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Luanne Van Werven

Luanne Van Werven (Republican Party) was a member of the Washington House of Representatives representing District 1 in Position 1. She was first elected in January 12, 2015. She left office on January 12, 2016.

Van Werven was a member of the Washington House of Representatives in General District 1 in Position 1. She lost in the general election on November 3, 2020.

Committee assignments

2019-2020

Van Werven was assigned to the following committees:

- House Transportation
- College and Workforce Development Committee, Ranking Minority Member
- Innovation, Technology and Economic Development Committee

2017 legislative session

As the sponsor of the following legislative session, this legislator served on the following committees:

Washington House of Representatives, 2016
Ways & Means Committee
Rules Committee
Transportation

2015 legislative session

As the sponsor of the 2015 legislative session Van Werven served on the following committees:

Washington House of Representatives, 2015-2016
Transportation

Sponsored legislation

The following table lists bills sponsored by this legislator. Bills are monitored by BallotReady and curated by action committee. Bills are listed in reverse chronological order. Text of bills may be incomplete. To see all bills in the legislator's name in the title of the bills.

Bills Sponsored By: Luanne Van Werven	Status
HB 1021(2015 - Increasing early learning access to 40-hour childcare hours. Relating to increasing early learning access to 40-hour childcare hours; amending RCW 43.215.135 and 43.216.015; adding new sections to chapter 43.216 RCW; creating new sections; and prescribing penalties. Introduced in the 2015 regular session. effective date is 1/1/2016.	Failed
HB 1021(2015 - Expanding access to critical incident HB 1021 Relating to expanding access to critical incident stress management; amending RCW 43.101.080; adding new sections to chapter 43.101 RCW; and prescribing an expiration date.	Failed

Showing 1 - 2 of 2 bills sponsored by this legislator

Elections

2020

See also: Washington House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for Washington House of Representatives District 42 - Position 1

Candidate	Votes	%
Jessica Bateman (D)	47,882	53.1%
Luanne Van Werven (R)	42,269	46.9%
Write-in votes	76	0.1%
Total votes	90,227	100%

Unofficial results as of November 4, 2020 | Source: Secretary of State

Nonpartisan primary election

Nonpartisan primary for Washington House of Representatives District 42 - Position 1

Candidate	Votes	%
Luanne Van Werven (R)	33,535	50.5%
Jessica Bateman (D)	32,822	49.4%
Write-in votes	52	0.1%
Total votes	66,409	100%

Unofficial results as of November 3, 2020 | Source: Secretary of State

Withdrawn or disqualified candidates

- Shawn Hansen (R)

2018

See also: Washington House of Representatives elections, 2018

General election

General election for Washington House of Representatives District 42 - Position 1

Candidate	Votes	%
Luanne Van Werven (R)	36,242	53.1%
Justin Brennan (D)	36,193	53.0%
Write-in votes	76	0.1%
Total votes	68,311	100%

Unofficial results as of November 6, 2018 | Source: Secretary of State

Recount scheduled for December 3, 2018 | Contested election

Top two primary

Justin Brennan and incumbent Luanne Van Werven defeated Dave Beckwith, in the primary for Washington House of Representatives District 42 Position 1 on August 7, 2018.

Nonpartisan primary for Washington House of Representatives District 42 - Position 1

Candidate
Justin Brennan (D)
Luanne Van Werven (R)
Dave Beckwith (R)

Unofficial results as of August 7, 2018 | Source: Secretary of State

Recount scheduled for December 3, 2018 | Contested election

2016

See also: Washington House of Representatives elections, 2016

Elections for the Washington House of Representatives took place in 2016. The primary election was held on August 2, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was May 25, 2016.

Incumbent Luanne Van Werven defeated Bruce Lorenz in the Washington House of Representatives, District 42 Position 1 in the general election.[1][2][3]

Washington House of Representatives, District 42 Position 1 Primary, 2016

Candidate	Votes	%
✓ Luanne Van Werven (Incumbent)	3,966	50.1%
Bruce Lorenz	3,955	49.9%
Write-in votes	7	0.1%
Total votes	7,928	100%

Source: Washington Secretary of State

Washington House of Representatives, District 42 Position 1 Tax Year 2016

Candidate	Votes	%
Democratic	✓ Bruce Lorenz	16,424	50.9%
Republican	✓ Luanne Van Werven (Incumbent)	15,861	49.1%
Libertarian	Greg Jackson	477	1.5%
Write-in votes	Write-in votes	7	0.0%
	Total votes	32,309	100.0%

Source: Washington Secretary of State

2014

See also: Washington House of Representatives elections, 2014

Elections for the Washington House of Representatives took place in 2014. Attached primary election took place on August 5, 2014. The general election was held on November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates was May 16, 2014. Luanne Van Werven defeated Bruce Lorenz in the Washington House of Representatives District 42 Position 1 in the general election. Bills was selected by the Washington Secretary of State.[4][5][6]

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	Total Votes	32,234	

Campaign themes

2020

Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection

Luanne Van Werven did not complete Ballotpedia's 2020 Candidate Connection survey.

2016

Van Werven's campaign website highlighted the following issues:

Quality of Life

- Quality of life issues include improving the economic environment in Western Washington, creating more jobs, enhancing education so every student can reach their full potential, and protecting our local and state parks.
- Protecting the beauty and enjoying one of the best places to live in the country. We want our children and grandchildren to have every opportunity we have had in the past.
- We need to value and protect the things we have now about Western Washington, that make us who we are. We can improve our quality of life but been too priority.

