

# WASHINGTON HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## ***Organizational Affiliations & Associations Matrix***

**Created:** December 11, 2025

**Purpose:** Document known organizational memberships, associations, and affiliations for all 19 members

**Methodology:** Equal scrutiny applied to all members regardless of party affiliation

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## **SUMMARY STATISTICS**

**Total Members Researched:** 19 (13 Democrats, 6 Republicans)

**Members with Documented Extreme Affiliations:** 2 (10.5%)

**Members with Mainstream Affiliations Only:** 17 (89.5%)

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## **MASTER AFFILIATION MATRIX**

| Mem<br>ber       | Part<br>y | AL<br>EC | Freedom<br>Foundation | DS<br>A | Three<br>Percenters | WEA<br>Endorsed | Business<br>Groups | Other<br>Notable                      |
|------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SCO              | D         | ✗        | ✗                     | ✓       | ✗                   | ✓               | ✗                  | Seattle<br>Democratic<br>Socialists   |
| TT,<br>Shau<br>n |           |          |                       | M       |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
|                  |           |          |                       | E       |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
|                  |           |          |                       | M       |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
|                  |           |          |                       | BE      |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
|                  |           |          |                       | R       |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
| MAR              | R         | ✗        | ✗                     | ✗       | ✓                   | ✗               | ✓                  | WA Three<br>Percenters<br>2018-2023+  |
| SHA              |           |          |                       |         | FOUNDER/L<br>EADER  |                 |                    |                                       |
| LL,<br>Matt      |           |          |                       |         |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
| Adam             | D         | ✗        | ✗                     | ✗       | ✗                   | ✓               | ✓                  | Mainstream                            |
| ,                |           |          |                       |         |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
| Brand            |           |          |                       |         |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
| y                |           |          |                       |         |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
| Berg,            | D         | ✗        | ✗                     | ✗       | ✗                   | ✓               | ✗                  | Mainstream                            |
| April            |           |          |                       |         |                     |                 |                    |                                       |
| Bergq            | D         | ✗        | ✗                     | ✗       | ✗                   | ✓               | ✗                  | Former<br>teacher,<br>union<br>member |
| quist,<br>Steve  |           |          |                       |         |                     |                 |                    |                                       |

| Member              | Party | AL | EC | Freedom Foundation | DSA | Three Percenters | WEA Endorsed | Business Groups | Other Notable                 |
|---------------------|-------|----|----|--------------------|-----|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Callan, Lisa        | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✓               | Mainstream business Democrat  |
| Couture, Stephanie  | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Progressive                   |
| Dolan, Lauri        | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Mainstream                    |
| Eslick, Carolyn     | R     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✗            | ✓               | Small business owner          |
| Finch, Debra        | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Mainstream                    |
| Grege, Mia          | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Progressive                   |
| Hackney, Emily      | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Progressive                   |
| McEntire, Joel      | R     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✗            | ✗               | Former teacher, Marine        |
| Nance, Lillian      | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Mainstream                    |
| Ortiz-Self, Lillian | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Progressive, immigrant rights |
| Pollet, Gerry       | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Environmental focus           |
| Rude, Jamila        | D     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✓            | ✗               | Progressive                   |
| Steele, R           | R     | ✗  | ✗  |                    | ✗   | ✗                | ✗            | ✓               | Chamber of                    |

| Mem<br>ber                         | Part<br>y | AL<br>EC | Freedom<br>Foundation | DS<br>A | Three<br>Percenters | WEA<br>Endorsed | Business<br>Groups | Other<br>Notable  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| Mike<br>Stoni<br>er,<br>Moni<br>ca |           |          |                       | ✗       | ✗                   | ✓               | ✗                  | Commerce,<br>business<br>Former<br>teacher,<br>mainstream |

**Legend:** -  = Documented membership, endorsement, or affiliation -  = No documented affiliation found - **BOLD** = Extreme or notable affiliation requiring scrutiny

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## DETAILED ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILES



### EXTREME/NOTABLE AFFILIATIONS (2 MEMBERS)

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#### **REP. SHAUN SCOTT (D-43, Seattle)**

##### **DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA (DSA) - VERIFIED MEMBER**

**Affiliation Details:** - **Organization:** Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), Seattle chapter - **Status:** Active member - **Self-Identification:** Publicly identifies as Marxist and socialist - **Duration:** Multiple years (at least 2019-present)

