

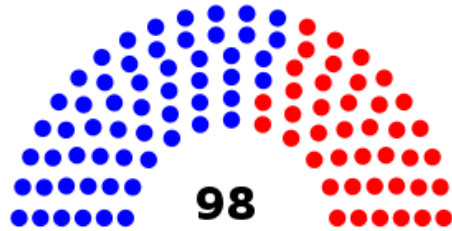


Port of Port Townsend
Legislative Update
November 24, 2020

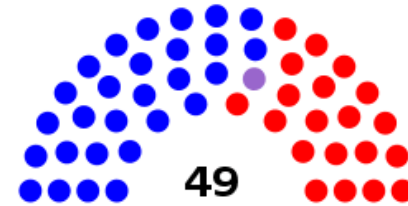
Introductions

Legislature Overview

Makeup



House of Representatives
57 D / 41 R



Senate
28 D / 21 R*



All House seats and half of the Senate seats were on the ballot in 2020, did not result in change of split, but there will be many new legislators.

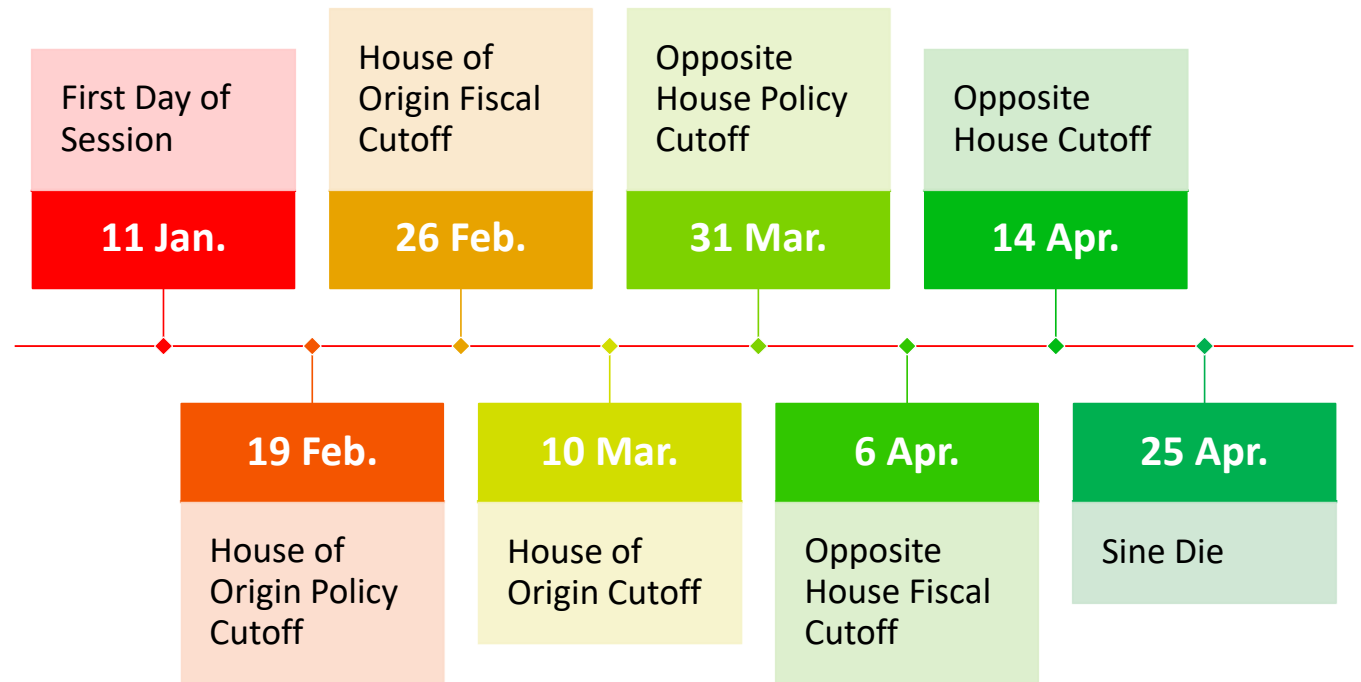
Changes this year

- **New members**
- **Remote**
- **Public & lobbyists not allowed in buildings**
- **Public testimony can be done remotely**
- **Different timelines and cutoff dates**
- **Limited number of policy bills**
- **Changing revenue forecasts**

2021 Legislative Session Outlook

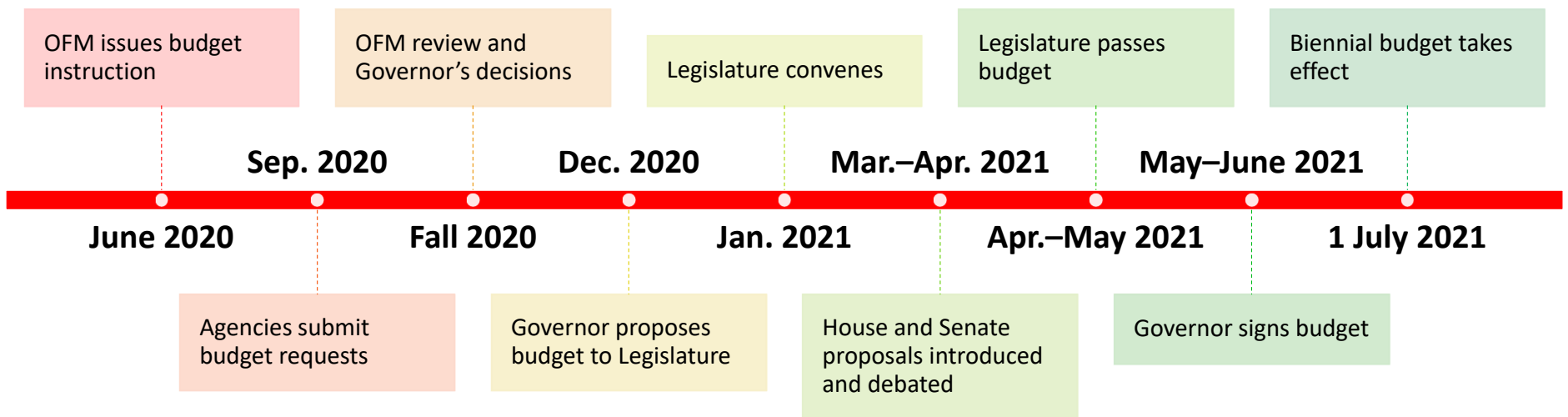
- **Long Session with Uncertain Format**
 - Budget and Revenue (Operating & Transportation)
 - COVID-19 Recovery
 - Police Reform
 - Child Care and Early Learning
- **Revenue Discussions**
 - Capital Gains
 - Payroll (regional / statewide)
 - Carbon

Session Timeline (Approx Dates)



*Current schedule has not been released, could be very different this year

*NTIB



Budget Process

Legislative Agenda

2021 Priorities

- **Capital project funding for the Point Hudson Jetty replacement project**
- Allow for **out of state vessels** to remain in Washington State without paying use tax
- Maintaining the **full ferry schedule** of boats for the Port Townsend-Coupeville and Kingston-Edmonds routes
- Maintaining/expanding funding for **derelict vessel remediation**
- Extending **0.09% sales tax** for rural economically distressed counties (including Jefferson county) to fund public facilities and economic development purposes
- Expanding **retail authority** to provision **broadband** by ports and public utility districts
- **Model Toxics Control Act**

Questions?