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Steve Bergquist is a state representative in the Washington State House of Representatives. He is a public-school teacher who, until recently, was also a small business owner. Living in Renton, Bergquist is a proud fourth-generation resident of the 11th Legislative District. First elected to the state house in 2012, he previously served as deputy majority floor leader. Bergquist is currently a member of three committees—appropriations (vice chair), education and rules—tasked with determining which bills will be debated and voted on by the full house. He has been a member of the Washington State Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter Plan 2 retirement board since 2017. Some of Bergquist's major legislative priorities have included creating more access to democracy through a group of voter access bills. He was the prime sponsor of a measure, passed in the 2018 session, allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to preregister to vote. Bergquist also passed landmark legislation to help raise the standards and create career ladder opportunities for para-educators in our public-school classrooms. He earned a double major in political science and history from the University of Washington and received his master's degree in teaching with a social studies endorsement from Western Washington University.