

2022 State Legislative Session Preview

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Today's Topics

- Legislative session overview
- New 12th legislative district
- Legislative priorities
- Federal funding
- Governor Inslee's 2022 climate package
- Telecom

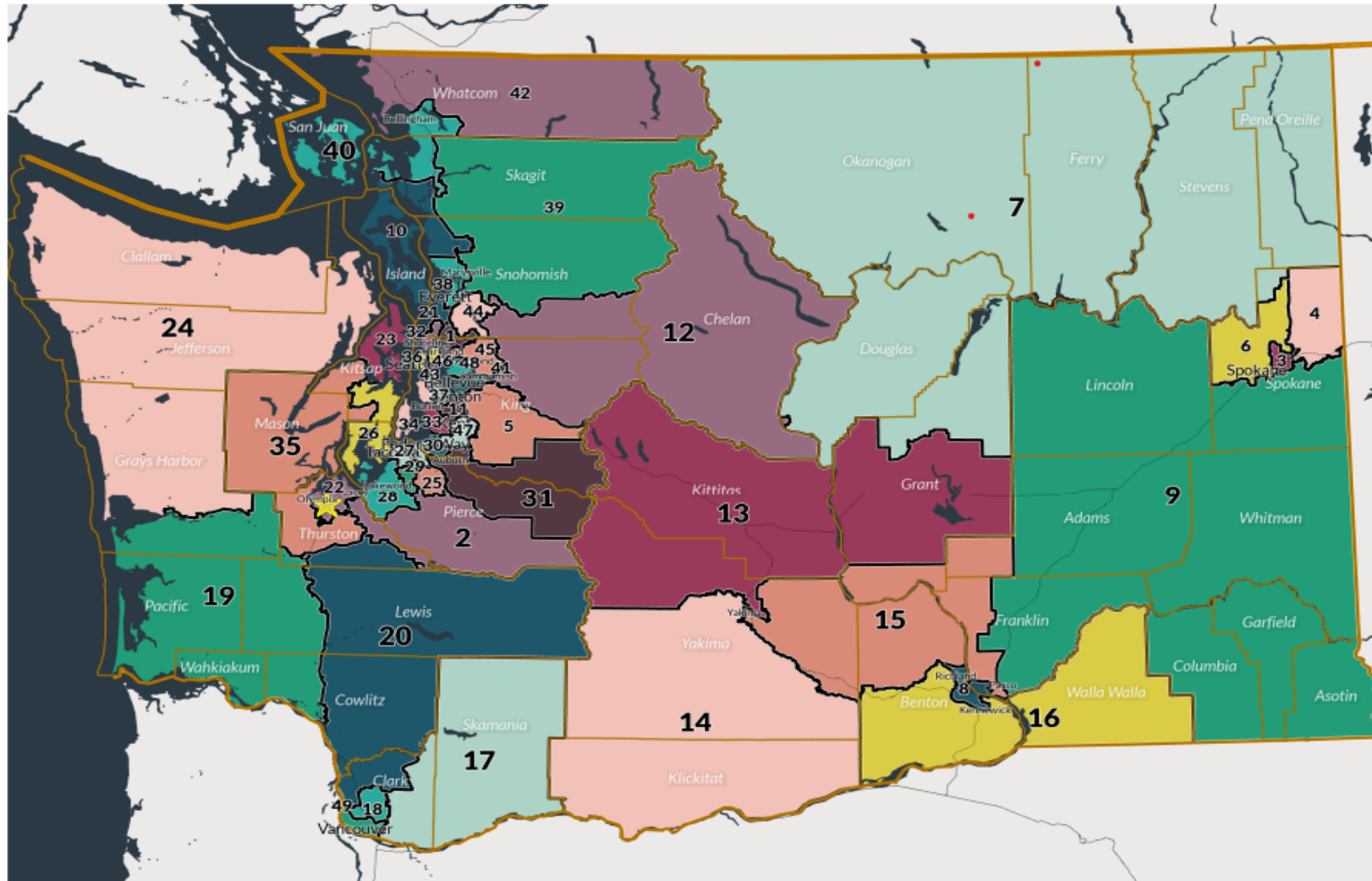
Information only today – no decisions by the Board

