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RON PETERS
Former Presiding Officer in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, Peters passed the nation's first Universal Pre-K program during his 12 years of service.



RUTH KAGI
Washington State Rep. Kagi represents the 32nd District, including North King and South Snohomish counties, and chairs the House Early Learning and Human Services Committee.



MAYOR ED MURRAY
Mayor of Seattle since January, 2014, Murray represented Seattle's 43rd Legislative District for 11 years before taking a seat in the State Senate in 2007, where he served as the Democratic Leader.



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