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Resource	Available in Our Collection	Available Online 🔒 Individual Password or VPN required 🔍 See Search Tips Below	Available Elsewhere
Revised Code of Washington Annotated (RCWA)	Current and superseded back to 1961 in print and on microfiche	• Westlaw (1989-current) 🔒 Password	
Revised Code of Washington (RCW - Official)	1951-current	• HeinOnline (1951 w/1961 supp. & 1973-2010) 🔒 VPN • leg.wa.gov/state-laws-and-rules/state-laws-rcw/past-versions-of-state-laws/ (1973-current)	
Pre-RCW Codifications	1881-1949	• HeinOnline (incomplete, 1881-1927) 🔒 VPN	
Laws of Washington (Session Laws)	1854-current	• HeinOnline (1854-current) 🔒 VPN • Westlaw (1988-current) 🔒 VPN • leg.wa.gov/state-laws-and-rules/state-laws-rcw/session-laws/ (1854-current)	
Legislative Digest and History of Bills	1969-2018 (some older digests can be found in the bill books)	• Included with each bill at app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ (1991-current) • PDF's of print version at leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/session/session-documents/discontinued-publications/ (2005-2018)	
House & Senate Bills	1913-2018	• app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ (1991-current) • search.leg.wa.gov/ (1985-current) 🔍 Search Tips	
Final Legislative Report (Based on the Final Bill Report)	1975-2016	• Final Bill Reports included with each bill at app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ (1991-current) • search.leg.wa.gov/ (1987-current) 🔍 Search Tips • PDF's of print version at leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/session/session-documents/discontinued-publications/ (1975-2016)	
House & Senate Journals	1854-current	• leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/session/session-documents/floor-journals/ (House, 1891-current. Senate, 1941-current) • search.leg.wa.gov/ (1993-current) 🔍 Search Tips	
Fiscal Notes		• Included with each bill at app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ (2001-current) • fortress.wa.gov/ofm/fnspublic/ (2001-current)	State Archives Bill Files (1972-current) Recent files may reside with committee

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Voters' Pamphlets	1914-2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.sos.wa.gov/elections/research/election-results-and-voters-pamphlets.aspx (1914-current) 	
Initiatives (to the People and Legislature)	Available in several different resources (years vary)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.sos.wa.gov/elections/initiatives/statistics.aspx (1996-current) 	
Senate Floor Recordings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/858 (1971-2017) www.tvw.org/archives/ (1997-current) 	
House Floor Recordings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/2818 (1969-1996) www.tvw.org/archives/ (1997-current) 	
Senate Committee Recordings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes listed on the bill page - app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ (years vary) app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/ (click FILTERS to select years for 2004-present) www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/1713 (1972-2004, 2012-2017) <p>Note: ongoing project. Select committees available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> tvw.org/video-search/ (1997-current) 	State Archives (dates vary by committee)
House Committee Recordings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes listed on the bill page - app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ (years vary) app.leg.wa.gov/committeeschedules/ (click FILTERS to select years for 2004-present) www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/509 (1973-2006, 2009-2018) tvw.org/video-search/ (1997-current) 	State Archives (dates vary by committee)
<p>🔑 Search Tips: The advanced search page at search.leg.wa.gov/ will return some documents as far back as 1985, even though these documents will not be linked on a bill page. You will need to select the type of document and date range before you run a search. Click the Legislative Documents button, then scroll down to select the session year or years, choose the document type from the list, or at the very bottom of the page, select the House and Senate Floor Journals.</p>			