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## **2022 Election Summary**

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In Washington state, a blue wave came ashore as Democrats are probably going to be adding seats to their legislative majorities despite the traditional midterm election trends that should have helped Republicans.

While several days of counting mail-in ballots remain, after two days of counting the numbers show Democrats will add three seats to their 57-41 House majority (increased to 60-38) and one seat to their 28-21 Senate majority (increased to 29-20). These margins give Democrats the ability to advance a progressive agenda - leaving business interests with a limited ability to put the brakes on dozens of legislative initiatives that are seen as anti-business.

At this point it is unclear what gave Democrats the boost to score so well at the ballot. Was it the politics of abortion, Trump fatigue or concerns that Democracy is at risk? Was it candidate quality? Did state redistricting benefit Democrats? Whatever it was, state Democrats overcame the headwinds of inflation, gas prices, mortgage rate hikes and anxiety about crime to not only hold their own but likely grow their majorities.

In federal races, U.S. Senator Patty Murray will return to DC given her wide margin over GOP challenger Tiffany Smiley, a political newcomer who ran a brilliant campaign. Democratic Rep. Kim Schrier has a solid lead for re-election in a seat that national Republicans hoped to flip. And in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District, there's a hotly competitive race to replace Republican Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler, who voted to impeach then-President Donald Trump and was defeated in the primary by GOP challenger Joe Kent.

### **Contested Races – Federal**

#### **United States Senate Democrat-held incumbent seat**

Sen. Patty Murray (D) 57%

Tiffany Smiley (R) 43%

#### **United States Congress – 3<sup>rd</sup> District Republican open seat**

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D) 52%

Joe Kent (R) 47%

#### **United States Congress – 8<sup>th</sup> District Democrat-held incumbent seat**

Rep. Kim Schrier (D) 52%

Matt Larkin (R) 47%

## **Contested Races - Statewide Offices**

### **Secretary of State Democrat-held appointee seat**

S of S Steve Hobbs (D) 50%

Julie Anderson (NP) 47%

## **Contested Races - State Senate**

### **26<sup>th</sup> District – Democratic-held incumbent seat**

Sen. Emily Randall (D) 52%

Jesse Young (R) 48%

### **30<sup>th</sup> District – Democratic-held incumbent seat**

Sen. Claire Wilson (D) 56%

Linda Kochmar (R) 44%

### **42<sup>nd</sup> District – GOP-held appointee seat**

Sen. Simon Sefzik (R) 49%

Sharon Shewmaker (D) 51%

### **47<sup>th</sup> District – Democrat-held open seat**

Claudia Kauffman (D) 53%

Bill Boyce (R) 47%

## **Contested Races - State House**

### **5<sup>th</sup> District – Democrat-held incumbent seat**

Rep. Lisa Callan (D) 54%

Chad Magendanz (R) 45%

### **10<sup>th</sup> District – Republican-held incumbent seat**

Rep. Greg Gilday (R) 47%

Clyde Shavers (D) 53%

### **10<sup>th</sup> District – Democratic-held incumbent seat**

Rep. Dave Paul (D) 54%

Karen Lasetmoe (R) 46%

### **17<sup>th</sup> District – Republican-held open seat**

Kevin Waters (R) 52%

Terri Niles (D) 48%

### **18<sup>th</sup> District – Republican-held open seat**

John Zingale (D) 50%

Stephanie McClintock (R) 49%

**18<sup>th</sup> District – Republican-held open seat**

Greg Cheney (R) 52%

Duncan Camacho (D) 48%

**26<sup>th</sup> District – Republican-held open seat**

Adison Richards (D) 51%

Spencer Hutchins (R) 49%

**28<sup>th</sup> District – Democrat-held incumbent seat**

Rep. Dan Bronoske (D) 56%

Susanna Keilman (R) 44%

**42<sup>nd</sup> District – Democrat-held incumbent seat**

Rep. Alicia Rule (D) 52.13%

Tawsha Thompson (R) 47.77%

**42<sup>nd</sup> District – Democratic-held open seat**

Joe Timmons (D) 51%

Dan Johnson (R) 48%

**44<sup>th</sup> District – Democrat-held appointee seat**

Rep. Brandy Donaghy (D) 54%

Mark Harmsworth (R) 46%