



A look at the 2009 Legislative Session

*How the AIA Washington Council
Fights for Architects*



**AIA|WA Mission Statement:
To serve its members through
influencing state government with regard
to issues that impact the practice of
architecture.**

More and more legislation gets passed each year-

- 3,263 bills were introduced last session (2009)
 - 1707 introduced by the House
 - 1556 introduced by the Senate
- Of those, 601 new bills were passed
 - 321 passed the House
 - 280 passed the Senate
- Last session, 354 bills were tracked by the AIA|WA
- 62 bills that passed were tracked by the AIA|WA



AIA|WA Efforts for the Environment



AIA Lobbied for

- SB 5854,
 - Will make WA buildings the most energy efficient in the nation.
- HB 1007
 - Creating a trust to fund sustainable energy improvements in buildings.
- SB 5649,
 - funds energy efficiency improvements in WA buildings.

AIA Lobbied Against

- SB 5384
 - Weakening WA's High Performance Public Buildings law.

Efforts for the environment have Nation wide results

- May 14, 2009- Governor Gregoire comments publicly that she will be taking talking points to the National Governor Association Meeting and asking the AIA to help draft them
- Also in May, the US House passes an AIA tracked bill that puts over \$6 million into making schools more energy efficient

Walk the Walk
Architects Leading the Sustainable EvolutionSM



AIA|WA Efforts in 2009 for the Alaskan Way Viaduct



AIA|WA lobbied against attempts to institute the “elevated option”

Later the passage of SB 5768 Preserves Seattle’s waterfront by funding a deep bore tunnel to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct.



Last Session's Efforts for the Community

AIA|WA lobbied for the passage of:

- HB 1113
 - Funds new school construction grants.
- SB 5580
 - Extends, from 6 to 10 years, the amount of time for local school impact fees to be spent.

AIA|WA lobbied against the passage of:

- SB 5148
 - Radically altering WA's vesting laws for construction projects

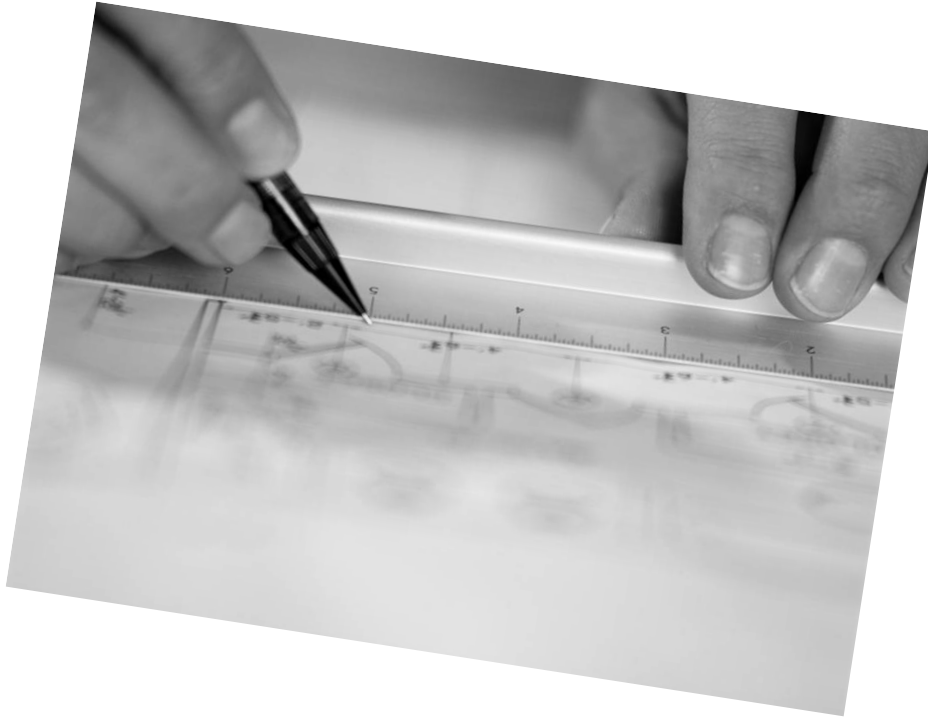


AIA|WA Efforts for Architect's Economic Stability in 2009

- **HB 2350, HB 2354**
 - a \$4 billion tax on intangible property
- **HB 1393/SB 5895**
 - Massive liability expansion for residential design and construction.
- **HB 1714**
 - Burdensome regulations of association health plans and increase health insurance costs for businesses.
- **SB 6173**
 - A \$100 million tax increase on construction projects.
- **HB 2329, SB 5144, SB 5244**
 - Allowing 3rd parties to sue government contractors over payment claims



AIA|WA Efforts on Licensing



- HB 1497 Eliminating boards
 - such as Architecture licensing board, and Capital Campus Design Advisory Committee.
- HB 1608/SB 5514
 - Creating a poorly worded and expansive interior design practice act, allowing interior designers to practice aspects of architecture
- HB 1881/SB 5698
 - Creating an ill-conceived practice act for soil and wetland scientists.

Damaging Bills that AIA|WA Helped to Stop Last Session

- HB 1528, SB 5446
 - Would have created new lawsuits preventing employers from discussing certain matters with employees.
- HB 1293, HB 2186, SB 5591
 - Creating new lawsuits against employers.



2009 Legislation that Negatively Impacted Civic Design



What happens
when only
shovel ready
projects are
funded?

- HB 1216
 - State capital budget drastically reduced funding for design services.
- HB 1244
 - State operating budget steals \$780 million from the capital budget.

Missed Opportunities in 2009



- SB 5529
 - Modernizing the architecture licensing laws passed the Senate, but died in the House.
- HB 1898
 - Setting priorities for higher education capital projects
- HB 1690
 - Requiring University of Washington to comply with state public works contracting laws.