Senate Committee Services Staff Issue Area Document

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Accountability & Reform (786-7435)
Sam Thompson, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7413
[Also staff of the Government Operations & State Security Committee]
- Regulatory Reform
- Lean Management of State Government Programs and Agencies
- Audits of State Government Programs and Agencies

Tim Ford, Staff Counsel - 786-7423
[Also staff of the Law & Justice Committee]
- Regulatory Reform
- Lean Management of State Government Programs and Agencies
- Audits of State Government Programs and Agencies

Sandy Wibbels, Committee Assistant - 786-7491
(Committee Contact)

Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (786-7411)
Diane Smith, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7410
(Lead Committee Contact)
- Anaerobic Digesters
- Agricultural Land
- Agricultural Loan Programs
- Agricultural Products – Production, Sale, and Marketing
- Commodity Commissions
- Food Safety
- Food Labeling and Processing
- Legal Issues
- Water rights/water quantity
- Rural Economic Development

Bonnie Kim, Staff Counsel - 786-7316
[Also staff of the Natural Resources & Parks Committee]

Brittany Yunker, Committee Assistant - 786-7407
(Committee Contact)

Commerce & Labor (786-7426)
Mac Nicholson, Sr. Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7445
(Lead Committee Contact)
- Apprenticeship
- Industrial Insurance
- Prevailing Wage
- Unemployment Insurance
- Collective Bargaining
- Lottery

Susan Jones, Sr. Staff Counsel- 786-7404
[Also staff of the Financial Institutions & Insurance Committee]
- Consumer Protection
- Professional Licensing
- Labor Trafficking
- Worker Retraining

Richard Rodger, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7461
- Construction Trades Licensing and Regulation
- Liquor

5/7/2015
• Recreational Marijuana
• Gambling
• Horse Racing
• Worker Privacy and Personnel Practices
• Employment Standards

Alison Riffer, Committee Assistant - 786-7406
(Committee Contact)

Early Learning & K-12 Education (786-7420)

Susan Mielke, Sr. Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7422
(Lead Committee Contact)
• Basic Education
• High School Graduation Requirements, including Statewide Assessments
• Special Education
• Quality Education Council
• State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children
• Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education

Matthew Lemon, Session Analyst - 786-7405
• Teacher Preparation, Certification, and Evaluation
• Alternate Learning Experiences
• Financial Education Public-Private Partnership

Ailey Kato, Staff Counsel - 786-7434
• Early Learning
• Student Health
• Student and Educator Safety
• Achievement Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee
• Student Discipline

Ariel Kennedy, Committee Assistant - 786-7432
(Committee Contact)

Energy, Environment & Telecommunications (786-7406)

Jan Odano, Staff Coordinator/Research Analyst - 786-7486
(Lead Committee Contact)
• Air Quality
• Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction
• Solid Waste Management
• Nuclear and Radioactive Waste
• Water Quality

William Bridges, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7416
• Energy Generation and Transmission
• Renewable and Low Carbon Fuel Standards
• Telecommunications
• Committee issues as assigned

Jeff Olsen, Staff Analyst - 786-7428
[Also Staff Coordinator/Research Analyst of the Trade & Economic Development Committee]
• State Environmental Policy Act
• Product Stewardship
• Shoreline Management Act

Alison Riffer, Committee Assistant - 786-7406
(Committee Contact)
Financial Institutions & Insurance (786-7409)

Shani Bauer, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7468
(Lead Committee Contact)
- Payday Lending
- Foreclosures
- Construction Defects
- Mortgage Brokers
- Mobile Home Parks
- Landlord-Tenant
- Loan Originators
- Home Owners’ and Condo Associations
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Life insurance and Life Settlements
- Homeowners’ Insurance, Rates and Forms
- Re-insurance
- Financial Solvency of Insurers
- Market Conduct of Insurers
- Banking-shared
- Banking-primary contact
- Credit Ratings and Scoring
- Credit Unions
- Insurance Claims and Fraud
- Public Depositaries
- Securities Regulation

Susan Jones, Sr. Staff Counsel- 786-7404
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Sandy Wibbels, Committee Assistant - 786-7491
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Government Operations & Security (786-7447)

