



Legislative Building

Washington State Legislature

Olympia, WA 98504-0600

August 27, 2020

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor
State of Washington
Olympia WA 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 21, 2020 requesting extension of the statutory waivers and suspensions ordered in various proclamations, including Proclamations 20-20, 20-63 and 20-64.

Senator Billig and Speaker Jinkins support extending the statutory waivers and suspensions ordered in Proclamations 20-20 and 20-64 to November 1 as requested, but Senator Schoesler and Representative Wilcox support a shorter extension. As RCW 43.06.220 requires the agreement of all four caucus leaders, these proclamations are extended until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2020.

Proclamation 20-63 was issued pursuant to RCW 74.04.660(6). Senator Billig, Speaker Jinkins and Representative Wilcox believe the statute vests the governor with authority to extend the family emergency assistance program to individuals without children for the duration of the COVID emergency and that legislative approval for extension is not required. Senator Schoesler believes legislative approval is required and supports an extension until 11:59 p.m. October 1.

We will respond to the remaining requests next week.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Andy Billig in black ink.

ANDY BILLIG
Senate Majority Leader

Handwritten signature of Mark Schoesler in black ink.

MARK SCHOESLER
Senate Minority Leader

Handwritten signature of Laurie Jinkins in black ink.

LAURIE JINKINS
Speaker of the House

Handwritten signature of J.T. Wilcox in black ink.

J.T. WILCOX
House Minority Leader