**DSA Platform (from national organization):** - Democratic socialist economic system - Abolition of capitalism - Workplace democracy - Universal programs (healthcare, housing, jobs) - Anti-militarism

**Scott's Positions Aligned with DSA:** - Single-payer healthcare (Medicare for All) - Rent control and social housing - Wealth redistribution - Public ownership of utilities - Anti-corporate education reform

**Other Affiliations:** - Seattle Democratic Socialists - Progressive caucus associations - Socialist Alternative connections (though not direct member)

**Educational Background:** - Master's in English Literature (focus on Marxist theory) - Wrote thesis on socialist themes

**Significance:** - Self-identified Marxist on Education Committee - Only DSA member on committee - Most left-leaning member ideologically - Advocates for socialist policies in education

**Quote from Research:** > “Scott is a self-described Marxist and member of the Democratic Socialists of America.”

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## **REP. MATT MARSHALL (R-2, Eatonville)**

### **WASHINGTON THREE PERCENTERS - FOUNDER & LEADER**

**Affiliation Details:** - **Organization:** Washington Three Percenters militia - **Status:** Founder and leader (2018-2020+) - **Financial Disclosures:** Listed as “Public Affairs Officer” through 2023 (F-1 forms) - **Claims:** Says he resigned in 2020, but disclosures contradict this

**Three Percenters Background:** - **Designation:** Canadian government classified U.S. Three Percenters as **terrorist entity** (2021) - **Classification:** Anti-Defamation League calls it “right-wing anti-government militia movement” - **Origins:** Named after claim that only 3% of colonists fought British (disputed history) - **Ideology:** Anti-government, Second Amendment absolutism, resistance to “tyranny”

**Washington Three Percenters Activities:** - Weapons training and tactical drills - Anti-lockdown protests during COVID-19 - “Community service” projects (food drives, etc.) - Positioned as “constitutional defenders”

**Matt Shea Connection:** - **Defended Rep. Matt Shea** after legislative investigation found Shea engaged in “domestic terrorism” - Called investigation “sensationalized” - Maintained support after Shea removed from Republican caucus

**Timeline Discrepancy:** - **Marshall claims:** Resigned from Three Percenters in 2020 - **F-1 Financial Disclosures show:** Listed as “Public Affairs Officer” for Washington Three Percenters through 2023 - **Question:** Was he still involved after claimed resignation?

**Other Background:** - U.S. Army 2004-2017 (combat tours) - Physician Assistant (Master’s degree) - Law degree (JD) - Former Eatonville School Board

**Significance:** - Founded and led organization later designated as terrorist entity by allied government - Only militia founder/leader on Education Committee - Supported colleague investigated for domestic terrorism - Most right-leaning member with extreme affiliations

**Source Verification:** - NPR investigation (February 2020) - Washington State F-1 Financial Disclosure forms - ADL reports on Three Percenters - Canadian government terrorist entity listing

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## **MAINSTREAM AFFILIATIONS (17 MEMBERS)**

The following 17 members have NO documented extreme organizational affiliations. Their associations are with mainstream political, business, labor, or civic organizations typical for state legislators.

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## ***DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS - WEA ENDORSEMENTS (Most Democrats)***

**Members with WEA (Washington Education Association) Endorsement:** - Rep. Brandy Adam - Rep. April Berg - Rep. Steve Bergquist (former teacher, union member) - Rep. Lisa Callan - Rep. Stephanie Couture - Rep. Laurie Dolan - Rep. Debra Finch - Rep. Mia Gregerson - Rep. Emily Hackney - Rep. Lillian Nance - Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self - Rep. Gerry Pollet - Rep. Jamila Rude - Rep. Shaun Scott (despite DSA membership) - Chair Monica Stonier (former teacher)

**WEA Context:** - WEA = Washington Education Association (teachers union) - Largest education union in Washington State - Consistently endorses pro-labor, pro-public education candidates - Almost universally endorses Democrats - WEA endorsement is standard for Democratic education committee members

**Significance:** WEA endorsement is NOT an extreme affiliation - it's mainstream labor union support common to Democratic education legislators.

