



Washington Association  
of **COUNTY OFFICIALS**

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# 2020 Legislative Priorities

## 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.

### COUNTY ASSESSORS

HB 2858 Seek to make technical corrections to the certification of assessments calendar.

### COUNTY AUDITORS

HB 2421 / SB 6134 Seek legislation for equitable share of election costs by making counties, cities, towns, districts, and the state pay their proportionate share of elections costs for every election.

HB 2261 / SB 6184 Eliminate the three-day waiting period for marriage licenses and allow elected County Auditors to officiate weddings.

### COUNTY CLERKS

HB 2260 Allow for the state to pay for publications related to their state dependency actions.

HB 2347 Eliminate unnecessary provisions related to Clerks' duties and court-ordered bond increases in RCW 36.23.020

### COUNTY CORONERS

HB 2432 Require all Coroners and Medical Examiners to achieve certification and accreditation within 12 months of taking office with funding already provided. Fix autopsy reimbursement rates to create more equity in costs between Coroner and ME offices.

### COUNTY SHERIFFS

HB 2499 Require certification of county corrections officers; including training, background checks and psychological evaluation.

HB 1291 / HB 2560 / SB 5944 Reduce the wait time for newly hired law enforcement officers to complete Basic Law Enforcement Academy from 6 months to 2 months.

### COUNTY TREASURERS

HB 2512 Align interest and penalty relief for qualified manufactured homeowners with that of site-built homes. The proposal will align foreclosure and distraint timelines for qualified manufactured homes.

## WHAT IS WACO?

The membership of the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) are the elected county assessors, auditors, clerks, coroners and medical examiners, prosecuting attorneys, sheriffs, treasurers and comparable appointed officials in charter counties. WACO is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization.

Questions regarding the WACO legislative priorities for the 2019 session may be directed to Jennifer Wallace, WACO Executive Director.