



## 2024 Interim Report May 13, 2024

### Filing Week

One major deadline for this campaign season has passed. Candidates running for office in Washington state needed to file for election by May 10th. All statewide Executive offices, all Congressional seats, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell's position, all ninety-eight House seats, and half of the Senate (twenty-five seats) are up for election this year. Heading into filing week, several legislators had already indicated that they would not be running for re-election, and several announced their intentions to run for a different office. Currently, Democrats control the House with a 58-40 seat majority and control the Senate with a 29-20 seat majority.

Additionally there has been a legal battle in Central Washington over the district boundaries that were created in 2021. In mid-March, a U.S. District Judge [approved a new map](#) after ruling last year that the current map impaired the ability of Latino voters in the Yakima Valley and Pasco areas to elect their preferred candidates. The new district lines primarily affect the 14th and 15th legislative districts and directly impacts several incumbent lawmakers. You can read more about that [here](#).

Below is a brief summary of some other highlights after filing week:

#### **Statewide Offices:**

**Governor:** 30 people have filed to replace retiring Governor Jay Inslee (D), including current AG Bob Ferguson (D), state Senator Mark Mullet (D), WSRP endorsed Semi Bird (R) and former Congressman Dave Reichert (R). Two additional "Bob Fergusons" filed for Governor, you can read more [here](#).

**State Attorney General:** Open office due to AG Ferguson running for Governor. One Republican and two Democrats, including U.S. Attorney Nick Brown (D) and state Senator Manka Dhingra (D) have filed to run for AG

**Public Lands Commissioner:** Seven people have filed for Public Land Commissioner, including state Senator Kevin VanDeWege (D), County Councilman Dave Upthegrove (D) and former Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Butler (R) have all filed to replace Commissioner Hillary Franz who is running for Congress

**Superintendent of Public Instruction:** Three people have filed against current Superintendent Chris Reykdal (D), including political newcomer Reid Saaris, founder of Equal Opportunity Schools.

**Insurance Commissioner:** Eight people have filed for the open Commissioner seat, vacated by retiring Commissioner Mike Kreidler (D), including frontrunner state Senator Patty Kuderer (D) and state Senator Phil Fortunato (R).

### **State Senate:**

Five Senate Democrats and four Senate Republicans are vacating their seats, so there will be eight open seats this election. In all of the eight open races current House members are running to replace retiring Senators. This includes:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sen. Andy Billig (D): Rep. Riccelli (D) running to replace
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Sen. Mike Padden (R): Rep. Christian (R) running to replace
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Sen. Mark Mullet (D): Rep. Ramos (D) running to replace
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Sen. Brad Hawkins (R): Rep. Goehner (R) running to replace
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Sen. Linda Wilson (R): Rep. Harris (R) running to replace
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Sen. Ann Rivers (R): Rep. Cheney (R) running to replace
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sen. Sam Hunt (D): Rep. Bateman (D) running to replace
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Sen. Kevin Van de Wege (D): Rep. Chapman running to replace
- \*33<sup>rd</sup> - Sen. Keiser (D): Won't resign until December, likely House replacement

\*There could be additional appointments if any of the current Senators win their races for other offices including Sen. Emily Randall (D-26), Sen. Manka Dhingra (D-45), and Sen. Patty Kuderer (D-48)

The current Senate makeup is 29 Democrats and 20 Republicans. Key swing Senate races this year include:

**10th LD Senate:** Incumbent Ron Muzzall (R) is being challenged by current Island County Commissioner Janet St. Clair in this swing district. This will be one of the most hotly contested races this year.

**14th LD Senate:** As we mentioned above the 14th legislative district has been redrawn to make this a majority-latino district. Incumbent Senator King (R) will run against Democratic challenger Maria Beltran (D).

**28th LD Senate:** Incumbent T'wina Nobles (D) is being challenged by Republican Maia Espinoza.

## **State House:**

All 98 House seats are up for election this year, 19 current House members are either retiring or running for another office. The current split in the house is 58-40, along with the 19 open seats there will be several swing district races that will progress as we get closer to the August primary. This includes House races in the 26th, 10th, 42nd, 14th, and 28th. Summary of key races after filing week are included below. We will provide more insight on these candidates as the primary progresses.

Open seats:

**2nd LD House:** Open seat being vacated by J.T. Wilcox. This is a solid R district.

*Candidates: Yanah Cook (D), Matt Marshall (R), Michael Holloman (D), John Snaza (R)*

**3rd LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Riccelli running for Senate. This is a strong D district.

*Candidates: Natasha Hill (D), Tony Kiepe (R), Ben Stuckart (D)*

**4th LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Christian running for Senate. This is a strong R district.

*Candidates: Ed Wood (D), Brandi Peetz (R), Stephen T. Major (R), Michael A. Schmidt (R), Ted Cummings (D), Rob Chase (R)*

**5th LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Ramos running for Senate. This district has historically been considered a swing district however it has trended more D over the last several years

*Candidates: Stephanie Lawson (R), Jason Ritchie (D), Victoria Hunt (D), Kristiana de Leon (D), Landon Halverson (R), Mark Hargrove (R), Waylon Menzia (D)*

**7th LD House:** Both House seats are open in the 7th as Rep. Kretz is retiring and Rep. Maycumber is running for Congress. This is a strong R district.

