

## Legislative News (Draft)

### **Gun Bill Legislation Progress Report:**

Washington State legislative sessions are defined by the biennium or the two-year period in which bills are considered. Each new biennium begins in odd numbered years. The first year of the biennium is known as a long session and lasts 105 calendar days, including weekends and holidays. The short session is held on even numbered years and lasts 60 calendar days. There were 13 major gun bills introduced in 2025. Of those 13 bills, one bill made it through the legislative process and was signed into law by Governor Ferguson. It is the Permit to Purchase law and it becomes effective in May 2027. To purchase a firearm after the law becomes effective, you will have to acquire a permit from Washington State. Firearm training, including live fire training, is required to obtain the permit. This same permit will be required to renew a concealed carry permit. There are 12 major gun bills being considered during the 2026 legislative session. Many of the 2025 gun bills were reintroduced in 2026 (second year of the biennium) for consideration. Of those 12 bills, 8 failed to make it through the house of origin cutoff deadline of February 17 so are technically dead bills. Of the remaining 4 bills still being deliberated by the legislature, BDGC recommends the following:

Senate Bill 5098, Gun Free Zones – Oppose

House Bill 2320, Regulation of firearm manufacturing using 3D printers & NC milling – Oppose

HB 2235, Public Record Acts Exemptions – Support

HB 2521, Firearm Background Check Fee - Oppose

Information about how to submit your testimony (input to your district legislators and the legislature committees) is available at the BDGC web site.

### **NRA-ILA Meeting:**

Black Diamond Gun Club (BDGC) invited the NRA Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) to our January 27<sup>th</sup> general membership board meeting. BDGC members are encouraged to attend general membership monthly meetings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The NRA-ILA meeting filled the clubhouse and lasted about 2 hours. There was a formal presentation by John Doll (King County NRA-ILA) followed by a question & answer period. A copy of his presentation material is posted at the BDGC website. This includes information regarding the 2026 gun bill legislation and how to sign in to the Washington State legislative website to oppose or support the bills. Input from gun club members provides the legislative committees valuable information about your position on the various gun bills being deliberated. The

majority of 2026 gun bills need to be opposed. They were introduced by liberals and are intended to disarm Washington State residents. Liberals believe the elimination of firearms will lower gun violence and suicides. They believe lawful gun ownership is a major contributor to the problem. They are determined to eliminate or significantly curtail your 2<sup>nd</sup> amendments rights in Washington state. The liberals have total control of the Washington State legislature and the Governors office. They also control the Washington State supreme court. Firearm owners are thereby disadvantaged and must not only get involved but stay involved to preserve 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights in Washington state.

### **Gun Litigation:**

Proposed gun bill legislation in Washington state often includes features that are unconstitutional. Liberal legislators don't care. They will propose and pass these bills into law so they can achieve their goal of disarming Washington's citizens. They know they have a favorable advantage in the Washington state court system and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> District. The final appeal is to the U.S. Supreme Court. Lawsuits are expensive to pursue and can involve several years of litigation. Liberals know this so this becomes a tactic when they propose gun bills designed to disarm or severely curtail the rights of firearm owners. It is in your best interest to become involved in opposing gun bill legislation. Once the legislature passes a bill and the Governor signs it into law, it becomes an expensive uphill battle to undo and Washington state will use taxpayer money to defend the law.

### **Election Year – 2026:**

2026 is an election year. Primaries will be held in May with finalists being elected in November. This being an off-year election, voter turnout is historically low. Washington being a liberal state where liberals control all facets of the political apparatus gives the very people that want to disarm you an advantage. During the last general election in 2025 voter turnout in Washington state was approximately 39% statewide. There were 5.1 million registered voters and approximately 2.0 million ballots counted. Based on election results, obviously not enough Republicans (conservatives) voted. Some of the results were won or lost by a few hundred or less votes. In addition to state legislators on this year's ballot, there are 2 Washington state Supreme Court judge positions up for election. Make sure to vote this year. Along with raising your taxes, liberals are determined to disarm you. BDGC will post more information about voting later as we near the primaries.

### **Member Involvement:**

BDGC encourages its membership to actively oppose anti-firearm legislation. During the annual legislative session, the club will post information in the clubhouse and at the club's website. The information is designed to give members information about the gun bills, how to oppose them

and a periodic progress status report about where bills are in the legislative process. As these bills work their way through the legislative process, members should learn how to contact their district representatives and senator. They should also learn how to follow the bills and receive email notifications as the bills proceed through the legislative committees. As bills move through the House and Senate chambers and through the various committees within these chambers, public testimony needs to be resubmitted. Unfortunately, testimony isn't forwarded to the next committee or chamber. Testimony may be submitted in several ways. In order to understand the various methods, please refer to the Washington State Legislature's web-site at <https://leg.wa.gov/>. A list of 2026 gun bill legislation and current status (as of February 27, 2026) is available at the BDGC website. Thanks to everyone who helped oppose this year's gun bills. We all need to stay involved with opposing these bills otherwise our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights will continue to disappear in Washington state.