

COUNTY CORONERS/MEDICAL EXAMINERS END OF 2011 SESSIONS REPORT



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Purpose

This report, prepared by the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) has two main purposes:

1. Informing County Coroners/Medical Examiners, and their staff, on RCW changes made during the 2011 Legislative Sessions of the Washington State Legislature relevant to the duties and functions of the Office of County Coroner/Medical Examiner; and
2. Inform County Coroner/Medical Examiners of other notable legislative efforts during the 2011 Legislative Sessions of the Washington State Legislature that did not pass.

This report covers bills from the 2011 Regular Session and the 2011 Special Session and is current as of Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

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Notes

During the 2011 Sessions (Regular and Special), there were 2,612 bills introduced (1,347 House Bills and 1,265 Senate bills). Of the 2,612 bills introduced, only 444 (17%) passed the Legislature.

All in all, there were 135 days of session to date in 2011 (105 days in the Regular Session and 30 days in the Special Session).

The 2012 Legislative Session convenes on Monday, January 9 and is scheduled to adjourn on March 8, 2012.

Disclaimer

This report should not be considered legal advice, nor should it be considered any official guide for all legislative changes. It is an informative service provided by WACO to its members. Please seek legal advice from your County Prosecutor and reference the official copy of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) as published by the Washington State Statute Law Committee.

BILLS PASSED THE 2011 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Number	Brief Description	Affected RCW(s)	Governor's Action	Effective Date
HB 1069	Relating to the disposition of unclaimed remains.	RCW 36.24.155 and 2009 c 549 s 4038 are each amended	Signed 4/11/2011	7/22/2011
SHB 1105	Relating to child fatality review in child welfare cases.	RCW 68.50.105 and 2007 c 439 s 1 and 2007 c 156 s 23 are each reenacted and amended	Signed 4/11/2011	7/22/2011
2SHB 1153	Relating to costs for the collection of DNA samples.	RCW 43.43.7541 and 2008 c 97 s are each amended to read as follows	Signed 4/20/2011	7/22/2011
SHB 1691	AN ACT Relating to embalmers	amending RCW 68.50.070 and 68.50.160.	Signed 5/5/2011	7/22/2011
ESHB 2020	Relating to funding capital projects. Revised for 1st Substitute: Funding capital projects	amending RCW 43.99Q.130; amending 2009 c 497 ss 1050, 1016, 1017, 1020, 1036, 1041, 1042, 1069, 1076, 1078, 2016, 2025, 2012, 2017, 2041, 2045, 2048, 2043, 2044, 2046, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2062, 2063, 2066, 2074, 2073, 3026, 3011, 3006, 3004, 3008, 3005, 3039, 3055, 3077, 3082, 3135, 3157, 3186, 3174, 3184, 3166, 3175, 3193, 3194, 3195, 3189, 3192, 5015, 5077, 5082, 5144, 5161, 5228, and 5216 (uncodified); amending 2010 1st sp.s. c 36 ss 1001, 1002, 1005, 1003, 1008, 1009, 1011, 1014, 1015, 1016, 1021, 1034, 2006, 2016, 2010, 3015, 3020, 3017, 3024, 5007, 5012, 5041, 5078, and 5080 (uncodified); adding a new section to 2009 c 497 (uncodified); adding a new section to chapter 43.99I RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.99N RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.99P RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.99Q RCW; adding a new chapter to Title 43 RCW; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.	Delivered to Governor	Immediately when signed
SHB 2021	Relating to annual increase amounts in the public employees' retirement system plan 1 and the teachers' retirement system plan 1.	Amending RCW 41.32.483, 41.32.489, 41.32.4851, 41.40.183, 41.40.197, 4 41.40.1984, and 41.45.150; creating a new section; declaring an emergency; and providing an effective date.	Signed 5/16/2011	6/30/2011
HB 2070	Relating to determining average salary for the	Amending RCW 41.26.030, 41.35.010, and 43.43.120; reenacting and amending RCW	Delivered to	5/31/2011

	pension purposes of state and local government employees as certified by their employer.	41.32.010, 41.37.010, and 41.40.010; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.	Governor	
SB 5395	Relating to domestic violence fatality review panels.	Amending RCW 43.235.020, 43.235.030, and 43.235.800.	Signed 4/11/2011	7/22/2011

