



2021 Legislative Session Recap

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Legislative Recap

- 2021 Legislative Session ended on time – 4/25/21
It was a session unlike any before in many ways.
- Bills impacting planning and construction.
What passed, what didn't, and what's next.
- State budget.
The real work from the 2021 session on water lives here.



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What a Difference 2021 Made

- Virtual Session
- Fewer Bills – Qualified
- Revenue Rebounded
- Major Legislation Considered



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Results – Bills that Failed

- HB 1084 Building Decarbonization
- HB 1144 GMA Standing
- HB 1157 Housing Density Tax Incentives
- HB 1232 GMA Affordable Housing
- HB 1233 LAMIRD
- HB 1260 Craft Cannabis
- HB 1298/SB 5221 ADUs Outside UGAs
- HB 1337 ADU
- HB 1385 Water Transfers
- HB 1414 WSLCB and Local Zoning
- HB 1458 Tribal Consultation
- HB 1478 Fish Habitat Enhancement Projects
- SB 5042 GMA Actions Effective Date
- SB 5189 American Dream Homes
- SB 5207 Environmental Permit Streamlining
- SB 5243 Streamlining Approval of Engineered Plans
- SB 5269 Residential Building Capacity Tax Incentive
- SB 5275 LAMIRD Reform
- SB 5306 Local Salmon Habitat Recovery Planning
- SB 5314 GMA Standing and Science
- SB 5380 Approval of Building Permits
- SB 5381 Fish Passage Project Permits
- SB 5390 Increasing Housing Supply
- SB 5415 EFSEC
- SB 5428 Applying SEPA to Temporary Shelters



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Results – Failed Bills of Note

- HB 1099 GMA Climate Change
- HB 1117 GMA Salmon Recovery
- HB 1241 Planning Under the GMA
- SB 5275 LAMIRD Reforms



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Results – Bill that Passed

- 2SHB 1168 Long Term Forest Health
- E2SHB 1220 Emergency Shelters & Housing
- E2SHB 1335 Racial Covenants
- E2SHB 1382 Salmon Recovery Projects
- E2SSB 5126 WA Climate Commitment Act
- E2SSB 5141 The HEAL Act
- SB 5225 APA & LUPA Direct Appeals
- ESSB 5238 Increasing Housing
- SSB 5273 Shoreline Armoring Replacement
- E2SSB 5287 MFTE
- 2SSB 5368 Annexation Reform
- SSB 5381 Fish Passage Project Permits



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Results – Budget Provisos

- Adjudication Funding: \$1.25 Million
- GMA Reforms: \$450 Thousand
- MFTE Implementation: \$500 Thousand
- Climate Change: \$3.271 Million
- Water Banking: \$15.125 Million
- Net Ecological Gain: \$256 Thousand



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What's Looming Ahead?

- Climate Change Policy
- GMA Reforms and Updates
- Implementation of the HEAL act and Cap & Trade
- Transportation
- Environmental Equity
- Water Banking and Transfers



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