



Legislature 101

Prepared for WACTE Fall Conference 2017

Citizen Legislature

- * Anyone can run - Citizen Legislature
- * Considered part-time
- * Salary: \$48,731
 - * Speaker, Senate Majority Leader \$57,990
 - * Minority Leaders \$53,360

Bi-Cameral = two chambers

- * House

- * 98 members from 49 districts (2 each)
- * Elected every two years (even-numbered)
- * Presiding officer – Speaker – elected from the membership

Bi-Cameral = two chambers

- * Senate

- * 49 members – one from each district
- * Elected every four years (alternating odd & even numbered districts)
- * Presiding officer is the Lieutenant Governor who is President of the Senate

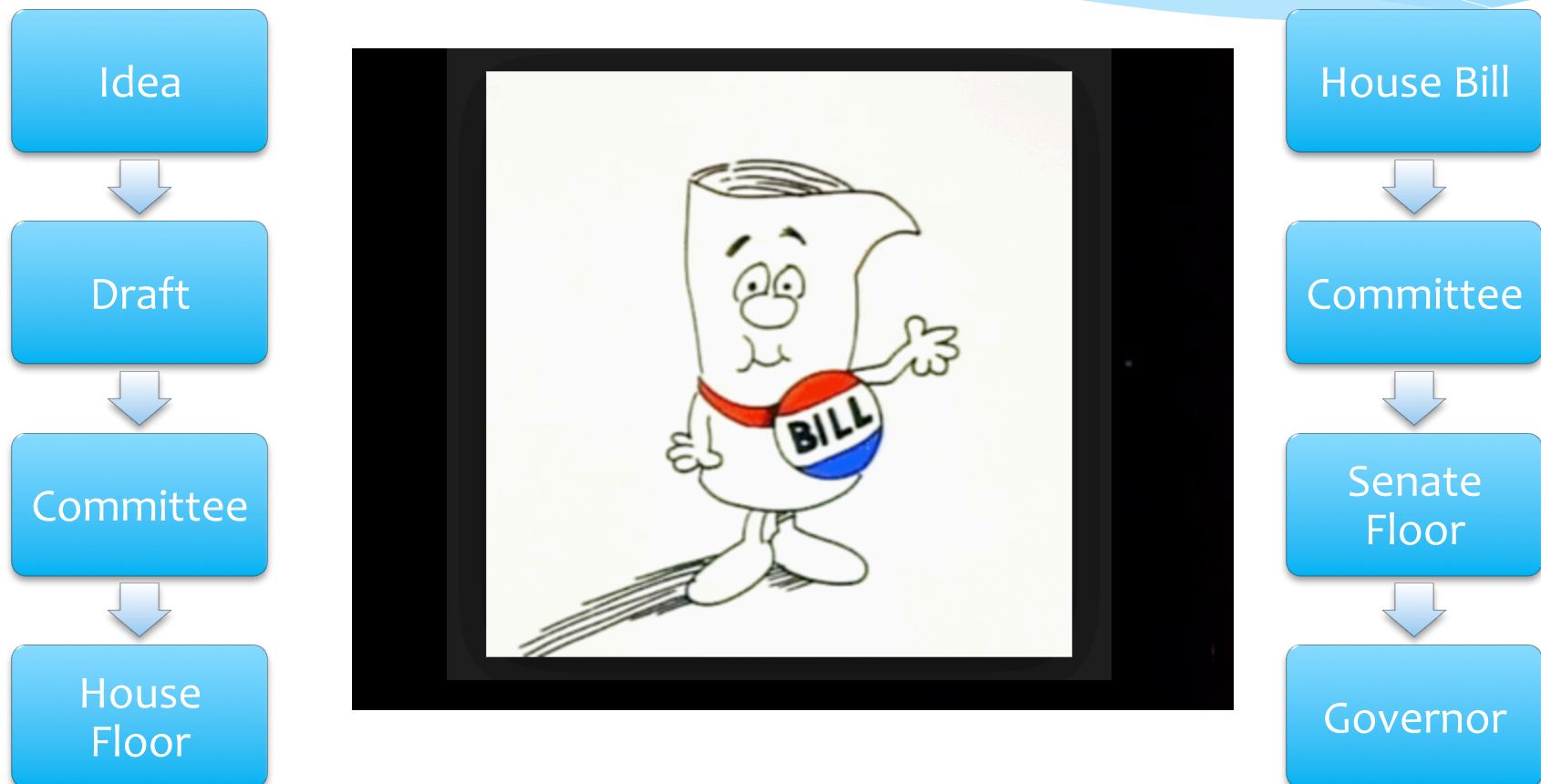
Biennial Cycle

- * starts in odd-numbered years with 105-day, budget-writing session
- * even-numbered years are 60 day sessions
- * Governor can call back for “special” 30 day sessions

Math

- * **25 + 50 + 1**
- * Most bills require a majority of all members of both chambers voting “yea” on the exact same language (some require super-majority)
 - * 25 Senators
 - * 50 Representatives
- * Governor must (usually) sign bills into law = 1

How a bill becomes law



Working with Government Affairs Staff

- * Independent Colleges of Washington – Vi Boyer
- * Council of Presidents – Paul Francis and Julie Garver

WACTE Day on the Hill

- * Tuesday – January 23, 2018
- * Morning Briefing + Legislator Meetings
 - * Learn differentiated presentation
- * AACTE Grant Covers Hotel Rooms
 - * 1 per institution
 - * Possibly some expense reimbursement



Working with Government Affairs Staff

- * UW – Genesee Adkins
- * WSU – Chris Mulick
- * Western – Becca Kenna-Schenk
- * Central – Antonio Sanchez and Steve DuPont
- * Eastern – David Buri
- * Evergreen – Colleen Rust

Inviting Legislators to Campus

- * Between Sessions
- * Illustrate what you do
- * Bring teacher candidates into the conversation
- * Become a resource for lawmakers

Meetings in Olympia

- * Hopefully, they know you already
- * Meetings 15 minutes – sometimes cut short
- * Get to the “ask” A.S.A.P.
- * Follow up with thanks and confirmation

2018 Issues

- * Emphasize getting existing programs to full capacity before pushing to create new programs
- * Keep quality of teacher preparation high
 - no shortcuts
- * Promote teaching as a high-status profession
 - stop denigrating teachers

2018 Issues

- * K-12 Funding Fixes
 - * Special Education
 - * Dual Language (HB 1445) – funding “grow your own”
- * Loan Forgiveness / Conditional Scholarships
 - * To address recruitment and retention
- * Protecting students / staff from repercussions from the end of DACA



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