

## FAN's 2017 End-of-Session Successes

On April 23rd, the Washington State 2017 Regular Legislative Session came to an end. Three 30-day Special Sessions have followed in order to agree on a 2017-2019 Biennial Budget. In the meantime, FAN celebrates ten policy victories from our legislative agenda!

### Anti-Human Trafficking

- **HB 1079 (Orwall)** Creates a no-contact order system to protect victims of human trafficking from their traffickers.
- **SB 5030 (Darnelle)** Extends the statute of limitations for human trafficking from three to ten years, or, if the victim was under the age of 18 at the time of the crime, until their 30th birthday—whichever comes later.
- **SB 5272 (Saldaña)** Vacates convictions arising from offenses committed as a result of being a victim of trafficking.

### Criminal Justice Reform

- **SB 5069 (Walsh)** Allows the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges to do workforce-type classes in our state prison system that could lead to an Associate's Degree.

### Economic Justice/Anti-Poverty

- **SB 5301 (Miloscia)** Requires companies seeking state contracts to certify that a court has not found them to be a willful violator of wage-theft laws in the last three years.
- **SB 5347 (Walsh)** Allows TANF recipients to have a second year of vocational education, instead of just one year.
- **SB 5975 (Fain)** Requires the employment security department to establish and administer the family and medical leave program, which provides up to 12 weeks of paid family leave and 12 weeks of paid medical leave to all employees in Washington.



*On April 25, Gov. Jay Inslee signed SB 5069, a prison education bill that took five sessions to pass through the legislature. We celebrate the efforts and faithfulness of the whole community—legislators, community activists, inmates and faith leaders—for this success!*

### Environmental Justice

- **SB 5939 (Ericksen)** Uses solar energy tax incentives to promote a sustainable, local renewable energy industry.

### Gun Safety

- **HB 1501 (Hansen)** Alerts law enforcement and domestic violence survivors when someone ineligible to own a firearm attempts to purchase one.

### Mental Health

- **HB 1713 (Senn)** Implements recommendations from the children's mental health work group.

Thank you to all of you who diligently called or emailed your state legislators this session regarding these policy bills. Thank you for your advocacy and support; you continually help, along with our many partners, to make our state more just and equitable for all!