



2021 State Legislative Agenda

Advocating for a Biennial Budget that Reflects our Values as a State

- Support revenue bills that balance our tax code and promote racial equity (e.g. close the tax break on Capital Gains and establish a tax on large/profitable corporations via a payroll tax on highly paid employees).
- Support Emergency Cash Assistance bills for our most at-risk families such as the Working Families Tax Credit (Rep. Thai/Sen. Nguyen).
- Support the Washington Anti-Poverty Advocates Group priorities such as no cuts to Temporary Aid to Needy Families, Housing & Essential Needs, Aged/Blind/Disabled programs (TANF/HEN/ABD).
- Support the Communities for Our Colleges Coalition priorities for funding to create greater access to educational and training programs at community and technical colleges (Rep. Chopp/Sen. Liias).
- Fund Basic Food and Employment Training navigators at community and technical colleges.
- Invest in the SNAP match programs for fruit and vegetables as well as expand funding for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) which has not been increased since 2012.

Reforming our Policing & Criminal Justice Systems

- Change police culture by establishing civil causes of action for money damages, and prohibit officers and their employers from raising qualified immunity as a defense (Rep. Thai)
- Mandate use of de-escalation by law enforcement and use of deadly force only as a last resort (Rep. Johnson)
- Create an Office for Independent Criminal Investigations and a Special Prosecutor (Rep. Entenman).
- Prohibit unnecessary police tactics (Rep. Johnson).
- Support the Driving While License Suspended (DWLS-3) reform bill (Rep. Johnson/Sen. Salomon).
- Strengthen decertification and licensing standards for law enforcement, and support reforms at the Criminal Justice Training Commission (Rep. Goodman/Sen. Pedersen).
- Examine and reduce law enforcement-related entrapment of our youth (Rep. Senn).
- Address racial disparities in prison populations by increasing earned time for good behavior to 33% of a sentence for eligible sentences (request bill for the Department of Corrections).

Creating Housing Opportunities & Preventing Homelessness

- Support the Housing Justice bill to limit discrimination by landlords for those coming out of prison (Rep. Davis/Sen. Darneille).
- Increase funding for the Housing Trust Fund by \$250M.
- Pass the Eviction Reform (Just Cause) and Rental Assistance bills (Rep. Macri/Sen. Kuderer).
- Increase the Real Estate Document Recording Fee (\$100M) (Rep. Ormsby/Sen. Robinson).

Addressing Climate Change

- Pass the Clean Fuels bill (Rep. Fitzgibbons/Sen. Carlyle).
- Pass the Healthy Environment for All (HEAL) Act 2.0 (Rep. Lekanoff).
- Pass the Electric Vehicles by 2030 bill (Rep. Macri).
- Support the WA Strong Green Bonds bill (Rep. Lekanoff).

Protecting Immigrants, Civil and Human Rights for All

- Support the Ranked Choice Voting bill to lift restrictions (with Fix Democracy First).
- Pass the Voting Rights Restoration bill for those coming out of prison (Rep. Simmons/Sen. Kuderer).
- Support restrictions on the open-carry gun rights statute in public places (Rep. Senn).
- Require background checks on all magazine-sized purchases and prohibit magazines of more than ten rounds.
- Pass the Insurance Credit Scoring prohibition bill to create more parity for communities of color (Rep. Kirby/SB 5010 Sen. Das).
- Remove the exemption in the Office of Civil Legal Aid program for undocumented residents (Rep. Lekanoff/Sen. Saldaña).
- Create Unemployment Insurance benefits for undocumented workers (Rep. Gregerson/Sen. Saldaña).
- Support the Private Prison prohibition bill (Rep. Ortiz-Self).
- Support requiring a tribal consultative process regarding high schools with Native American mascots (Rep. Lekanoff).

Ensuring Healthcare & Mental Health Access

- Support the Dental Therapy reform bill.
- Support the Universal Health Care Work Group recommendations.
- Expand the Apple Health Insurance program to age 26 for all who reside in our state (Rep. Thai/Sen. Randall).
- Increase funding for Public Health programs.
- Invest in more healthcare professionals on public health boards (Rep. Riccelli)
- Support the Treatment Recovery Act.