Karen Epps, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7424
(Lead Committee Contact)
- Local Government
- Land Use and Development
- Growth Management Act
- Government Incorporation
- Annexation
- Vesting
- Special Purpose Districts
- Public Contracting Procedures
- Public Works
- Veterans Affairs
- Military Affairs
- Information Technology at State Agencies
- Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Sam Brown, Staff Counsel - 786-7470
- Public Records
- Public Disclosure
- Open Public Meetings
- Elections
- Campaign Finance

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• Initiatives and Referendums
• Signature Gathering
• Information Technology at State Agencies
• Emergency Management
• Fire Protection
• Veterans Affairs
• Military Affairs
• Historic Preservation
• Archives

Curt Gavigan, Staff Counsel - 786-7437
[Also Deputy Director and Staff Coordinator/Counsel of the Natural Resources & Parks Committee]
• Local Government
• Administrative Procedure Act
• Ethics
• Fire Protection

Sam Thompson, Staff Counsel - 786-7413
[Also Staff Coordinator/Counsel of the Accountability and Reform Committee]
• Tribal Relations
• Special Purpose Districts
• Civil Service
• Property Taxes

Ariel Kennedy, Committee Assistant - 786-7432
(Committee Contact)

Health Care (786-7456)

Kathy Buchli, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7488
(Lead Committee Contact)
• Long-Term Care
• Developmental Disabilities
• Drugs and Drug Policy
• Medical marijuana
• Public Health

Evan Klein, Staff Counsel - 786-7483
[Also staff of the Higher Education Committee]
• Health Care Professions
• Facility Regulation
• Public Health

Mich'l Needham, Sr. Research Analyst - 786-7442
• ACA–Federal Health Care Reform
  ▪ Medicaid Expansion
  ▪ Exchange
• Health Care Financing/Insurance–Public and Private

Brittany Yunker, Committee Assistant - 786-7407
(Committee Contact)

Higher Education (786-7415)

Kim Cushing, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7421
(Lead Committee Contact)
• Public and Independent Baccalaureate Colleges and Universities
• Public Community and Technical Colleges
• Financial Aid

5/7/2015
• Tuition
• Governance

**Evan Klein, Staff Counsel - 786-7483**
[Also staff of the Health Care Committee]
• Campus Safety
• For-Profit Colleges
• Workforce Training
• Private Career Schools
• Faculty
• Veterans Issues

**Brittany Yunker, Committee Assistant - 786-7407**
(Committee Contact)

**Human Services, Mental Health & Housing (786-7414)**

**Alison Mendiola, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7444**
• Housing (affordable housing & homelessness)
• Child Welfare/Child Protection
  o Family Assessment Response (FAR)
  o Extended foster care services
  o Legal representation in dependencies
  o Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
• Child Care Licensing

**Kevin Black, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7747**
• Mental Health/Substance Abuse
  o Competency to Stand Trial/Criminal Insanity
  o Involuntary Treatment Act Civil Commitments
  o Regional Support Networks
  o Crisis Diversion
• Offender Reentry Community Safety Program (fka Dangerous Mentally Ill Offender Program)
• Domestic Violence Issues
• Crime victims

**Lindsay Erickson, Staff Counsel - 786-7465**
[Also staff of the Law & Justice Committee]
• Juvenile Justice
• Sex Offenders: Civil commitment
• Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
  o Workfirst
  o Working Connections Child Care
  o SNAP (Food Stamps)
• Disability Lifeline Program (formerly General Assistance)
• Truancy

**Angela Kleis, Committee Assistant - 786-7414**
(Committee Contact)

**Law & Justice (786-7455)**

**Aldo Melchiori, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7439**
(Lead Committee Contact)
• DUI
• Motor Vehicle Related Issues
• Firearms
• School-Related Criminal Issues

5/7/2015
• New Crimes and Sentencing Changes
• General Criminal Issues
• Collection and Garnishment
• Uniform Laws

**Melissa Burke-Cain, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7755**
• Human Trafficking
• Trusts
• General Civil and Court Related Subject Matter
• Court Administration Issues
• Domestic Violence
• General Criminal
• Laws Relating to Animal Cruelty
• Family Law

**Lindsay Erickson, Staff Counsel - 786-7465**
[Also staff of the Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee]
• Corrections
• Sex Offenders