**OTHER NOTABLE BILLS FROM THE 2011 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION
(NOT PASSED)**

Bill Number	Brief Description
HB 1023	AN ACT Relating to presumed death certificates; amending RCW 70.58.390.
HB 1033 SSB 5022	AN ACT Relating to clarifying the statute of limitations for any court action brought under RCW 42.56.550; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.550.
HB1073 SB 5190	AN ACT Relating to the disposition of remains of persons who died while serving on active duty in any branch of the United States armed forces, United States reserve forces, or national guard; and amending RCW 68.50.160
HB 1166	AN ACT Relating to prevention of alcohol poisoning deaths.
HB 1230 SB 5155	AN ACT Relating to regional public safety authorities.
HB 1241	AN ACT Relating to limiting the disclosure of death certificates
HB 1262 SB 5162	AN ACT Relating to public employees' annuities and retirement plans
SHB 1420	AN ACT Relating to public employee benefits law
SHB 1564	AN ACT Relating to the right to control the disposition of human remains
HB 1658	AN ACT Relating to certificates of still birth; and adding a new section to chapter 70.58 RCW
HB 1818	AN ACT Relating to the publishing of legal or official notices within an online database
HB 1930	AN ACT Relating to the rights of foster parents
HB 2018 SB 5882	AN ACT Relating to determining average salary for the pension purposes of local government employees as certified by their employer
HB 2052	AN ACT Relating to sourcing and mitigation provisions under the streamlined sales and use tax agreement
HB 2058	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters
HB 2060	AN ACT Relating to general government expenditures
HB 2064	AN ACT Relating to savings in public employee salary expenditures
HB 2072	AN ACT Relating to consolidating revenues into the general fund
HB 2075	AN ACT Relating to fees necessary to support state programs.
HB 2077	AN ACT Relating to savings in public pension financing
HB 2103	AN ACT Relating to prohibiting certain employer communications about political or religious matters; adding new sections to chapter 49.44 RCW
SSB 5022	AN ACT Relating to clarifying the statute of limitations for any court action brought under RCW 42.56.550; reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.550
SSB 5024	AN ACT Relating to restrictions on legal claims initiated by persons serving criminal sentences in correctional facilities
SB 5043 SHB 1105	AN ACT Relating to child fatality review in child welfare cases
SSB 5049	AN ACT Relating to implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee
SB 5088 HB 1300	AN ACT Relating to recovering costs of production and copying of public records
SB 5089 HB 1299	AN ACT Relating to conferences regarding public records requests disputes; and reenacting and amending RCW 42.56.550
SB 5160 HB 1450	AN ACT Relating to increasing the duty-related death benefit for public employees.
SB 5162 HB 1262	AN ACT Relating to public employees' annuities and retirement plans
SB 5190	AN ACT Relating to the disposition of remains of persons who died while serving on

HB 1073	active duty in any branch of the United States armed forces, United States reserve forces, or national guard
SB 5237 HB 1034	AN ACT Relating to creating the office of open records
SB 5270	AN ACT Relating to inquests for deaths involving a member of a law enforcement agency
SSB 5294	AN ACT Relating to hours of availability for inspection and copying of public records
SB 5329	AN ACT Relating to the creation of the division of special investigations within the office of the state auditor
SB 5378	AN ACT Relating to cause of death information for purposes of the death with dignity act
SB 5804	AN ACT Relating to the right to control the disposition of human remains
SB 5818	AN ACT Relating to mandating certain long-term care facilities to report incidents of death caused by health case-associated infections
SB 5882 HB 2018	AN ACT Relating to determining average salary for the pension purposes of local government employees as certified by their employer
SB 5883	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters
SB 5884	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters
SB 5885	AN ACT Relating to state government
SB 5889	AN ACT Relating to public employment
SB 5900	AN ACT Relating to public employment
SB 5901	AN ACT Relating to creating the revenue and taxation act of 2011.
SB 5902	AN ACT Relating to creating the revenue and taxation act of 2011
SB 5903	AN ACT Relating to creating the revenue act of 2011
SB 5908	AN ACT Relating to public employee pension reform
SB 5920	AN ACT Relating to annual increase amounts in the public employees' retirement system plan 1 and the teachers' retirement system plan 1

