

# 2023 State Legislative Preview



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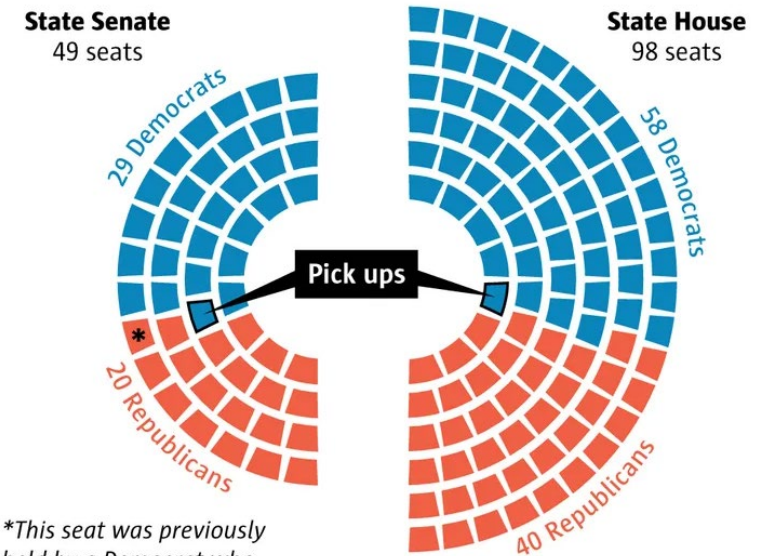
# Today's Topics

- Election Results
- 2023 Session Overview
- Chelan PUD Legislative Priorities
- WPUDA Legislative Priorities
- Other issues we're watching
- Federal funding update

Information only today – no decisions by the Board

# 2022 Election Results

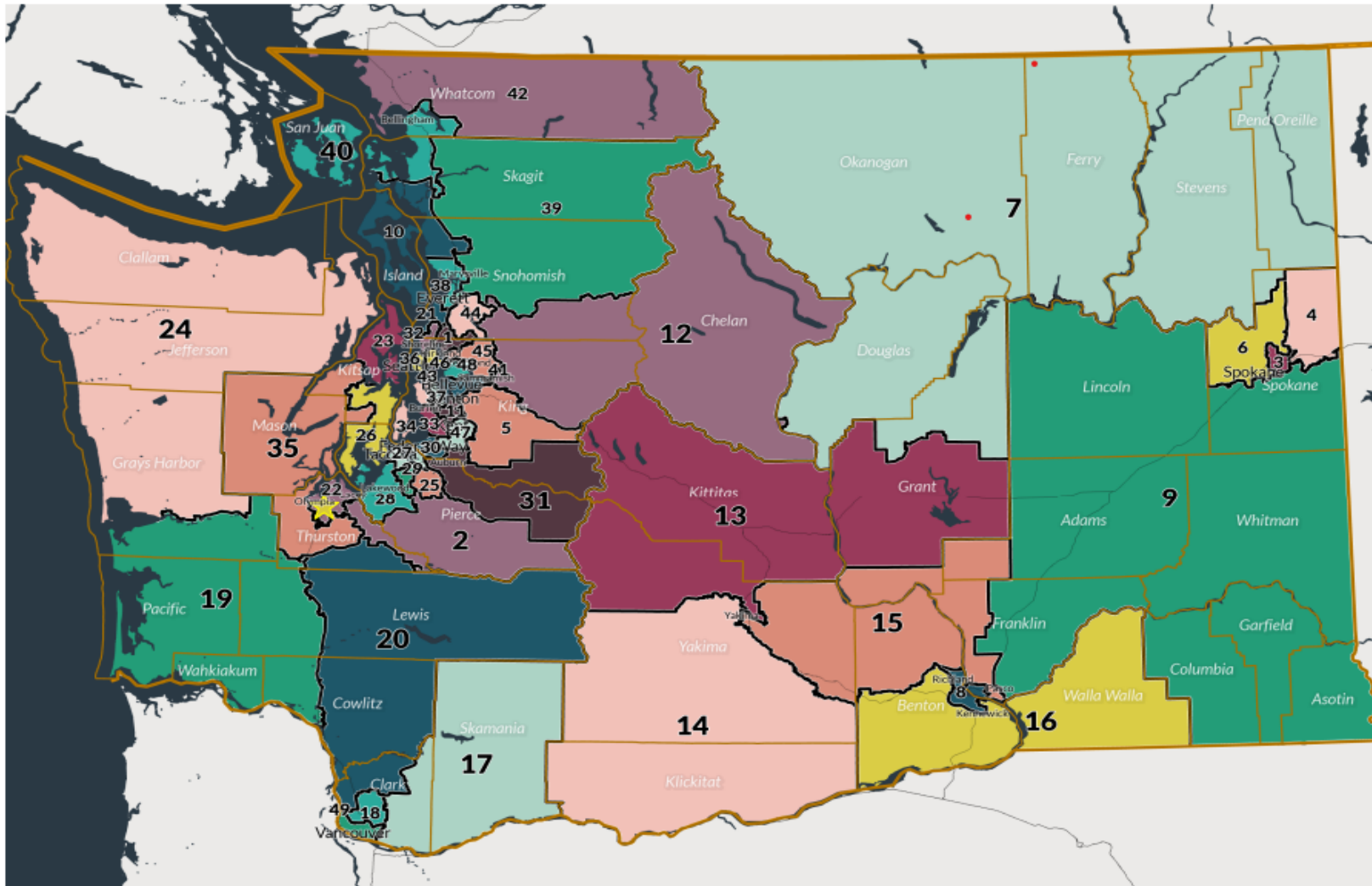
- **12<sup>th</sup> District:** Reps. Steele and Goehner reelected (Sen. Hawkins up in 2024)
- **Statewide:** Democrats maintain majorities, pick up seats in both chambers
- Leadership changes
  - New chairs of House Environment & Energy Committee and Senate Environment, Energy & Technology Committee