*Candidates: Pos. 1: Teagan Levine (R), Andrew Engell (R), Soo Ing-Moody (R); Pos. 2: Ronald L. McCoy (R), Hunter Abell (R), Pat Bell (R), Paul Dean (D)*

**12th LD House:** Open seat being vacated by Rep. Goener who is running for Senate. This is a strong R district.

*Candidates: Heather Koellen (D), Brian Burnett (R), Jennifer Bumpus (R)*

**14th LD House:** Both seats are open as Rep. Corry and Rep. Mosbrucker have been redistricted into the 15th LD. Rep. Corry will be running in the 15th LD while Rep. Mosbrucker will not seek reelection. This has historically been a strong R district however with the new boundaries it could become more of a swing district.

*Candidates: Pos. 1: Andy Kallinen (R), Chelsea Dimas (D), Gloria Mendoza (R); Pos. 2: Eddie Perez (N/A), Ana Ruiz Kennedy (D), Deb Manjarrez (R)*

**15th LD House:** Two open House seats in this district as Rep. Chandler and Rep. Sandlin are not seeking reelection. This is a strong R district. Rep. Corry is running for Rep. Chandler's position and former Rep. Dufault is running for Rep. Sandlin's position.

*Candidates: Pos. 1: Chase Foster (N/A); Pos. 2: Anna Saenz (D), Rich Bright (R)*

**17th LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Paul Harris who is running for Senate. This is typically an R district.

*Candidates: Hannah Joy (R), David Stuebe (R), Terri Niles (D)*

**18th LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Cheney who is running for Senate. This is an R district.

*Candidates: John Ley (R), Philip L. Johnson (R)*

**22nd LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Bateman who is running for Senate. This is a strong D district.

*Challengers: Lisa Parshley (D), Syd Locke (D)*

**24th LD House:** Open seat Vacated by Rep. Chapman who is running for Senate. This is a moderate district that tends to lean D.

*Candidates: Matthew Roberson (R), JR Streifel (R), Adam Bernbaum (D), Eric Pickens (D), Nate Tyler (D)*

**25th LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Chambers who is running for Pierce County Executive. This is a moderate district that leans R.

*Candidates: Cameron Severns (D), Michael Keaton (R)*

**26th LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Hutchins. This is one of the few truly swing districts in Washington state. Currently represented by two republican house members and a democrat Senator. This will be one of the races to watch in 2024.

*Candidates: Jim Henderson (R), former Rep. Jesse Young (R), Adison Richards (D)*

**31st LD House:** Open seat vacated by Rep. Eric Robertson who announced his retirement. This is an R district.

*Candidates: Bill Thomas (D), Joshua Penner (R), Brian Gunn (D), Brandon Beynon (R)*

**43rd LD House:** Open seat vacated by former Speaker of the House Frank Chopp. This is a strong D district.

*Candidates: Stephanie Lloyd-Agnew (D), Shaun Scott (D), Daniel Carusello (D), Andrea Suarez (D)*

## Other Key House Races:

**10th LD House:** This is one of the true swing districts in the state of Washington. Currently represented by a Republican senator and two Democratic House members. This district is always in play.

Position 1: Incumbent Rep. Shavers (D)

*Challengers: Carrie Kennedy (R), Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam (R)*

Position 2: Incumbent Rep. Paul (D)

*Challengers: Gary Wray (R)*

**42nd LD House:** This is one of the true swing districts in the state of Washington. Currently represented by all democrats however this district is always in play.

Position 1: Incumbent Rep Rule

*Challengers: Raymond Pelletti (R), Janet Melman (D)*

Position 2: Incumbent Rep. Timmons

*Challengers: Kamal Bhachu (R)*

**23 LD House:** Incumbent Rep. Greg Nance (D) was appointed in 2023 to replace Sen. Drew Hansen who moved over to the Senate to replace former Senator Rolfes. Although this is a strong D district, Rep. Nance is running for the first time and has picked up a couple democratic *challengers Silverdale pediatric dentist John Gibbons and Peninsula Community Health Services attorney Brynn Felix of Suquamish – who was also considered by the commissioners last year. Also running is Republican Jaime Miles of Bainbridge Island.*

## **Federal Races:**

**U.S. Senate:** U.S. Senator Cantwell has drawn 10 other challengers, none of which appear to have significant name recognition or political backing to credibly challenge her, so she should easily win re-election in November.

Washington's 10 Congressional Districts – Most of the activity this election cycle will be around Districts 3, 4, 5 (open seat) and 6 (open seat).

**Congressional District #3** – Four people have filed to challenge Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D), one of whom is Trump Republican Joe Kent who narrowly lost to her in 2022.

**Congressional District #4** – Seven people have filed against Congressman Dan Newhouse (R), including WSRP favorite Jerrod Sessler and Tiffany Smiley who ran against U.S. Senator

Patty Murray in 2022. Congressman Newhouse is being challenged from the right due to his vote to impeach former President Trump.

**Congressional District #5** – Eleven people have filed for the open seat vacated by Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rogers (R), including Spokane County Treasurer Michael Baumgartner, state Representative Jacquelin Maycumber and former state Representative Brian Dandel.

**Congressional District #6** – Five people have filed to fill the vacancy left by retiring Congressman Derek Kilmer (D), including State Lands Commissioner Hillary Franz (D), state Senator Emily Randall (D) and state Senator Drew MacEwen (R).

The Primary Election will be on August 6th. The top two candidates will advance to the General Election in November regardless of their party. We will provide another update as the primary progresses and the top candidates become more clear.