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Representative Sherry Appleton, the senior member of the 23rd-district legislative team and a former two-term Poulsbo City Council member, has called Poulsbo home for three decades. She was elected to the Washington State House of Representatives in 2004 and is chair of the House Local Government Committee, as well as a member of the House Public Safety and State Government Elections and Information Committee, and the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs.

Outside the Legislature, Sherry is member of the Washington State Commission on Judicial Conduct. She is a former member of the Washington State Council on Aging and the Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission. She chaired the Commission's Juvenile Sentencing Committee, and serves on the state's Public Defense Advisory Committee. She is a charter member of Legislators' Leadership Council on HIV/AIDS at the Center for Women's Policy Studies in Washington, D.C.

Sherry was appointed by Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton to serve on the Washington State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Washington Cities, on the Northwest Women's Law Center Legislative Committee, as chair of the NARAL PAC, board member of NARAL, and vice-chair of the Washington State Women's Political Caucus. In addition, she was elected in 2000 to represent the 1st commissioner district as a freeholder and serve with 20 other elected freeholders to review the Kitsap County Charter.



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Since joining the House, Sherry, who was named Legislator of the Year by the Department of Veterans Affairs, has been a leading voice for veterans and active-duty military personnel and their families, and has worked on diverse policy issues ranging from criminal justice and health care to education and transportation. She helped draft and pass the Patients' Bill of Rights and has been involved in negotiations at every level on the many issues that affect citizens of the state. She was instrumental in restoring funding for the Poulsbo Marine Science Center, for family planning clinics throughout the state, and for life-saving digital mammography services for low-income women.

CSG/ CSG West participation includes: 2007 Western Legislative Academy; 2008 Toll Fellow; 2013-16 Canada Relations Committee member; 2015-16 Public Safety Committee member; 2015-20 CSG West Executive Committee Member; 2019-20 Chair, CSG West Public Safety Committee