**Tim Ford, Staff Counsel - 786-7423**
• Tort Reform
• General Criminal and Civil
• Guardianship and Probate Issues
• Business Law
• Collection Issues
• Eminent Domain
• Unpiloted Aerial Vehicles

**Sandy Wibbels, Committee Assistant - 786-7491**
(Committee Contact)

**Natural Resources & Parks (786-7419)**

**Curt Gavigan, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7437**
(Lead Committee Contact)
[Also staff of the Government Operations & Security Committee]
• Fish and Wildlife Governance
• Wildlife
• State Lands Management
• Recreation and State Parks

**Bonnie Kim, Staff Counsel - 786-7316**
[Also staff of the Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development Committee]
• Fisheries
• Forest Health and Fire
• Geology and Surface Mining
• Forestry & Timber

**Angela Kleis, Committee Assistant - 786-7414**
(Committee Contact)

**Trade & Economic Development (786-7408)**

**Jeff Olsen, Staff Coordinator/Research Analyst - 786-7428**
(Lead Committee Contact)
[Also staff of the Energy, Environment & Telecommunications Committee]
• Economic Development Incentives
• International Trade and Export Assistance
• Infrastructure Development

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Regional Development
Regulatory Assistance
Workforce Development
Technical Assistance to Businesses
Small Business Assistance
Tourism

Ariel Kennedy, Committee Assistant - 786-7432
(Committee Contact)

**Transportation (786-7300)**

*Kelly Simpson, Sr. Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7403*
(Lead Committee Contact)

**Budget Assignments**
- Utilities and Transportation Commission
- Transportation Commission

**Policy Assignments**
- Utilities and Transportation Commission
- State and Regional Transportation Governance
- State and Regional Transportation Planning
- Transportation Element of Growth Management Act
- Special Purpose Districts

David Ward, Budget Coordinator - 786-7341

**Budget Assignments**
- Treasurer-Bond Retirement and Interest
  - Joint Transportation Committee/Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program/Office of Financial Management

**Policy Assignments**
- Revenue Forecasts
- Financial Plans/Fund Balances
- Bonds and Other Indebtedness

Amanda Cecil, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7429

**Budget Assignments**
- Department of Licensing
- WSP
- Traffic Safety Commission
- Local Programs/Resources
  - DOT–Local Programs (Z)
  - Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB)
  - Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
  - County Road Administration Board (CRAB)

**Policy Assignments**
- DOL
  - Drivers
  - Vehicles
- Revenue Forecasts
- Taxes/Fees

Hayley Gamble, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7452

**Budget Assignments**
- Washington State Ferries
  - Operating
  - Capital
• DOT–Rail
  ▪ Operating
  ▪ Capital
• DOT–Facilities
  ▪ Operating
  ▪ Capital
• DOT–Aviation
• DOT–Planning, Data, and Research
• DOT–Public Transportation

Policy Assignments
• Washington State Ferries
• Rail
• Local Transit Agencies, including Sound Transit

Kim Johnson, Sr. Staff Counsel - 786-7472

Budget Assignments
• Budget Bill Coordination
• DOT–Public/Private Partnerships
• State Parks and Recreation
• Archaeology & Historic Preservation
• Department of Agriculture

Policy Assignments
• Traffic Safety/Rules of the Road
• Bicycles
• Motorcycles/Motor Scooters
• Transportation Security Issues (e.g., valid identification and legal presence)
• Initiative/Referendum Issues

Clint McCarthy, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7319

Budget Assignments
• Highway Construction Projects
• DOT–Toll Operations
• DOT–Highway Improvements
• DOT–Highway Maintenance
• DOT–Highway Preservation
• DOT–Traffic Operations
• DOT–Information Technology
• DOT–Management
• DOT–Program Management and Support
• Internal Service Activities

Policy Assignments
• Tolls
• Highways
• Environmental Issues

Jasmin Adams, Committee Assistant - 786-7430
(Committee Contact)

Ways & Means (786-7715)

Bryon Moore, Sr. Staff Coordinator - 786-7726
(Lead Committee Contact)

Richard Ramsey, Operating Budget Coordinator - 786-7412

• Operating Budget Issues

Brian Sims, Capital Budget Coordinator - 786-7431
• Bond Retirement and Interest
• Municipal Research Council

