotiations
Signed by Governor Locke
1703-Revising law governing the disposition of surplus real property
Signed by Governor Locke
1798-Enhancing coordination of special needs transportation
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2005-Managing the state employee whistle blower program
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2053-Allowing credit card payment of vehicle registration fees
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2201-Imposing a surcharge on trip permit fees
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
2259-Extending the term of drivers' licenses
Signed by Governor Locke

(2000 session)

2392-Creating the joint task force on local governments

Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2397-Revising provisions relating to local government fiscal notes
Signed by Governor Locke
2532-Allowing the department of transportation to recognize volunteer pilots
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
2599-Creating a training program for port district officials
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2675-Updating requirements for child passenger restraint systems
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2765-Authorizing delegation of authority regarding revenue bonds for port districts
Signed by Governor Locke
2788-Funding transportation projects
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Locke
3076-Convening a work group on streamlining the project permit processes
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
3077-Modifying provisions on unemployment insurance
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
3169-Strengthening the state expenditure limit and providing for timely deposits to the education construction fund
Engrossed, signed by Governor Locke

(2001 session)

1095-Updating oversize load permits
Signed by Governor Locke
1098-Improving the effectiveness of the commute trip reduction program
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
1100-Modifying notice requirements
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
1133-Determining liability for donated labor on community projects
Substituted, signed by Governor Gary Locke
1266-Making supplemental transportation appropriations
Original prime sponsor, twice engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1287-Extending the prohibition on mandatory local measured telecommunications service
Signed by Governor Locke
1407-Modifying the taxation of fuel
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Locke
1567-Increasing the penalty for intentional misuse of abstracts of driving records
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
1568-Updating procedures for actions against driving school licenses
Full veto by Governor Locke
1596-Authorizing transportation for persons with special needs
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1678-Funding advance right-of-way acquisitions
Original prime sponsor, substituted, partial veto by Governor Locke
1680-Extending design-build for public works
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1750-Authorizing cities and towns to require full compensation from abutting property owners for street vacations
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
2029-Authorizing changes to the VIN inspection program
Signed by Governor Locke
2222-Providing funding for emergent needs (Nisqually earthquake)
Signed by Governor Locke

(2002 session)

1444-Requiring school districts to adopt policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation and bullying
Substituted, signed by Governor Locke
1460-Enforcing seat belt laws as a primary action
2284-Disqualifying commercial drivers for grade crossing violations
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
2285-Modifying fuel tax provisions
Prime sponsor
2286-Correcting language regarding certificates of ownership for stolen vehicles
Prime sponsor, signed by Governor Locke
2288-Facilitating perpetual management of environmental mitigation sites
Prime sponsor, engrossed, signed by Governor Locke
2304-Adopting certain recommendations of the state Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation

Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2451-Making supplemental transportation appropriations
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, partial veto by Governor Locke
2506-Creating a joint task force on green building
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2537-Providing authorization for projects recommended by the public works board
Signed by Governor Locke
2560-Shifting approval of driver training schools from the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the department of licensing
Engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke
2969-Addressing transportation improvement and financing
Original prime sponsor, engrossed, substituted, signed by Governor Locke

House Joint Memorials sponsored:

(1983 session)

17-Urging the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution
Went to first reading

(1984 session)

16-Requesting the adoption of the Economic Equity Act II
Passed

(1986 session)

26-Urging Congress to negotiate a verifiable test ban treaty and to stop nuclear weapons testing
Passed

(1987 session)

4000-Requesting congress to enact a continuing Surface Transportation Assistance Act
Passed

(1989 session)

4001-Requesting removal of the highway trust fund and the airport trust fund from the unified federal budget
Passed

(1990 session)

4030-Requesting that the new Division Street Bridge in Spokane be named the Sam Guess Memorial Bridge
Passed

(1991 session)

4011-Asking Congress for adoption of the new Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act by October 1, 1991
Prime sponsor, engrossed, passed
4012-Asking Congress to make motor fuel tax moneys available to the states for highway work
Prime sponsor, engrossed, passed
4015-Asking Congress for equal tax treatment of employer-provided transportation benefits
Passed
4020-Concerning displaced timber workers
Passed

(1993 session)

4000-Honoring Home M. Hadley
Engrossed, passed
4010-Expressing opposition to sanctions on federal highway funds
Prime sponsor, passed

(1995 session)

4028-Urging passage of legislation authorizing the National Highway System
Passed
4029-Urging Congress to use transportation funds for transportation purposes

(1997 session)

4006-Encouraging greater federal funding of research into finding the cause, prevention and cure for breast cancer
Passed

(2002 session)

4025-Requesting that Congress modify IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) to allow parent choice for assessment and treatment

Passed

House Concurrent Resolutions sponsored:

(1986 session)

19-Directing the department of ecology to report to the legislature on the prevention and cleanup of oil spills

Passed

(1987 session)

4404-Acknowledging the accomplishments of Senator Al Henry for the state of Washington

Passed

(1990 session)

4443-Creating a commission on health care cost control

Passed

(1996 session)

4423-Requesting the governor to declare the Year of the Reader

Passed

House Joint Resolutions sponsored:

(1987 session)

4212-Lengthening legislative terms

Prime sponsor, passed

(1988 session)

4231-Revising constitutional references to persons with mental or sensory disabilities

Substituted, passed

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- Washington State Transportation Commission, 2004-present
- Pierce County Planning Commissioner, 9 years

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