



# WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

## Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

All candidates for Committee Chair and Vice Chair shall be in 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade, or equivalent, and have at least one year's prior experience in the Youth Legislature. Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs **MUST** attend the leadership training (dates available on the Program Calendar). Chairs and Vice Chairs must also agree to assume and perform ALL the duties and responsibilities as listed below.

**Committee Chairs** have the following responsibilities:

1. The Chair shall be a member of the House and shall serve as a member of the House Rules Committee.
2. The Chair shall preside over the discussion and debate of bills considered by the committee to which he/she is assigned. The Chair shall ensure that the will of the majority prevails and that the rights of the minority are respected. The Chair shall ensure that the committee gives each bill thorough consideration and makes all necessary amendments.
3. The Chair shall be the proponent for all House bills from his/her committee during Rules Committee.
4. The Chair shall be the proponent of the committee amendments when they are considered on the floor of the House.

**Committee Vice Chairs** have the following responsibilities:

1. The Vice Chair shall be a member of the Senate and shall serve as a member of the Senate Rules Committee.
2. The Vice Chair shall serve as recorder and custodian of the official copies of bills for the committee to which he/she is assigned.
3. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence. When assuming the Chair's duties, the Vice Chair shall appoint another committee member to serve as recorder.

4. The Vice Chair shall retrieve all amended bills from the Code Reviser's Office prior to Rules Committee.
5. The Vice Chair shall be the proponent for all Senate bills from his/her committee during Rules Committee.
6. The Vice Chair shall be the proponent of the committee amendments when they are considered on the floor of the Senate.