

FAN's Bill Tracker 2024

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PROMOTE ECONOMIC JUSTICE

| Bill Title/Description | Bill Number | Prime Sponsor | Bill Status (BOLD indicates passed by one or both chambers) |
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| Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC) Expansion would expand the age range of eligible households without children from 25-65 years to 18+ years. | HB 1075 | Rep. Thai | Public hearing held in the House Committee on Appropriations at 4:00pm on 1/25. |
| | SB 5249 | Sen. Shewmake | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| | Budget | | Asked for \$2 million for outreach to rural, BIPOC, and immigrant communities. \$1 million included in the final approved budget. |
| Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) Pilot Projects would establish pilot programs to provide extra cash to people experiencing economic insecurity. | HB 1045 | Rep. Berry | Public hearing held in the House Committee on Appropriations on 1/11. |
| | SB 6196 | Sen. Kauffman | Public hearing held in the Senate Committee on Human Services on 1/30. |
| Extreme Wealth Tax would ensure that the very wealthiest in our state pay more of their fair share through a 1% tax on financial property such as stocks and bonds, exempting their first one quarter billion dollars. | HB 1473 | Rep. Thai | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| | SB 5486 | Sen. Frame | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| Washington Future Fund ("Baby Bonds") would counteract generational poverty by investing funds for every child born under Apple Care, to use as an adult for home ownership, education, or entrepreneurship. | HB 1094 | Rep. Stonier | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| | SB 5125 | Sen. Trudeau | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| Washington Gift Card Accountability Act would apply the value of major corporate retail gift cards that are unused after three years, to the State General Fund instead of the corporations. Protections would enable customers to recover the value of the gift cards. | HB 2095 | Rep. Alvarado | Public hearing held in the House Committee on Finance on 1/16. |
| | SB 5988 | Sen. Trudeau | Public hearing held in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on 1/16. |
| Concerning Employment Standards for Grocery Workers would retain grocery workers' jobs and protect from layoffs caused by corporate mergers. | SB 6007 | Sen. Conway | Passed by the Senate on 2/7. Passed by the House on 2/22. Signed by Governor on 3/15. |

PROTECT and EXPAND THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET

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| Funding for Food Banks and Pantries would address the increase in hunger in Washington. | Budget | | Asked for \$15 million minimum for Emergency Food Assistance Program. \$10 million included in the final approved budget, \$5 million in FY 2024 and \$5 million in FY 2025. |
| Healthy Free School Meals for All would increase the number of children receiving free nutritious school breakfasts and lunches by adding all elementary school students. | HB 2058 | Rep. Riccelli | Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations on 1/22. |
| | SB 5964 | Sen. Kuderer | Public hearing held in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education on 1/29. |
| | Budget | | Asked for \$45 million from both the House and Senate to ensure schools get reimbursed for the free meals they serve. \$45 million included in the final approved budget. |
| Senior Nutrition Programs to Promote Health and Stability to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities gain access to healthy food programs. | Budget | | Asked for \$15.2 million – House: \$15.2 million, Senate: \$7 million. \$12 million included in the final approved budget. |

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| Providing Summer EBT Food Assistance for low-income students. | Budget | | Asked for \$12.23 million to launch a robust Summer EBT program with full communications functionality – Senate: \$12.23 million, House: \$9.624 million. \$12.23 million included in the final approved budget. |
| Ensuring Families on TANF Keep 100% of Their Child Support Payments | HB 1652 | Rep. Taylor | Passed by the House on 1/10. Passed by the Senate on 2/29. Signed by Governor on 3/19. |
| | Budget | | Asked for \$16.3 million to pass through payments to TANF families. \$16.3 million included in the final approved budget. |
| Add funding for Basic Needs Navigators on college campuses, increasing funded positions from .5 to .75 FTE. | Budget | | Asked for \$1.8 million – House: \$1.8 million, Senate: \$0. \$767,000 included in final approved budget. |

ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE and ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

| Bill Title/Description | Bill Number | Prime Sponsor | Bill Status (BOLD indicates passed by one or both chambers) |
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| Cumulative Risk Burden Pollution Act (CURB) would require monitoring currently-unmonitored pollutants that affect health and would mandate that permit applications that add cumulative pollution be denied or only conditionally approved. | HB 2070 | Rep. Mena | Referred to the House Committee on Appropriations on 1/31. |
| | SB 5990 | Sen. Lovelett | Public hearing held in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology on 1/30. |
| Re-WRAP Act, Washington Recycling and Packaging Act updated, would create graduated fees for packaging manufacturers based on how reusable, compostable, or recyclable their products are. It would also fund recycling services and shift recycling costs onto manufacturers. | HB 2049 | Rep. Berry | Placed on “X” file status (bill to go no further, let companion bill advance) by the House Rules Committee on 2/20. |
| | SB 6005 | Sen. Lovelett | Public hearing held in the Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Technology on 1/23. |
| Clean School Buses would fund the transition of Washington’s 10,000+ diesel school buses to electricity, helping both climate change and children’s health. | HB 1368 | Rep. Senn | Passed by the House on 2/9. Passed by the Senate on 3/1. Delivered to the Governor on 3/7. |
| | SB 5431 | Sen. Shewmake | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| | Budget | | Asked for \$60.5 million to purchase 182 waitlisted electric school buses (probably funded through the Climate Commitment Act). \$40 million in the transportation budget directed for this purpose by HB 1368 (noted above). |
| Holding Oil Companies Accountable and Addressing Gas Prices would require oil industry transparency and accountability. | HB 2232 | Rep. Doglio | First reading, referred to the House Committee on Environment & Energy on 1/9. |
| | SB 6052 | Sen. Nguyen | Public hearing held in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on 2/3. |

INCREASE SAFE AFFORDABLE HOUSING and PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

| Bill Title/Description | Bill Number | Prime Sponsor | Bill Status (BOLD indicates passed by one or both chambers) |
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| Affordable Homes Act (REET 2.0) would secure a permanent funding source to increase the supply of affordable housing by creating a new real estate transfer tax on properties that sell for over \$3 million and decreasing the tax on properties below \$3 million. | HB 2276 | Rep. Berg | Referred to the House Rules Committee to review on 2/26. |
| | SB 6191 | Sen. Frame | Public hearing held in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on 1/25. |
| Improving housing stability for tenants by limiting rent and fee increases, requiring notice of rent and fee increases, limiting fees and deposits, establishing a landlord resource center and associated services, authorizing tenant lease termination, creating parity between lease types, and providing for attorney general enforcement. | HB 2114 | Rep. Alvarado | Passed by the House on 2/13. In the Senate, executive session scheduled, but no action taken in Senate Ways & Means on 2/26. |
| | SB 5961 | Sen. Trudeau | Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Housing on 1/26. |
| Eviction Protection for People in Licensed Long-Term Care | HB 1859 | Rep. Simmons | Public hearing held in the House Committee on Health Care & Wellness on 1/23. |

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| Increased Funding for Homelessness Services , including shelters, rapid rehousing, and transitional housing. | Budget | | Asked for \$70 million - House: \$70 million, Senate: \$20 million. \$60 million included in the final approved budget. |
| Increased Funding for the Housing Trust Fund to create affordable housing. | Budget | | Asked the Senate to increase the supplemental Capital Budget from \$111.6 million to \$153 million to build more affordable homes. \$127.5 million included in the final approved budget. |

