



## Standardize Recording Practices

County Auditors are responsible for recording specific documents to be part of the public record kept by each county, including judgments, liens, deeds, mortgages, and various other categories of documents related to property ownership and real estate transactions.

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The Secretary of State needs authority to adopt rules to standardize county recording practices



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### Sustainable Policies, Sustainable Counties

Counties provide constitutionally and statutorily directed state services to all of Washington's residents. The Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) is working to secure clear and sustainable policies to provide all 39 counties with the foundation to provide sustainable service levels to every Washingtonian. Our elected county officials provide direct services to citizens in support of their health, safety and financial well-being.



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The Auditors propose a commission composed of County Auditors, Assessors, Treasurers and other stakeholders develop and maintain consistent standards through the rule making process.

In response to the 2008 Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act (URPERA) becoming law, an Electronic Recording (E-Recording) Standards Commission was created, tasked with reviewing and recommending standards and rules for E-Recording to the Secretary of State. This proposal would expand their duties to all recording standards generally, not just electronic recording standards. This will align practices statewide. This proposal also adds county surveyors, an important stakeholder, to the composition of the Standards Commission.