**Dean Carlson, Revenue Coordinator - 786-7305**
• Revenue Policy Issues
• Board of Tax Appeals
• Caseload Forecast Council
• Department of Revenue
• Economic and Revenue Forecast Council
• Liquor Control Board

**Michael Bezanson, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7449**
• Central Washington University
• Community and Technical Colleges
• Eastern Washington University
• The Evergreen State College
• University of Washington
• Washington State University
• Western Washington University
• Workforce Training and Education Board
• Student Achievement Council

**Breann Boggs, Fiscal Analyst -786-7433**
• Department of Early Learning
• DSHS–Child Support Services
• DSHS–Children and Family Services
• DSHS–Economic Services
• TANF Issues

**Pete Cutler, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7474**
• Board for Volunteer Firefighters
• Collective Bargaining
• Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
• Department of Retirement Systems
• Employee Compensation/Health Benefits
• PEBB Benefits
• Public Employment Relations Commission
• State Actuary
• State Investment Board

**Mark Eliason, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7454**
• DSHS–Administration and Support Services
• DSHS–Developmental Disabilities
• DSHS–Information System Services
• DSHS–Long Term Care
• DSHS–Payments to Other Agencies
• DSHS–Vocational Rehabilitation
• Department of Services for the Blind
• Department of Veterans Affairs

**Steve Jones, Sr. Budget Counsel - 786-7440**
• Attorney General
• House of Representatives
• Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee
• Joint Legislative Systems Committee
• LEAP Committee
• Office of Financial Management
• Office of the Governor

5/7/2015
• Office of the Lieutenant Governor
• Public Disclosure Commission
• Secretary of State
• Senate
• Special Appropriations to the Governor
• State Auditor
• State Treasurer
• Statute Law Committee
• Sundry Claims

Sherry McNamara, Sr. Fiscal Analyst -786-7402
• Columbia River Gorge Commission
• Department of Agriculture
• Department of Ecology
• Department of Fish and Wildlife
• Department of Natural Resources
• Environmental and Land Use Hearing Office
• Parks and Recreation Commission
• Pollution Liability Insurance Agency
• Puget Sound Partnership
• Recreation and Conservation Office
• State Conservation Commission
• Utilities and Transportation Commission

Julie Murray, Sr. Fiscal Counsel -786-7711
• Arts Commission
• Board of Accountancy
• Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals
• Commission on African-American Affairs
• Commission on Asian-American Affairs
• Commission on Hispanic Affairs
• Commission on Judicial Conduct
• Consolidated Technology Services
• Courts
  ▪ Court of Appeals
  ▪ Law Library
  ▪ Office of the Administrator for the Courts
  ▪ Office of Civil Legal Aid
  ▪ Office of Public Defense
  ▪ Supreme Court
• Department of Commerce
• Department of Employment Security
• Department of Enterprise Services
• Department of Financial Institutions
• Department of Labor and Industries
• Department of Licensing (non-transportation portion)
• Eastern Washington Historical Society
• Gambling Commission
• Horse Racing Commission
• Human Rights Commission
• Local Government Assistance
• Military Department
• Minority and Women's Business Enterprises
• Office of Administrative Hearings
• Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
• Office of Chief Information Officer
• Office on Indian Affairs
• Washington State Historical Society
• State Lottery Commission

Lorrell Noahr, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7708
• Public Schools (K-12 Education)
• School for the Blind
• School for the Deaf
• Superintendent of Public Instruction
• Washington State Charter School Commission

Juliana Roe, Revenue Counsel - 786-7438
• Revenue Policy Issues

Sandy Stith, Sr. Fiscal Analyst - 786-7710
• DSHS–Mental Health
• Health Care Authority (including administration)
• Insurance Commissioner
• Low Income Health Care- (Medicaid)

Travis Sugarman, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7446
• Criminal Justice Training Commission
• Department of Corrections
• DSHS–Alcohol and Substance Abuse
• DSHS–Juvenile Rehabilitation
• DSHS–Special Commitment Center
• Forensics Investigation Council
• Justice Assistance Grant (formerly Byrne Grant)
• State Patrol (non-transportation portion)

Kellee Keegan, Committee Assistant/Session Fiscal Analyst - 786-7716
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• Department of Health (DOH)
• Life Science Discovery Fund