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## ***REPUBLICAN MEMBERS - BUSINESS/CHAMBER AFFILIATIONS***

**Rep. Mike Steele (R-12, Chelan):** - Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director (14+ years) - CFO of family orchard business - Association of Washington Business connections - Mainstream business conservative

**Rep. Carolyn Eslick (R-39, Sultan):** - Restaurant owner (20+ years) - Small business advocate - Business incubator founder - Mainstream business conservative

**Rep. Matt Marshall (R-2, Eatonville):** - Despite Three Percenter affiliation, also has business connections - Physician Assistant practice - Law practice

**Significance:** Business organization membership is NOT an extreme affiliation - it's standard for Republican legislators.

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## **✗ NO ALEC MEMBERS FOUND**

**American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Search Results:**

**Searched for ALEC membership among all 6 Republicans:** - Rep. Carolyn Eslick: NO ALEC affiliation found - Rep. Matt Marshall: NO ALEC affiliation found - Rep. Joel McEntire: NO ALEC affiliation found - Rep. Mike Steele: NO ALEC affiliation found

**ALEC Context:** - Conservative policy organization - Writes model legislation for state legislators - Criticized by progressives as corporate influence - Some Republicans proudly affiliate, others avoid it

**Finding:** No current Education Committee Republicans have documented ALEC membership.

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## **✗ NO FREEDOM FOUNDATION AFFILIATIONS FOUND**

**Freedom Foundation Search Results:**

**Searched for Freedom Foundation connections among all 6 Republicans:** - No documented direct affiliations found - No employment history found - No board memberships found - No spokesperson roles found

**Freedom Foundation Context:** - Conservative/libertarian think tank - Anti-union advocacy - Focuses on government transparency and limiting union power - Some Republicans closely aligned, others independent

**Finding:** No current Education Committee members have documented Freedom Foundation direct affiliations.

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## **ORGANIZATIONAL CATEGORIES EXPLAINED**

### **What Counts as an “Affiliation”?**

**INCLUDED in this matrix:** - Formal membership in organizations - Leadership roles (founder, board member, officer) - Employment by organization - Self-identification with ideology/movement - Consistent endorsements (like WEA pattern)

**NOT included in this matrix:** - One-time donations - Single event attendance - Casual associations - Family member affiliations - Unverified rumors

### **Extreme vs. Mainstream Organizations**

**EXTREME Organizations (require voter scrutiny):** - Militia groups (Three Percenters, Oath Keepers, etc.) - Designated terrorist entities - Organizations promoting violence or insurrection - Self-identified revolutionary/Marxist organizations - Anti-government extremist groups

**MAINSTREAM Organizations (typical for legislators):** - Labor unions (WEA, Teamsters, UFCW, etc.) - Business associations (Chambers of Commerce, AWB) - Professional associations (bar associations, medical groups) - Civic organizations (Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis) - Party-aligned think tanks and advocacy groups

**EXAMPLE:** - **DSA membership (Rep. Scott):** Extreme - advocates for abolition of capitalism, Marxist ideology - **WEA endorsement (most Democrats):** Mainstream - standard teacher union support - **Three Percenters leadership (Rep. Marshall):** Extreme - militia designated as terrorist entity - **Chamber of Commerce (Rep. Steele):** Mainstream - standard business

organization

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## **COMPARISON BY PARTY**

### **Democratic Affiliations Pattern**

**Typical Democratic Member:** - WEA endorsement (teacher union) - Progressive caucus associations - Labor union support - Environmental group endorsements - Civil rights organization support

**Outlier:** - Rep. Shaun Scott (DSA membership, Marxist identification)

### **Republican Affiliations Pattern**

**Typical Republican Member:** - Business organization memberships - Chamber of Commerce connections - Pro-business endorsements - Agricultural/rural community ties

**Outlier:** - Rep. Matt Marshall (Three Percenters founder/leader)

### **Key Observation**

**Both parties have ONE extreme outlier on Education Committee:** - **Democrats:** Rep. Scott (self-identified Marxist, DSA) - **Republicans:** Rep. Marshall (militia founder, Three Percenters)

**89.5% of committee members (17 of 19) have only mainstream organizational affiliations.**

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## **IDEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM ON COMMITTEE**

**Arranging members left to right based on affiliations and positions:**

**FAR LEFT:** 1. Rep. Shaun Scott (D) - DSA, Marxist

**PROGRESSIVE:** 2-8. Multiple Democrats with standard progressive positions

**MODERATE/CENTRIST:** 9-15. Business Democrats, moderate Republicans

**CONSERVATIVE:** 16-18. Standard business Republicans

**FAR RIGHT:** 19. Rep. Matt Marshall (R) - Three Percenters militia

**The extremes are at opposite ends, but most members cluster in the moderate-to-progressive center.**

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## **IMPLICATIONS FOR EDUCATION POLICY**

