

RALLY IN OLY FRIDAY 12 JANUARY  
LEGISLATURE CONVENES MONDAY, 8 JANUARY (60 DAY SESSION)  
DEMOCRATS IN COMPLETE CONTROL  
BILLS HELD OVER FROM 2017  
NEW GUN BILLS PRE-FILED  
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(This will be a long GOAL Post as I have to describe the environment and the processes involved for new readers. Future issues will be shorter. Also keep in mind that GOAL Post focuses on gun law only, we do not cover hunting issues. The Hunters Heritage Council does that well. I normally post GP on Friday evenings to summarize that week's activities and provide a forecast for the next. I'll be at the SHOT show in Las Vegas the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so that one may come late.)

First business first: a gun rights rally will be held on the Capitol Campus next Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, put on by Rick Halle of the Gun Rights Coalition. It will begin at 9 a.m. and continue likely for an hour or more, with both outside and legislative speakers. (Yes, it's a Friday, and unlike the people bussed in to attend many liberal rallies, gunnies have to work. Are your gun rights worth a day off?) After the formal presentation, attendees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the campus layout (the Capitol, or "legislative" building where floor sessions are conducted, as well as the John L. O'Brien House Office Building, the John A. Cherberg Senate Office Building, and the Irv Newhouse Senate Office Building. This is a great opportunity to locate your two representatives' and one senator's office and introduce yourself to their legislative aides. Hopefully over the coming two months they'll become familiar with your name and maybe even your face! (Gun bill hearing in Senate Law & Justice three days later. See last item in the narrative.

The legislature convenes on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, for its "short" (60 day) session. This is a continuation of the 65<sup>th</sup> biennium, which started in January 2017. If their work is not completed, they can be called back by the governor for a 30-day special session, as happened last year with THREE back-to-back special sessions.

For the past several sessions control of the Senate has been held by the Republicans, thanks to conservative Democrat Senator Tim Sheldon (D-35) who "organizes with Republicans," just as Vermont's Bernie Sanders and Maine's Angus King do with Democrats in the U.S. Senate. That one seat majority was critical in keeping anti-gun bills off the Senate floor. Unfortunately those days are gone. The Republicans lost the seat in the 45<sup>th</sup> District in the Special Election held in November. This means Democrats chair all of the committees in both House and Senate, and have at least a one or two seat majority in each committee. And while a small handful of individual Democrat legislators are pro-gun, party policy is definitely anti-gun, anti-rights.

The House is still split 50 Democrats – 48 Republicans.

Because this is simply “part 2” of a two-year legislative period, all bills filed and not passed in last years’ session are up for play this year, as well as new bills filed. 29 bills (19 House, 10 Senate) remain in the hopper from last year. Most will not likely be touched (especially the pro-gun bills), but any or all COULD be brought into play.

In addition, since early December several new gun-related bills have been filed for action this session. In the House, HB 2293 (Kagi, D-32) bans possession of firearms at day care centers; HB 2306 (Van Werven, R-42) allows veterans with CPLs to carry concealed on community college campuses; and HB 2329 (Walsh, R-19) strengthens the current CPL privacy law. In the Senate, SB5992 (Van De Wege, D-24) bans certain “trigger devices” – e.g. bump-fire-stocks, etc, and SB 6049 (Frockt, D-3) bans “high capacity magazines” – e.g any magazine that holds more than ten rounds – to include handgun magazines (existing possession is grandfathered, with restrictions) .

A complete list of bills under consideration is included below in the “BILL STATUS” section. It also contains the bill’s prime sponsor, the current status of the bill (committee location) and the GOAL position on the bill. Committee abbreviations are provided at the bottom of that section. As this is written there are currently 34 gun bills available for consideration/action.

For those new to legislative affairs, here’s how the process works: When a bill is filed in the House or Senate (or both, simultaneously, called “companion bills”) it is assigned to a policy committee. Most gun-related bills go to the Senate Law & Justice Committee in the Senate. In the House it’s a little more complicated, as it may be sent to House Judiciary or House Public Safety (most will go to Judiciary). Public hearings may be held, after which the bill may (or may not) be voted out of committee. If the bill has a fiscal impact (usually an expenditure of more than \$50,000), it must then go to Senate Ways & Means or one of a couple of House fiscal committees. The bill then goes to the Senate or House Rules Committee, where it must be voted on to pass out to the floor for a full vote.

After a bill passes the Senate or House, it then goes over to the opposite chamber (House or Senate), where the whole process starts over again. If the bill passes the second chamber in the same form it passed the first, it goes to the governor for signature (or veto or partial veto). If changes are made in the second chamber, it goes back to the first for concurrence. It may also go to a conference committee from both chambers to resolve differences. The final version must pass both chambers.

The bill then goes to the Governor, who may sign it into law, veto (kill) the bill, or sign a partial veto (killing just selected section(s) of the bill). The governor may also allow a bill to become law without his signature. Most signed bills take effect on 1 July, although bills with an “emergency clause” (considered immediately necessary for public safety) take effect upon signature by the governor.

One of the first items of business in each session is the adoption of the session calendar, identifying dates by which bills must clear various hurdles. A bill that fails to clear the policy committee or chamber floor by the designated date is generally considered dead for the year, although they may be “resurrected” by parliamentary procedure. I’ll post the cut-off dates for the 2018 session in the next issue of GOAL Post.

The following links can be used to contact legislators:

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/Senate/Senators/>

<http://www.leg.wa.gov/House/Representatives/>

Legislative e-mail addresses are available at <http://app.leg.wa.gov/MemberEmail/Default.aspx>

The link contains a quick tutorial on providing testimony at public hearings on bills under consideration. I would urge you to read it and consider visiting Olympia to let YOUR voice be heard.