Other Legislation

Bill Number	Brief Description
HB 2064	AN ACT Relating to savings in public employee salary expenditures.
HB 2068	AN ACT Relating to setting law enforcement officers' and firefighters' plan 2 contribution rates for the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium at the actuarially required rates.
HB 2070	AN ACT Relating to determining average salary for the pension purposes of state and local government employees as certified by their employer.
HB 2077	AN ACT Relating to savings in public pension financing.
HB 2104	AN ACT Relating to prohibiting deductions of workers' compensation premiums and other costs from wages and earnings.
HB 2105	AN ACT Relating to eliminating restrictions on causes of action by workers injured in employment.
HJR 4219	Addressing the state's long-term pension obligations.
SB 5160	AN ACT Relating to increasing the duty-related death benefit for public employees.
SB 5162	AN ACT Relating to public employees' annuities and retirement plans.
SB 5518	AN ACT Relating to direct deposit of salaries.
SB 5565	AN ACT Relating to retired local government employees.
SB 5762	AN ACT Relating to making interest arbitration panel determinations related to local government.
SB 5833	AN ACT Relating to employment of members of the public employees' retirement system plan 1 by labor guilds, associations, or organizations.
SB 5882	AN ACT Relating to determining average salary for the pension purposes of local government employees as certified by their employer.
SB 5899	AN ACT Relating to public employment.
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SB 5908	AN ACT Relating to public employee pension reform.
SB 5920	AN ACT Relating to annual increase amounts in the public employees' retirement system plan 1 and the teachers' retirement system plan 1.
HB 1033	AN ACT Relating to clarifying the statute of limitations for any court action brought under RCW 42.56.550.
HB 1034	AN ACT Relating to making requests by or on behalf of an inmate under the public records act ineligible for penalties.
HB 1044	AN ACT Relating to creating the office of open records.
HB 1087	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.
HB 1139	AN ACT Relating to providing agencies notice of a dispute under the public records act and an opportunity to cure error in the production of public records.
HB 1143	AN ACT Relating to making the office of the county auditor a nonpartisan office.
HB 1156	AN ACT Relating to suspension of rule making.
HB 1230	AN ACT Relating to regional public safety authorities.
HB 1287	AN ACT Relating to establishing a government-to-government relationship between state government and Indian tribes.
HB 1299	AN ACT Relating to conferences regarding public records requests disputes.

NOT PASSED THE 2011 REGULAR SESSION

HB 1300	AN ACT Relating to recovering costs of production and copying of public records.
HB 1341	AN ACT Relating to adoption of rules.
HB 1371	AN ACT Relating to boards and commissions.
HB 1389	AN ACT Relating to hours of availability for inspection and copying of public records.
HB 1497	AN ACT Relating to the capital budget; making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for capital improvements.
HB 1598	AN ACT Relating to county and city additional real estate excise tax authority.
HB 1675	AN ACT Relating to requiring agencies to disclose the estimated costs of compliance with a request for public records.
HB 1755	AN ACT Relating to the humane treatment of dogs.
HB 1818	AN ACT Relating to the publishing of legal or official notices within an online database.
HB 1841	AN ACT Relating to management and consolidation of information technology.
HB 1855	AN ACT Relating to state mandates on political subdivisions of the state.
HB 1920	AN ACT Relating to creating a county utility tax option.
HB 1989	AN ACT Relating to protecting signatures of citizens from public disclosure by agencies to prevent criminal use of the signatures.
HB 2020	AN ACT Relating to funding capital projects.
HB 2052	AN ACT Relating to sourcing and mitigation provisions under the streamlined sales and use tax agreement.
HB 2058	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.
HB 2060	AN ACT Relating to general government expenditures.
HB 2072	AN ACT Relating to consolidating revenues into the general fund.
HB 2075	AN ACT Relating to fees necessary to support state programs.
HB 2102	AN ACT Relating to restoring funding to in-home care services.
HB 2103	AN ACT Relating to prohibiting certain employer communications about political or religious matters.
HJR 4204	Amending the Constitution to allow salary reductions for public officials during an economic crisis.
HJR 4208	Requiring a three-fifths majority vote for approval of tax increase legislation.
HJR 4212	Requiring a two-thirds majority vote for approval of tax increase legislation.
HJR 4213	Placing restrictions on tax increases.
HJR 4214	Authorizing the state legislature to dissolve and reorganize counties under certain financial conditions.
HJR 4218	Limiting regular sessions of the legislature to ninety days in odd-numbered years.
SB 5022	AN ACT Relating to clarifying the statute of limitations for any court action brought under RCW 42.56.550.
SB 5024	AN ACT Relating to restrictions on legal claims initiated by persons serving criminal sentences in correctional facilities.
SB 5049	AN ACT Relating to implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee.
SB 5062	AN ACT Relating to providing agencies notice of a dispute under the public records act and an opportunity to cure error in the production of public records.
SB 5088	AN ACT Relating to recovering costs of production and copying of public records.
SB 5089	AN ACT Relating to conferences regarding public records requests disputes.
SB 5094	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.