### **How Affiliations May Influence Policy Positions**

**Rep. Scott (DSA/Marxist):** - Likely supports: Increased education funding, anti-privatization, universal programs - Likely opposes: Charter schools, market-based reforms, standardized testing - May advocate: Democratic control of curriculum, anti-capitalist education

**Rep. Marshall (Three Percenters):** - Likely supports: School choice, parental rights, local control - Likely opposes: Federal mandates, comprehensive sex ed, critical race theory - May advocate: Gun rights education, constitutional focus, limited government

**Mainstream Members (17 others):** - Range of positions within normal Democratic/Republican frameworks - No extreme ideological commitments affecting education policy - Work across party lines on many issues

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## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY NOTES**

### **How Affiliations Were Verified**

**Search Process for Each Member:** 1. Google searches: “[Name] + ALEC”, “[Name] + Freedom Foundation”, etc. 2. Organization membership lists (where publicly available) 3. Financial disclosure forms (F-1) 4. News media reports 5. Member websites and social media 6. Legislative bios and voting records

**Equal Scrutiny Applied:** - All 19 members searched for ALEC (not just Republicans) - All 19 members searched for DSA (not just Democrats) - All 19 members searched for militia connections - All 19 members searched for Freedom Foundation - No member excluded from any search

### **Verification Standards**

**High Confidence Affiliations:** - Self-identification (member says “I am a member of...”) - Official membership lists - Financial disclosures - Leadership roles documented in news

**Lower Confidence Affiliations:** - Consistent endorsements (suggests alignment) - Policy positions matching organization - Past associations that may no longer be current

**This matrix includes only HIGH CONFIDENCE affiliations.**

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## ***MISSING DATA / LIMITATIONS***

### **What We DON'T Know**

**Private Memberships:** - Some organizations don't publish member lists - Private social clubs or informal networks - Behind-the-scenes coordination

**Past Affiliations:** - Members may have belonged to organizations years ago - Old memberships may no longer be active - Historical context may be missing

**Informal Alignments:** - Ideological sympathies without formal membership - Voting patterns that suggest affiliation - Policy positions that mirror organization without direct link

**This matrix shows DOCUMENTED affiliations only. Absence of affiliation doesn't mean absence of ideological alignment.**

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## ***SOURCES & VERIFICATION***

**Primary Sources:** - Washington State Financial Disclosure (F-1) forms - Legislative bios (leg.wa.gov) - Organization membership lists (where available) - PDC reports and filings - News media investigations

**Specific Source Examples:** - Rep. Scott DSA membership: Multiple news articles, self-identification - Rep. Marshall Three Percenters: NPR investigation, F-1 forms, ADL reports - WEA endorsements: WEA website, candidate questionnaires - Business affiliations: Chamber websites, business org records

**Verification Date:** December 2025

**Note:** Organizational affiliations can change. Check current status before making voting decisions.

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## ***QUESTIONS FOR VOTERS***

When evaluating organizational affiliations:

- 1. Does this affiliation matter for education policy?**
  - Militia membership: Unclear relevance to K-12 policy
  - DSA membership: Clear ideological impact on education positions
  - Teacher union endorsement: Direct relevance to education policy
- 2. Is this a mainstream or extreme affiliation?**
  - WEA = mainstream (largest education union)
  - DSA = extreme (Marxist, anti-capitalist)
  - Three Percenters = extreme (militia, designated terrorist by Canada)

- 3. Does the member's voting record reflect the affiliation?**
  - Do they vote consistent with organization's positions?
  - Are they independent thinkers or organization mouthpieces?
- 4. How transparent is the member about affiliations?**
  - Do they publicly acknowledge memberships?
  - Do they hide or minimize connections?
  - Are affiliations disclosed on financial forms?

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## **UPDATE SCHEDULE**

**This matrix should be updated:** - Before each election cycle - When new affiliations are discovered - When members join/leave organizations - When committee membership changes - At least annually

**Last Updated:** December 11, 2025

**Next Scheduled Update:** December 2026

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## **END OF ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS MATRIX**

**Summary:** 2 of 19 members (10.5%) have extreme organizational affiliations requiring voter scrutiny. 17 of 19 members (89.5%) have only mainstream affiliations typical for their party. Equal scrutiny was applied to all members regardless of political affiliation.