

INTERPARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITY REPORT

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BRITISH COLUMBIA-WASHINGTON STATE INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Host	Washington State Legislature
Location	Seattle, Washington, USA
Dates	June 9, 2026
Activity Type	Friendship Agreements
Participants	6 Members of the Legislative Assembly, 1 Assembly support staff

PARTICIPANTS

- Hon. Raj Chouhan, MLA, Speaker
- Rob Botterell, MLA
- Stephanie Higginson, MLA
- Steve Morissette, MLA
- Jody Toor, MLA
- Á'a:liya Warbus, MLA
- Kate Ryan-Lloyd, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly (Delegation Secretary)

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The British Columbia-Washington State Interparliamentary Group is a bilateral group established in January 2026 to strengthen relationships between legislators in the Province of British Columbia and the State of Washington. The group's purpose is to explore solutions to common challenges, address cross-border constituency matters, and engage in discussions on areas of mutual interest and accomplishment. The group is co-chaired by the Hon. Raj Chouhan, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, and Hon. Denny Heck, Lieutenant Governor of Washington State. Membership includes legislators from the political parties represented in both jurisdictions. Annual meetings are intended to alternate between British Columbia and Washington State, with special meetings held as needed.

The Annual General Meeting held on June 9, 2026, provided an opportunity for legislators from both jurisdictions to discuss issues of mutual interest and importance to the cross-border relationship. The agenda focused on emerging opportunities and challenges in advanced energy and artificial intelligence, with presentations and discussion led by Washington State legislators and subject matter experts. A keynote address was delivered by former Washington Governor Christine Gregoire, who reflected on her time in office and underscored the longstanding importance of the Canada-United States relationship, including partnerships between both the executive and legislative branches. Former Governor Gregoire highlighted a number of initiatives undertaken during her tenure to strengthen cross-border collaboration, particularly in the areas of economic development, public safety and security, trade, innovation, and technology research. The meeting also provided valuable opportunities for networking and relationship-

building among participating legislators and officials, reinforcing the strong connections between British Columbia and Washington State and the importance of continued dialogue on shared regional priorities.

EXPENSES

The following combined expenses are for all participants.

Travel Expenses	\$9,777.26
Conference Fees	Nil
Subsidy	Nil
Total	\$9,777.26