ADVANCE IMMIGRANT and REFUGEE RIGHTS

| Bill Title/Description | Bill Number | Prime Sponsor | Bill Status (BOLD indicates passed by one or both chambers) |
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| Unemployment Benefits for Undocumented Workers would create a permanent separate unemployment system for undocumented workers to access benefits they accrue through their labor. | HB 1095 | Rep. Walen | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| | SB 5109 | Sen. Saldaña | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| | Budget | | Asked for \$8 million to fund a stop-gap program, WA Wage Replacement. \$100,000 included in the final approved budget to establish a group to create a wage replacement initiative. |
| Health Equity for Immigrants Campaign would expand critical health insurance coverage for adults who are ineligible for federal assistance due to their immigration status. | Budget | | Asked the Senate for \$28.5 million to fund a Medicaid-like program for undocumented immigrants, including outreach by community organizations. \$28.4 million included in the final approved budget. |
| Funding for Services for Newly Arrived Immigrants would provide emergency and legal services for people who do not qualify for federal refugee programs. | HB 2368 | Rep. Gregerson | Passed by the House on 2/13. Passed by the Senate on 2/28. Signed by the Governor on 3/18. |
| | SB 6245 | Sen. Hasegawa | Placed on "X" file status (bill to go no further, let companion bill advance) by the Senate Rules Committee on 2/14. |
| | Budget | | Asked for \$25 million for state Refugee and Immigrant Assistance. Final budget allocated \$25.25 million for DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance plus \$7.5 million for Department of Commerce for King County and City of Tukwila. |

REFORM OUR INCARCERATION SYSTEM

| Bill Title/Description | Bill Number | Prime Sponsor | Bill Status (BOLD indicates passed by one or both chambers) |
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| Solitary Confinement Reform would restrict the use of solitary confinement in state correctional facilities and long-term private detention facilities. | HB 1087 | Rep. Peterson | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| | SB 5135 | Sen. Wilson | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| Reevaluating Sentencing for Emerging Adults would allow qualifying persons serving long sentences for crimes committed prior to 25 years of age to seek review for possible release. | HB 1325 | Rep. Hackney | Public hearing in the House Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry on 1/15. |
| | SB 5451 | Sen. Frame | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| Improving Access and Removing Barriers to Jail-Based Voting would require plans and procedures be developed to ensure the right to vote for incarcerated individuals. | HB 1174 | Rep. Simmons | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |

FOSTER PUBLIC SAFETY and CIVIL RIGHTS

| Bill Title/Description | Bill Number | Prime Sponsor | Bill Status (BOLD indicates passed by one or both chambers) |
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| Traffic Safety for All would end stops for non-moving traffic violations, to reduce the disproportionate impact on communities of color. | HB 1513 | Rep. Street | Placed on "X" file status (bill to go no further, let companion bill advance) by the House Rules Committee on 2/20. |
| | SB 5572 | Sen. Valdez | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |

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| Police Pursuits Study would fund preparation of a report with policy proposals for the Legislature, with input from individuals, including people of color, who have had encounters with law enforcement. | Budget | | \$400,000 included in the final approved budget. |
| AG Investigations and Reforms would empower the Attorney General's office to take action on systemic civil rights violations at law enforcement agencies. | HB 1445 | Rep. Hansen | Placed on "X" file status (bill to go no further, let companion bill advance) by the House Rules Committee on 2/20. |
| Independent Prosecutor would create a state office to ensure fair and transparent prosecutions. | HB 1579 | Rep. Stonier | Passed by the House on 2/6. In the Senate, executive session scheduled, but no action taken in Senate Ways & Means on 2/26. |
| Nothing About Us Without Us would ensure the meaningful participation of people with direct lived experience on statutorily created or mandated state committees. | HB 1541 | Rep. Farivar | Passed by the House on 2/6. Passed by the Senate on 2/28. Delivered to the Governor 3/4. |
| | SB 5616 | Sen. Valdez | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| Supporting public school instruction in tribal sovereignty and federally recognized Indian tribes in the implementation of the <i>Since Time Immemorial</i> curriculum. | HB 1332 | Rep. Lekanoff | Passed by the House on 1/31. In the Senate, referred to Senate Committee on Ways & Means on 2/21. Referred back to House Rules. |
| Increasing Security Grants Funding for Non-Profits and Faith Communities. | Budget | | Asked for \$3 million. \$1.5 million approved in the final budget. |
| Bias Incidents Hotline would support people who have been targeted or affected by hate crimes and bias incidents. | SB 5427 | Sen. Valdez | Passed by the Senate on 2/7. Passed by the House on 2/28. Signed by the Governor on 3/26. |
| Preventing Gun Violence Bills with the Alliance for Gun Responsibility: | | | |
| Enhancing Requirements for the Purchase or Transfer of Firearms would ensure that background checks occur before purchase of firearms, rather than at point of sale. | HB 1902 | Rep. Berry | Public hearing held in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary on 1/16. |
| | SB 6004 | Sen. Liliias | First reading and referred to the Senate Committee on Law & Justice on 1/8. |
| Reporting Lost and Stolen Firearms would require gun owners to report guns that have been lost or stolen. | HB 1903 | Rep. Berry | Passed by the House on 2/9. Passed by the Senate on 2/28. Passed (again) by the House with Senate amendments on 3/4. Delivered to the Governor on 3/6. |
| Dealer Responsibility would establish responsible standards of care of merchandise for gun dealers. | HB 2118 | Rep. Walen | Passed by the House on 2/12. Passed by the Senate on 2/27. Delivered to the Governor on 3/7. |
| Restricting Bulk Firearm Purchases would limit the number of firearms an individual could purchase at one time. | HB 2054 | Rep. Farivar | Public hearing held in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary on 1/16. |
| Limiting Open Carry would prohibit the open carry of certain weapons in public parks and public hospitals. | HB 1195 | Rep. Senn | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |
| Concerning Firearms in Sensitive Places would prohibit carrying a weapon into judicial or law enforcement facilities. | SB 5444 | Sen. Valdez | Passed by the Senate on 2/9. Passed by the House on 2/27. Passed (again) by the Senate with House amendments on 3/4. Signed by the Governor on 3/26. |
| Concerning the Availability of Prevention Services would support organizations and individuals working with community members most at risk for violence. | HB 2197 | Rep. Orwall | Placed on "X" file status (bill to go no further) by the House Rules Committee on 2/20. |
| EXPAND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE | | | |
| Bill Title/Description | Bill Number | Prime Sponsor | Bill Status (BOLD indicates passed by one or both chambers) |
| Keep Our Care Act would ensure that health entity consolidations improve rather than harm access to | HB 1263 | Rep. Simmons | By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status on 1/8. |

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| | affordable, high-quality health care in a community, including gender-affirming and reproductive healthcare. | SB 5241 | Sen. Randall | Passed by the Senate on 2/8. In the House, placed on second reading on 2/27. |
| | Extending the Crisis Relief Center Model would provide behavioral health crisis services for minors. | SB 5853 | Sen. Dhingra | Passed by the Senate on 2/9. Passed by the House on 2/28. Delivered to the Governor on 3/6. |
| | Increasing Access to Behavioral/Mental Health Care would create a Health Corps Behavioral Health Scholarship Program with graduates working in underserved areas. | HB 1946 | Rep. Eslick | Passed in the House on 2/8. Passed by the Senate on 2/29. Delivered to the Governor on 3/5. |
| | Coordinating Regional Behavioral Health Crisis Response and Suicide Prevention Services | SB 6251 | Sen. Dhingra | Passed by the Senate on 2/9. Passed by the House on 3/1. Delivered to the Governor on 3/8. |
| | Supporting Student Well-Being Through Instruction in Social-Emotional Skills | HB 2239 | Rep. Timmons | Passed by the House on 2/12. In the Senate, first reading and referred to the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education on 2/14. |
| | Supporting Young Adults Following Inpatient Behavioral Health Treatment | HB 1929 | Rep. Cortes | Passed by the House on 2/10. Passed by the Senate on 2/29. Signed by the Governor on 3/19. |
| | | SB 6050 | Sen. Dhingra | First reading and referred to the Senate Committee on Human Services on 1/9. |
| | Increasing Funding for Youth Behavioral/Mental Health. | Budget | | Asked for \$11.1 million to expand support and residential services for young adults; \$11.26 approved in final budget. |