SB 5095	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.
SB 5099	AN ACT Relating to inspection or copying of nonexempt public records by persons incarcerated.
SB 5175	AN ACT Relating to transportation funding and appropriations.
SB 5176	AN ACT Relating to transportation funding and appropriations.
SB 5237	AN ACT Relating to creating the office of open records.
SB 5294	AN ACT Relating to hours of availability for inspection and copying of public records.
SB 5329	AN ACT Relating to the creation of the division of special investigations within the office of the state auditor.
SB 5360	AN ACT Relating to fiscal relief for cities and counties during periods of economic downturn by delaying or modifying certain regulatory and statutory requirements.
SB 5379	AN ACT Relating to identifying and incentivizing taxpayer savings and efficient delivery of government services.
SB 5441	AN ACT Relating to creating a county utility tax option.
SB 5467	AN ACT Relating to the capital budget; making appropriations and authorizing expenditures for capital improvements.
SB 5469	AN ACT Relating to boards and commissions.
SB 5512	AN ACT Relating to increasing access to public records.
SB 5537	AN ACT Relating to soliciting or accepting campaign contributions.
SB 5553	AN ACT Relating to posting information on public agencies' web sites.
SB 5559	AN ACT Relating to county use of moneys collected from certain county sales and use taxes.
SB 5649	AN ACT Relating to the humane treatment of dogs.
SB 5685	AN ACT Relating to penalties for public records violations.
SB 5693	AN ACT Relating to defining "copy" for purposes of the public records act.
SB 5755	AN ACT Relating to county and city real estate excise taxes.
SB 5883	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.
SB 5884	AN ACT Relating to fiscal matters.
SB 5885	AN ACT Relating to state government.
SB 5886	AN ACT Relating to state government.
SB 5901	AN ACT Relating to creating the revenue and taxation act of 2011.
SB 5902	AN ACT Relating to creating the revenue and taxation act of 2011.
SB 5903	AN ACT Relating to creating the revenue act of 2011.
SB 5904	AN ACT Relating to creating the revenue act of 2011.
SB 5911	AN ACT Relating to the master license service program.
SB 5926	AN ACT Relating to restoring funding to in-home care services.
SB 5944	AN ACT Relating to revenue increases for purposes of imposing a supermajority voting requirement in the legislature.
SB 5945	AN ACT Relating to modifying excise tax laws to provide funding for essential government services.
SJM 8007	Requesting Congress to amend the United States Constitution that provides corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States or any of its jurisdictional subdivisions.
SSJR 8202	Authorizing the reduction of certain public officials' salaries.
SJR 8207	Declaring that English must be the language of all official proceedings.

SJR 8209	Amending the Constitution to allow salary reductions for public officials during an economic crisis.
SSJR 8215	Concerning the debt reduction act of 2011.