



APA Washington Process for Proposing Legislation

~ Bill Proposal Form ~

The Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Washington) has adopted a Process by which it will determine whether to propose legislation. The process includes **criteria**, **procedures**, and a **timeline** which the APA-Washington Board will make this determination.

This form is for use by anyone who is interested proposing an idea for a bill to APA Washington. It includes three sections: (I) information about you as the sponsor of the idea, (II) information about the proposed idea/bill, and (III) the chapter's criteria that you are encouraged to consider.

Proposals are due on July 30, 2010.

Please send the form, as well as any questions you have, to:
billproposal@washington-apa.org.

I. SPONSOR INFORMATION

Note: Providing any of this information is optional.

Sponsor Information	
Your Name:	
Title / Position:	
Employer:	
Address:	
Email address:	
Phone number(s):	
Are you a planner? If so, please describe the type of planning work you do.	

II. BILL PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Note: This serves as the summary of your proposal. These items are not optional.

Bill Proposal Information	
Name of the Idea/Proposal:	
Problem/Opportunity Statement:	
Proposed Solution/Approach:	

	Bill Proposal Information
Are you interested in working on this idea? Describe how.	

III. CRITERIA

As the person proposing the idea, **we are asking you to provide answers to the criteria questions noted below.** You are welcome to provide additional information as well. If you cannot answer the question(s), then leave it blank.

Note: These criteria are used by the APA Washington Board to determine whether to move this idea forward. The criteria are not in rank order, and are not meant to be fully comprehensive. It is the task of the Bill Proposal Subcommittee to review the answers you provide, answer the questions ourselves, and assess their importance relative to one another.

I. CONTENT of the Proposal	
Question	Answer – Please limit response to 100 words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistency: Is the proposal consistent with adopted APA-Washington documents (Livable Washington, Legislative Platform, Strategic Plan, etc.)? How does this bill relate to other proposals (from APA-Washington or others)? Can we support similar proposals or should we run our own bill? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good policy: Is the bill fundamentally about planning? Does it go beyond planning statutes? Does the bill advance the public interest? Does the bill make it easier/harder to do good planning in Washington? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits and costs: How much does the bill cost to implement? Who bears this cost? Are the benefits worth the cost? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statewide effects: Is the bill responsive to issues in different types of areas (Eastern vs. Western Washington, urban vs. rural areas, etc.)? 	

II. FEASIBILITY of Running and Passing the Proposal	
Question	Answer – Please limit response to 100 words
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complexity: How complex is the proposal? How many sections of RCW are revised? Do we have sufficient expertise to shepherd the proposal? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timeliness: Why propose this now? Is the time right? Has this proposal (or a similar proposal) been run before? If so, why did it not pass before and have those 	

circumstances changed?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Support</i>: Can we create a coalition to support the proposal? Who might oppose the proposal? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Legislative composition</i>: Is the makeup of the Legislature appropriate for this proposal? Who are the chairs and members of the relevant legislative committees? Can we find a sponsor? Where does the Governor stand on these issues? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Chapter Resources</i>: How much of our lobbyist's time can we devote to this proposal? How many other proposals will APA-Washington run? 	<u>N/A</u>

III. PERCEPTION from Running the Proposal	
<i>Question</i>	<i>Answer – Please limit response to 100 words</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>APA role</i>: Would APA-Washington be seen as a player on this topic? Would the proposal be politically sensitive enough that it would affect planner's ability to shepherd it? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Stakeholder reaction</i>: How does running this proposal affect friends and others' perceptions of APA-Washington? What will the reaction be in the media? 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Long-term effects</i>: How will running this proposal affect the chapter's standing in Olympia? How will running this proposal affect our ability to run other proposals in the future? Will it make the chapter stronger, and perhaps more likely to be included in other activities, such as task forces, committees, etc.? What would the effect be if the proposal did not pass? 	

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