<http://leg.wa.gov/legislature/Pages/Testify.aspx>

Public hearings are committee meetings open to the public, where the public is allowed to testify on bills, to give their views on the bill. But all votes on bills taken by a committee are conducted in what are called “executive sessions.” They are typically part of a public session, with a few minutes set aside to vote on bills previously heard by the committee. Public testimony is just that, open to the public for comment. On the other hand, no public input is allowed during executive session. You are welcome to sit there, and to count votes, but silence from the public is the rule. Just FYI for those of you who have not attended legislative public meetings before.

At this time, no gun bills are scheduled to be heard the first week of the session. The Senate will conduct an executive session (vote) on SB 5553, suicide waiver of rights, on 11 January. This is a holdover from last year and no public input will be taken.

Legislative committee schedule are posted on the legislative web site on Wednesday evenings. It is not on the schedule yet, but I have been informed that the Senate Law & Justice Committee will conduct a public hearing on Monday, 15 January (Martin Luther King Day), at 1000, in Senate Hearing Room 4 (John A Cherberg Building). Bills reportedly under consideration include SBs 5992 (“trigger devices”) and 6049 (“high capacity magazine’ ban). A strong turnout is helpful. As is carpooling, given parking limitations on the Capitol Campus. (Who knows how many busloads of people will show up from Seattle supporting the gun control bills on this holiday?)

#### BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

HB 1000	Use of deadly force	Doglio (D-22)	H.PubSaf	OPPOSE
HB 1004	Possession of firearms/state of emergency	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud..	SUPPORT
HB 1015	Limiting restrictions on concealed carry	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud..	SUPPORT
HB 1122	Safe storage of firearms	Kagi (D-32)	H. Rules	OPPOSE
HB 1134	Assault weapon ban	Peterson (D-21)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1174	Firearm safety education in schools	Muri (R-28)	H. Edu	SUPPORT
HB 1181	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Blake (D-19)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1190	Prohibiting handgun sales registry	Taylor (R-15)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1270	Encouraging voluntary use of locking devices	Harmsworth (R-44)	H. Fin.	SUPPORT
HB 1380	Repeals I-594	Shea (R-4)	H. Jud..	SUPPORT
HB 1381	Universal recognition of all state CPLs	Blake (D-19)	H. Jud..	SUPPORT
HB 1387	Assault weapons background check	Jenkins (D-27)	H. Jud.	OPPOSE
HB 1483	Allows destruction of forfeited firearms	Lovick (D-44)	H. Rules	OPPOSE

HB 1529	Use of force	Ryu (D-32)	H.Pub.Saf.	OPPOSE
HB 1592	Delivery of firearms to LEOs	Klippert (R-	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1725	I-594 check exemption for CPL holders	Koster (R-44)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 1731	Certain exemptions to I-594	Jinkins (D27)	H. Rules	SUPPORT
HB 1900	Hunter ed funding/NRA license plates	Griffey (R-35)	H. Trans.	NEUTRAL
HB 1933	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Walsh (R-19)	H. Jud.	SUPPORT
HB 2293	Bans firearms in daycare facilities (exception)	Kagi (D-32)		OPPOSE
HB 2306	Allows licensed veterans to carry at Comm Coll	Van Werven (R-)		SUPPORT
HB 2329	Strengthens law making CPL data private	Walsh (R-19)		SUPPORT
SB 5000	Use of deadly force	McCoy (D-38)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5050	Assault weapon ban	Froct (D-3)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5073	Use of force	McCoy (D-38)	S. W&M	OPPOSE
SB 5216	Firearm safety education in schools	O'Ban (R-28)	S. K-12	SUPPORT
SB 5441	Involuntary freeze on firearm possession	Kuderer (D-)	S.HumSer	NEUTRAL
SB 5444	Background check for "assault weapons"	Froct (D-46)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5463	Mandatory safe storage of firearms	Palumbo (D-	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5506	Transfer of firearms at non-profit events	Zeiger (R-25)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
SB 5553	Suicidal, waiver of rights	Pedersen (D-43)	S. L&J	NEUTRAL
SB 5795	Mandatory firearm liability insurance	Chase (D-32)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 5992	Bans certain "trigger devices"	Van De Wege (D-24)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 6049	Bans "high capacity" magazines	Froct (D-3)	S. L&J	OPPOSE

HB = House bill, SB = Senate bill. L&J = Law & Justice, Jud = Judiciary, PubSaf = Public Safety, HC = Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, Apropr = Appropriations, Fin = Finance, W&M = Ways & Means "S" before a bill number indicates Substitute (amended).

#### HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

None scheduled

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OTHER DATA: Copies of pending legislation (bills), legislative schedules and other information are available on the legislature's web site at "[www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov)". Bills are available in Acrobat (.pdf) format. You may download a free version of Adobe Acrobat Reader from Adobe's web site (<http://www.adobe.com>). You may also obtain hard copy bills, initiatives, etc, in the mail from the Legislative Bill Room FREE OF CHARGE by calling 1-360-786-7573. Copies of bills may also be ordered toll free by calling the Legislative Hotline at (800) 562-6000. You may also hear floor and committee hearing action live at <http://www.tvw.org/> (you need "RealAudio" to do this, available free at the TVW web site).

By reading the House and Senate "bill reports" (hbr, sbr) for each bill, you can see how individual committee members voted. By reading the "roll call" for each bill, you can see how the entire House or Senate voted on any bill. The beauty of the web site is that ALL this information is available, on line, to any citizen.

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Upcoming WAC gun show(s):

Monroe	13-14 January
Puyallup	20-21 January

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Article 1, Section 24  
Constitution of the State of Washington

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