



2025 Legislative Session

OVERVIEW OF THE ISSUE: Community Safety

They consider issues relating to the Criminal legal system:

- Policing
- Crisis response
- Crime prevention
- Criminal penalties and sentencing
- Impaired driving;
- Adult correctional programs; rehabilitation and reentry; and adult correctional institutions

THE GUESTS

- House Community Safety Committee
 - [Roger Goodman](#), District 45
 - [Jenny Graham](#), District 6

PRE MEETING RESEARCH

Source	Resource Information	Questions to Consider
Department of Commerce: Community Safety Programs	The Department of Commerce enacts many of the laws passed by this committee. They operate many community safety programs, including Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention and Community and	• What does the Department of Commerce do for community safety? • Ideas for questions for legislators: ◦ How do the laws they pass help with community safety? ◦ What laws will they pass that increase community safety? ◦ How do they balance safety and the budget?

	Law Enforcement Programs	
<u>Washington Standard</u>	Reports on the Governor's plan to hire more police officers.	• What is the governor's plan? • How is the governor's plan going to be addressed? • Ideas for questions for legislators: ○ Plans to deliver on campaign promises ○ Challenges in this budgetary year ○ Differences between rural and urban communities
Bills introduced If you'd like to look up other bills, check out <u>this instructional video!</u>	Check out these bills that have been introduced that are related to community safety.	Ask legislators about the content/their opinion of these bills: • <u>SB 1834</u>: Protecting Children online • <u>SB 5067</u>: Concerning impaired driving • <u>HB 1085</u>: Improving school safety by extending penalties for interference by, or intimidation by threat of, force or violence at schools and extracurricular activities and requiring schools to notify the public of such penalties. • <u>HB 1138</u>: Improving public safety by implementing evidence-based interview practices that increase the reliability of statements collected during criminal investigations. • <u>HB 1239</u>: Preparing incarcerated people for successful reentry upon release from a correctional facility. • <u>HB 1101</u>: Concerning vehicular homicide offenses • <u>HB 1399</u>: Modernizing, harmonizing, and clarifying laws concerning sheriffs, chiefs, marshalls, and police matrons.

QUESTION FORMAT

Directions

1. Use the links above to research information about the issue.
2. Follow this formula when writing your question for the guest:
 - **Your name + your grade and home town + something you learned from your research + question about what you learned** = GREAT QUESTION

Example:

- **My name is _____ from Tacoma, Washington. In my research, I learned**

that firearm safety is an issue that is on people's minds. What plans does this committee have to pass legislation that keeps the community safe while also safeguarding our rights?

Example from Student Interview with Supreme Court Justice Steve Gonzales:

- My name is _____ from _____. My question is: Upon swearing in as Chief Justice, you vowed to eradicate bias in the justice system. How much progress have you witnessed and what progress do you anticipate?