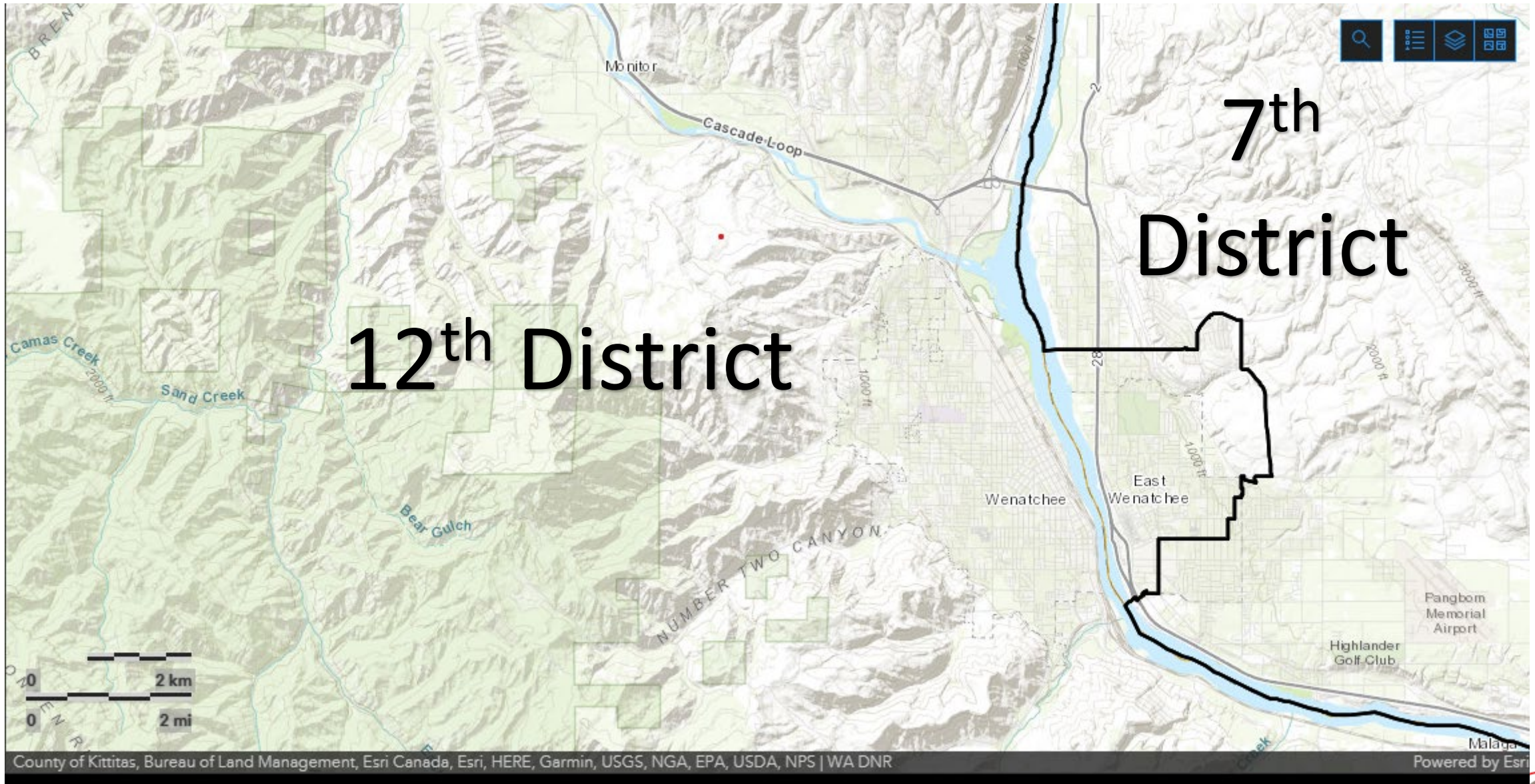
Overview

- Short session - 60 days
- Begins Jan. 10
- Supplemental budget year
 - Operating, capital and transportation budgets
- Budget drivers: COVID response, federal funding
- Revenue projections for remainder of the biennial period
- Hybrid session (hearings and floor activity)
- Legislator announcements

Redistricting Outcomes

- State Supreme Court adopted the commission's final maps
- 12th District boundaries dramatically changed
- Each district to have 157,251 residents
- Chelan County and East Wenatchee ~ 93,000 residents
- All three 12th District legislators reside within the new district
- Senator Hawkins up for reelection 2024
- Reps. Steele and Goehner up for reelection in 2022
- Legislature must approve plan 30 days after start of session





7th
District

12th District

Top 2022 Legislative Issues

- Federal funding allocations from coronavirus and infrastructure laws
- Gov. Inslee Climate Package
- Telcom

Federal Funding

- State anticipated to appropriate remaining \$1.3 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act's Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) in 2022
- Funding from Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act expected to flow through the state
 - Some funds will be made available through state competitive grant applications
 - Timing of allocating funds by the state unknown
- We continue to gather information and assess the opportunities

Governor Inslee's Climate Package

- Decarbonize the building sector
 - Building codes (optional statewide residential reach code)
 - Expand building performance standards
 - Allow COUs to fund replacement of fossil fuel heating systems
- Implement the Climate Commitment Act
 - Creates the Office of Climate Commitment Accountability
- Investments in clean transportation
 - Rebates for electric vehicles (\$100M/yr ongoing)
 - Public transit funding (\$33M)
 - EV charging (\$22.9M)
- Building a clean energy future in Washington
 - Includes a grant for a solar manufacturing facility in Grant County (\$10M)
 - Solar and storage grants (\$100M)

Telecom Issues

- Public Works Board and Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) funding for broadband expansion
- Broadband Office funding
- 2021 retail telecom bills - no reconciliation planned
- Digital equity (HB 1460)

WPUA priorities

- Customer assistance funding
- Infrastructure funding (Agency requests)
- Resource adequacy (overarching issue)
- Commercial building code amendments

Other Issues

- Building electrification
- Long term care program amendments
- Customer assistance funding
- Disconnection moratorium (limited application)
- Public Records Act exemptions
- Tax incentives for clean energy projects
- Resource adequacy related issues
- Green electrolytic hydrogen to conform with various laws
- Community solar for qualifying low-income utility customers
- Net ecological gain report

Questions?

Appendix 1 (if needed)

- [Final Legislative District Map \(wa.gov\)](#)
- This a link to the redistricting map tool