

DEPORTATION DEFENSE LEGISLATION

What are we advocating for?

In response to the harms our communities are experiencing, WAISN and our partners are supporting bills that protect the personal data and civil rights of all Washingtonians and ensure that government agencies uphold Washington's values as a welcoming state.

Continued funding for the Washington Migrant and Asylum-Seeker Support Program:

Include \$25M in funding for the vital support services and allow this funding to be flexible to respond to emerging needs that our communities are facing.

Immigrant Workers Protection Act (HB 2105/SB 5852):

Require employers to notify employees when U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement plans to conduct inspections or audits in the workplace, so workers are not caught off guard and can better exercise their rights.

Banning All Law Enforcement from Wearing Masks (SB 5855/HB 2173):

Ban all law enforcement, including local, state, and federal law enforcement, from wearing masks and requiring them to have identification while conducting operations in the state.

End State Investment in Private Detention (SB 6109):

End any current investment and prevent future investment in companies that are involved in private detention.

Driver Privacy Act (SB 6002/HB 2332):

Create needed regulations for the use of automated license plate reader (ALPR) surveillance technology by state and local agencies, including limits on which agencies can use ALPRs, how long they can retain the data and who can access that data.

Attorney General Civil Investigative Demands (HB 2161/SB 5925):

Clarify the Washington Attorney General's Office investigative authority to uphold and enforce our state laws, such as Keep Washington Working and Courts Open to All.

Secure and Accountable Federal Enforcement (SAFE) Act (SB 5906):

Expand and codify model policies developed by the state attorney general regarding cooperation with federal immigration enforcement at or near K-12 schools, higher education institutions, and publicly operated health care facilities. And extend protections for people working at, visiting, or seeking services from hospitals, childcare and early learning facilities, and election offices.

Sheriffs' Eligibility & Standards (SB 5974):

Modernize and strengthen state laws addressing sheriffs', chiefs' and marshalls' eligibility and background check requirements, accountability, use of volunteers, and the duties of sheriffs, which would support the enforcement of existing state protections.