*\*This seat was previously held by a Democrat who caucused with Republicans for years.*

*Source: Washington Secretary of State, Seattle Times analysis*

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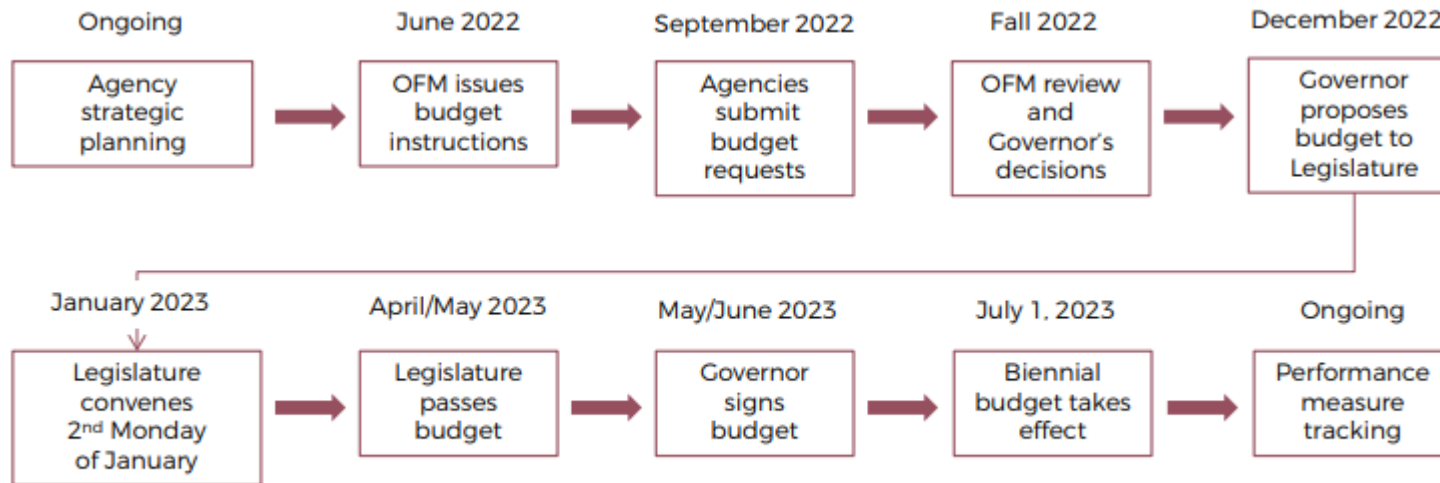


### Utilities in the New 12<sup>th</sup> District

- Chelan PUD
- Douglas PUD
- Puget Sound Energy
- Snohomish PUD

# 2023 Session Overview

- Long session - 105 days
- Begins Jan. 9
- Back in-person (mostly)
- Budget year
  - Operating, Capital and Transportation
  - The Governor is expected to release budget proposal soon
- Budget drivers: Inflation and uncertainty temper positive revenue forecast
- Mid-C collaboration



# Chelan PUD's Issues to Watch

- Wildfire mitigation
- Transmission
- Habitat protection standards
- Recreational use protection
- Broadband infrastructure funding

# WPUDA's Priorities

- Protecting the Public Works Assistance Account
- Federal funding requirements
- Municipal Water Law
- Impacts of new climate/electrification laws
- Grid reliability
- Culvert funding
- Broadband funding

# Other Issues

- Implementation of Climate Commitment Act (CCA), Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)
- Electric Vehicle and Demand Energy Response planning
- Attorney General's disconnection moratorium
- Labor & Industries' (L&I) heat rules
- Commerce's emergency funding request
- Building electrification
- Long term care program
- Paid Family Medical Leave



# Federal Funding

- Funding passed in American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and other federal laws is beginning to roll out, much coming through state agencies.
- Regulatory requirements attached to the funding are a barrier for many entities.
- The District now has a process to evaluate funding opportunities and decide whether to apply.
- External Affairs will focus on funding opportunities in key areas (water, broadband, dam safety, wildfire mitigation).

Questions?