

FAN Policy Wins – Outcomes of Your Advocacy!

Short Session 2026

PURSUE ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND ENSURE BASIC NEEDS

Care for those experiencing vulnerability and marginalization 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. We also believe that our communities are at their best when everyone contributes equitably to the common good.

- **Progressive Revenue** to fund vibrant communities and healthy ecosystems. The **Millionaire's Tax** would fund core programs like the Working Families Tax Credit, K-12 education, and health care by taxing annual earnings over \$1 million beginning in 2029 (*SB 6346 Pedersen*).
- **Statewide energy assistance program** created for low-income households. (*HB 1903 Mena*).
- **Food Security Strategy:** Directs the WA State Department of Agriculture to develop a statewide food security strategy (*HB 2238 Reeves*).
- **Affordable Housing on Faith Community Property:** Expands density bonus for affordable housing development located on property owned or controlled by a religious organization where 50%+ of units serve low-income households statewide (*HB 1859 Salahuddin*).
- **Investments in affordable housing and eviction defense**
 - \$197M new investment in Housing Trust Fund
 - \$3M for Right to Counsel program
- **STEP Housing** prevents 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.

- **Immigrant Worker Protection Act:** would require employers to notify workers whenever federal officials request their employment eligibility information; disallows employers from voluntarily giving immigration agents access to non-public business premises without a warrant (*HB 2105 Ortiz-Self*).
- **Ban law enforcement officer masking:** would ban state and federal law enforcement officers from wearing face-concealing masks in routine public interactions, ensuring greater accountability. (*SB 5855 Valdez*)
- **\$25M** for Office of Refugee & Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) + Washington Migrant and Asylum-Seeker Support project (WAMASS) programs

- **Apple Health Expansion (AHE):** This critical program remains with promise to add 5,000 new enrollees in January 2027. However, AHE had significant cuts (\$27.9 M) and was restructured from a managed care model to a fee-for-service model. Legislators stated the aim for these changes was to provide coverage for more people, but advocates warn this new model will provide lower-quality care.

CULTIVATE CLIMATE and ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Spiritual and wisdom traditions teach us that we are interconnected with—and must care for—the earth and all living beings. 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.

- **Require that data centers comply with Washington’s 100% clean electricity law,** the Clean Energy Transformation Act. Will also close other loopholes. (SB 5982 Hunt)
- **Support wildfire mitigation and forest restoration:** Supports wildfire funding needs by generating revenue via tax changes on interest income from investments or loans from high volume mortgage lenders. Revenue generated goes to the Wildfire Response, Forest Restoration, and Community Resilience Account (HB 2089).

REFORM OUR CARCERAL SYSTEM & STRENGTHEN POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

With a vision of transformation and mutual restoration over punishment, we strive towards carceral reform and police accountability policies that create safety for all. We believe that no one is disposable and that nobody is free until all are free.

- **Attorney General Powers & Duties:** Allows the AG to issue civil investigative demands when investigating possible violations of the US Constitution, the state Constitution, law enforcement, and more (SB 5925 Hansen).
- **Standards for Law Enforcement Leaders:** Strengthens, updates, and makes consistent eligibility and accountability standards for sheriffs, police chiefs and other law enforcement leaders. (SB 5974 Lovick)

FOSTER RIGHTS, BELONGING & PLURALISM

We believe in the inherent dignity and equal value of all human beings, and the importance of community to a fulfilling life. So, we are committed to creating a state where all belong and have power to shape their communities.

- **Regulate how public agencies can use Automatic License Plate Reader data** so that civil liberties and immigrant communities are more protected (SB 6002 Trudeau)



Thank you for advocating with your faith and values for a better Washington state for all who call it home!