

A photograph of the Georgia State Capitol building, a large neoclassical structure with a prominent dome and a portico supported by columns. The building is set against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are several cherry blossom trees in full bloom, their white and pink flowers contrasting with the green lawn and the grey stone of the building. A paved walkway leads towards the building, flanked by low greenery and black bollards.

# CSEC Lunch and Learn

Legislative Process  
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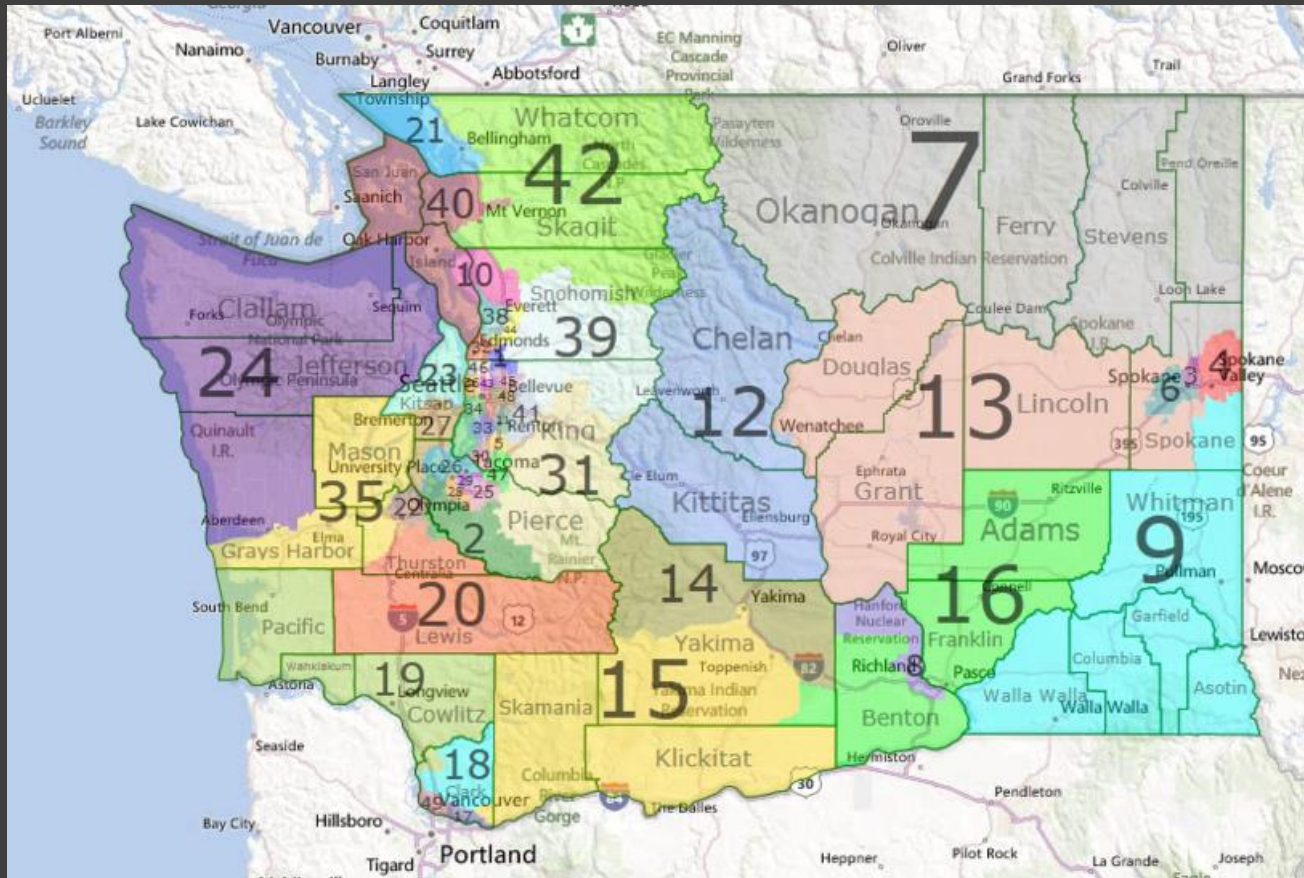


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# Getting to Know the Legislature

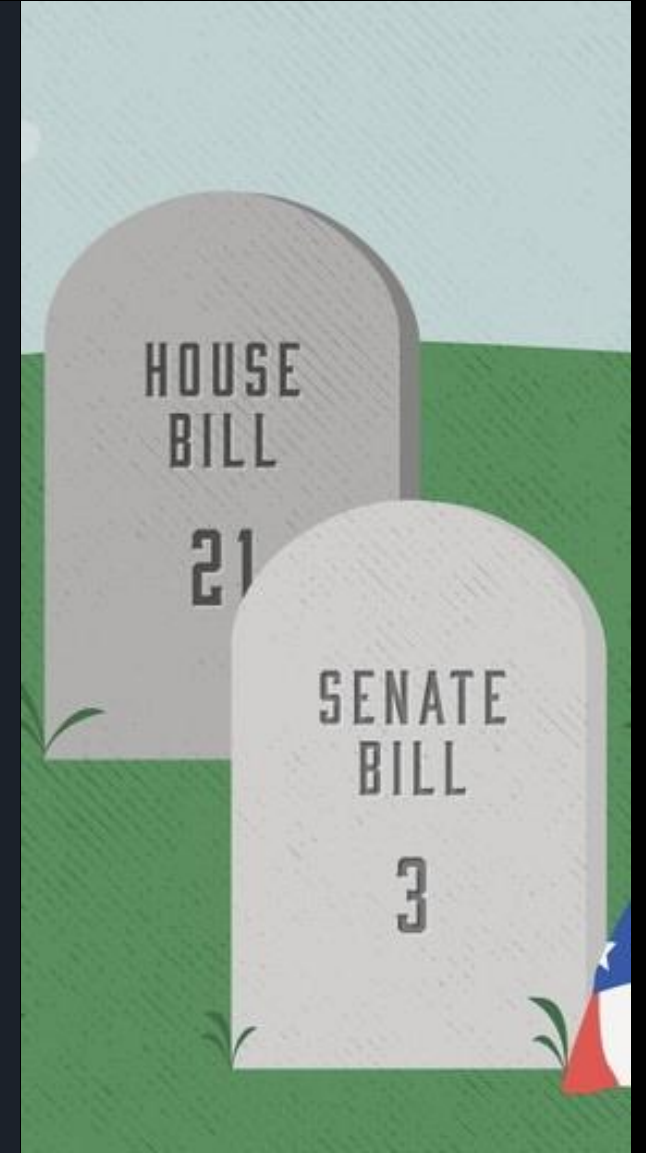


- Do you know who your legislators are?
- What are differences between a Senate and the House of Representatives?
- When is the best time to reach out to your legislator?
- How to prep for your visit: CAIF (connect, awareness, importance, fix)



## *Life of a Bill*

- Ideas for bills
- Huge Volume of Bills
- Easier to kill a bill than pass one
- Ideally, bills are written and vetted before legislative session
- Input from an array of voices
  - [Leg.wa.gov](http://Leg.wa.gov)





# *How to Testify*

- *Prepare for 2-3 minutes*
- *Introduce yourself (For the record...)*
- *Acknowledge chair and members and thank them*
- *Start with a story or interesting fact*
- *Emphasis why is this so important and why action is needed now*
- *In closing....*

*Thank you!*

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