Family Wage Jobs

- Creating family wage jobs. Jobs are the key to a strong economy. We need to make it easier for small businesses to hire and grow. Jobs are related to the quality of life issues.

Competitiveness

- When it comes to funding for our schools, I believe in a portfolio approach. We need to fund our schools in a way that highlight equity and meet the needs of the state's long term future. Our goal is to:
  - 6 ready regulatory review process leading no longer than 18 months for proposals needing environmental review and permitting decisions.
  - Environmental framework that is predictable and consistent, focusing on the needs of communities where projects are to be built, rather than speculative impacts.
  - Environmental review that is fair to the public and the diversity of employment opportunities that sustain Washington's middle class.
  - I will fight for economic vitality with more job opportunities, because the health of our community is dependent on a strong and thriving economy.

Strong Communities

- **Strong Families.** They are essential to strong communities. Families flourish when human life is respected and when families are strong and have a sense of rights and duties and integrity.
- **Economic vitality.** The health of our communities depends on an vibrant economy that provides career opportunities for our children and grandchildren to stay home.
- **Strong schools.** We must provide a world class education in order for our students to reach their full potential.
- **Safe and affordable neighborhoods.** We must continue to improve living conditions for all.
- **Quality of Life.** Continue focused attention on issues that make Whatcom County the best place to live, work and play.[10]

Luanne Van Werven.[10]

2014

Van Werven's campaign website highlighted the following issues:[11]

Economy

- Example: "In order to create jobs in Whatcom County, we need a business-friendly regulatory environment. I will work to advance legislation that will attract businesses, sell our region and improve customer service at state agencies."

Education

- Example: "I will work on enhancing our Education system to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) so our graduates are prepared and well-educated qualified for tomorrow's workforce."

Farmers & Ranchers

- Example: "One way to get Whatcom County back to work is by helping our farmers thrive in this economy. Agriculture is one of the top employers in our county. We need to protect our farmland to preserve our way of life. We need to find solutions that farmers need to stay thriving so that our future generations are able to farm."

Campaign donors

Note: The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or year, this may represent only a portion of the funds raised and spent. Third-party spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this. Ballotpedia's campaign finance data is updated weekly. Campaign finance data for state-level candidates in this table can be found at the FEC website. Click here for more of federal campaign finance tips and find the most up-to-date campaign finance law.

Campaign Finance Summary, 2016 - 2020

2016	Washington House of Representatives, District 42 Position 1 (Incumbent)	✓	$99,248
2014	Washington House of Representatives, District 42 Position 1	✓	$127,255
	Grand total raised		$226,504

Source: Follow the Money ↗

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Washington House of Representatives 2016 election campaign contributions

Contributor	Amount
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Washington Mineral & Aggregate Association	$2,000
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Endorsements

2016

In 2016, Van Werven's endorsements included the following:[12]

- Northwest Wave Bob Akenson
- Sunny Mayer Richard Brierley
- Sunny Mayer Jim Cole
- Sunny Mayer Dave Hall
- Sunny Mayer Scott Aschuna
- Fortnite Mayor Jim Mullican
- Orange Mayor John Perry
- Northwest Wave Jim Cole
- Northwest Wave Dave Hall
- Northwest Wave Scott Aschuna
- Northwest Wave Jim Perry
- Northwest Wave Jim Mullican
- American Conservation Voter Award for Conservation Excellence" 100% rating

2014

In 2014, Van Werven's endorsements included the following:[13]

- Lynden Mayor Scott Korthuis
- Blaine Mayor Harry Robinson
- Ferndale Mayor Gary Jensen
- Sunny Mayor Richard Brierley
- Washington National Committeeman Fred Simpson
- Washington National Committeeman Jeff Kent
- Seattle Port Commissioner Bill Bryant
- Dino Rossi
- Ferndale City Councilman, Jim Mutchler
- Whatcom County Councilman, Sam Crawford

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Washington

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political position. Because scorecards are issued by organizations with a particular point of view, scorecards can be seen merely as an endorsement. Yet, a scorecard, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on an issue which a state resident may not have been aware of or may not have had an opinion on.

Ballotpedia is in the process of developing a set of scorecards for all partisan legislators. Some states have enough a number of available scorecards or scorecards produced by only one or two groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards into its coverage of state legislators.

Click here for an example of Ballotpedia's scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Washington scorecards, email suggestions to editors@ballotpedia.org.

2020

In 2020, the Washington State Legislature was in session from January 13 to March 12.

- Associated General Contractors of Washington House and Senate
- Legislators are scored based on their votes on legislation supported by the organization.
- Association of Washington Business
- Legislators are scored based on their votes on legislation supported by the organization.
- Building Industry Association of Washington
- Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to home building industry issues.
- National Federation of Independent Business
- Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to business issues.
- The American Conservative Union
- Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.
- Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility
- Legislators are scored on their votes on firearm related bills.
- Washington Conservation Voters
- Legislators are scored on their votes on related to environmental issues.
- Washington State Labor Council
- Legislators are scored on whether they voted for or against WSLC's position.

2019

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2018

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Political offices

Preceded by: Joseph Greenstein (R)	Washington State House of Representatives District 42 Position 1 2015 - 2016	Succeeded by: Bruce Lorenz (R)

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