

In the 2026 legislative session we will work together to:

PURSUE ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND ENSURE BASIC NEEDS

Care for the vulnerable and marginalized is a central tenet of our shared spiritual traditions. No one should go without necessities like food, housing and health care that enable people to cherish the gift of life. Moreover, our faiths emphasize fairness and equality, so we also believe that our communities are at their best when everyone contributes equitably to the common good.

- **Support Progressive Revenue:** To achieve vibrant communities and healthy ecosystems, we need a revenue system that is stable, equitable across income and wealth, and reflects what our economy is really like in the 21st century. We will be supporting the payroll expense tax to fund the Well Washington Fund (*HB 2100 Scott*) and the emerging millionaires' tax.
- **Pass a "Moral" budget:** Preserve safety net and health programs in the face of a predicted \$400 million shortfall in the 2025-2027 budget. Includes maintaining the food security budget, assistance to immigrant and refugee communities, and addressing health care affordability impacts from federal law. (*Budget*)
- **Create a statewide energy assistance program** for low-income households. (*HB 1903 Mena*)
- **Expand opportunities for Affordable Housing Developments:** Enables increased density bonus and sales tax exemption for any housing development located on property owned or controlled by a religious organization where 50%+ of units serve low-income households (*HB 1859 Salahuddin/SB 5885 Riccelli*)
- **Maintain a Strong Housing Budget:** Funding for Housing Trust Fund; Additional \$3 million for evictions defense program to maintain number of lawyers (*Budget*)
- **Prevent local governments from denying or delaying permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, or emergency shelter projects** based on zoning. This bill strengthens statewide efforts to expand urgently needed housing and shelter options. (*HB 2266 Peterson*)

DEFEND and ADVANCE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS

Our diverse faith traditions emphasize that welcoming the stranger, offering hospitality, and loving our neighbor are sacred duties. We believe that everyone who calls Washington home should be treated with dignity and respect, and that all residents should have access to the essential services they need, regardless of their immigration status.

- **Preserve Immigrant Health Equity:** Advocate for full funding of the Apple Health Expansion Program to provide health coverage to all eligible low-income immigrant and refugee community members (*Budget*)
- **Immigrant Worker Protection Act:** would require employers to notify workers whenever federal officials request their employment eligibility information; also ensures employers may not voluntarily give immigration agents access to non-public business premises without a warrant. (*HB 2105 Ortiz-Self/SB 5852 Saldaña*)
- **Ban law enforcement officer masking:** would ban police and federal immigration officers from wearing face-concealing masks in routine public interactions, ensuring greater transparency and accountability. (*HB 2173 Cortes/SB 5855 Valdez*)
- **Budget Proviso for Deportation Defense Hotline** (*Budget*)

CULTIVATE CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Our traditions of faith and conscience teach us that we are interconnected with the earth and all living beings, and to care for and sustain their vitality. We aspire to preserve our shared home, resilient ecosystems and a livable climate, and to seek health for indigenous, low-income and communities of color who are most impacted by pollution and climate change.

- **Defend Washington's climate investments** in the Climate Commitment Act threatened with cuts and diversions during this year of budget shortfall. Ensure the goal of directing 40% of environmental-related funds to overburdened and vulnerable communities for projects to reduce harm. *(Budget)*
- **Support full funding to the Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience Account** at \$125 million each biennium. *(Budget)*
- **Address the climate impact of data centers** by requiring accountability for energy and water use and ensuring that siting and expansion align with climate goals *(TBD)*
- **CURB Pollution:** Instructs the Department of Ecology to add an environmental justice element and checklist to the State Environmental Policy Act, which will ensure that the environmental review process fully considers the project's potential adverse impacts to communities that are already facing high levels of pollution and health disparities. *(HB 1303 Mena/SB 5380 Lovelett)*

REFORM OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM & STRENGTHEN POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

- **Fair Score Act:** Allows people in total confinement to be resentenced if their original sentence was increased by juvenile convictions that are no longer counted under current law, creating a presumption in favor of resentencing. *(HB 1274 Stearns/SB 5715 Kauffman)*
- **Relieving legal financial obligations (LFOs):** Pass legislation that reduces court fees and increases access to fines-and-fees debt relief for people who cannot pay and who are disproportionately harmed by legal system debt. *(HB 2102 Reed)*
- **Second Look Pathway for Youth:** Expands second look mechanisms to people given life or long sentences before their 21st birthday through a review board. *(HB1317 Hackney)*
- **AG Investigations and Reform Bill:** Authorize the Attorney General to investigate systemic misconduct in law enforcement and corrections agencies. *(HB 1056 Farivar/SB 5066 Hansen)*
- **Standards for Law Enforcement Leaders:** Strengthens, updates, and makes consistent eligibility requirements and accountability standards for sheriffs, police chiefs and other law enforcement leaders. *(SB 5974 Lovick)*

FOSTER RIGHTS, BELONGING & PLURALISM

Our faith traditions and teachings declare the inherent dignity and equal value of all human beings, and assert the importance of community to a fulfilling life. So we are committed to creating a state where all belong and have equal power and voice to shape their communities.

- **Data and public records protection** for patients and providers offering gender affirming and reproductive healthcare
- **Regulate how public agencies can use Automatic License Plate Readers data** so that civil liberties and immigrant communities are more protected *(HB 2332 Salahuddin/SB 6002 Trudeau)*
- **Stop Criminalizing Homelessness:** Prohibits local jurisdictions from criminalizing life-sustaining activities in public when adequate shelter is not available and redirects resources from punishment to service providers.
- **Appoint a tribal member to the Board of Natural Resources** *(SB 5838 Kauffman/HB 2117 Stearns)*
- **Tribal Traditional Cultural Places & Practices Protection** *(HB 2281 Stearns)* strengthens Washington's government-to-government relationship with tribes by expanding and formalizing protections for tribal traditional cultural places and practices. *(HB 2281 Stearns)*