



**LATINO CIVIC ALLIANCE**  
**WASHINGTON STATE 2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**  
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**UPDATE 2/22/2023**

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**For the 2023 session, LCA is asking state policymakers to:**

- **Fund Mental Health & Substance Abuse Programs:** Our Washington state government must address behavioral workforce shortage by expanding access to peer services by creating professional peer specialists. The state should approve new licensing requirements for certain Behavioral Health positions to increase workforce. We need to streamline the process to address the workforce issues in WA state to help support the crisis by providing specific training requirements, certification, and oversight.
  
- **Fund youth violence prevention and intervention Programs:** Youth violence is a significant problem that affects thousands of young people each day, and in turn, their families, schools, and communities. Youth violence and crime affect a community's economic health, as well as individuals' physical and mental health and well-being. Homicide is the third leading cause of death for youth in the United States. The Legislature should fund culturally relevant youth development programs.
  
- **Support Small Business:** The success of Latino small businesses is a critical component of Washington State's economic well-being. Small business owners must be able to have access to state and federal capital and operating funding.
  
- **Support Labor Apprenticeship Programs:** Close skill gaps and meet evolving diversity workforce needs by supporting continuous improvement and investment in apprenticeship programs that include a career pathway strategy for basic skill instruction, job training, and support services.

**EFFECTIVE 2/22/2023: ACTIVE**

**ALL LEGISLATIVE BILLS ON THIS LIST ARE ACTIVE  
DO PASS**



**LCA SUPPORTS**

**HEALTH CARE** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **SHB 1515** DO PASS Expansion Medicaid Behavioral Health Contracts **(Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM) Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM**
- **SB 5189** DO PASS: Establishing Behavioral Specialists. Requires the Department of Health to develop rules for the certification of behavioral health support specialists, a new type of behavioral health professional certification available to individuals with a bachelor's degree who meet other requirements.
- **SB 5453** DO PASS: Ending genital mutilation for all purposes including religious beliefs. **Feb 20 Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM**
- **SB 5120** DO PASS: Establishing 23-hour crisis relief centers in Washington state that offer walk-in and drop-off options for first responders without a requirement for medical clearance for these individuals. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**
- **SB5555** DO PASS: will address behavioral workforce shortage by expanding access to peer services by creating professional peer specialists. This will help support the crisis by providing specific training requirements, certification, and oversight. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**

- **SHB1724** DO PASS Increasing the trained behavioral health workforce **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**
- **SHB 1134** DO PASS. Implementing the 988 behavioral health crisis response and suicide prevention system. **(Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**
- **SHB 1678.** DO PASS Allows a dental therapist to supervise expanded function dental auxiliaries and dental assistants. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM (Subject to change). (Committee Materials) Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**

### **HOUSING** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **SB 5198.** DO PASS. Concerning the sale or lease of manufactured/mobile home communities and the property on which they sit. **(Feb 16 Referred to Senate Ways & Means.)**
- **HB1474/SB 5496** DO PASS: Creating the covenant homeownership account and program to address the history of housing discrimination due to racially restrictive real estate covenants in Washington state. **(Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**
- **SHB 1389** DO PASS. Prohibits, with certain exemptions, a landlord from increasing the rent for a tenancy subject to the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act or the Manufactured/Mobile Home Landlord-Tenant Act during the first 12 months after a tenancy begins. **(Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**

### **LABOR** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **SHB 1694 DO PASS** Addressing home care workforce shortages. Expands the list of family members who are exempt from having to become home care aides and reduces the training requirements for these caregivers. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House**

**Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**

(LABOR CONT)

- **HB 1013** DO PASS: Establishing regional apprenticeship programs. **(Last action 2/8 no companion needs to action House Appropriations for house vote)**
- **HB 5550** DO PASS: Washington state ferries shall adopt a formal strategy to implement diversity, equity, and inclusion directives to address barriers for recruitment. **(Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading)**
- **HB1525** DO PASS Concerning eligibility for working connections childcare benefits for persons participating in state registered apprenticeships. **(Feb 9 Referred to Appropriations (ACTION NEEDED, needs to be heard in appropriations public hearing by Feb 24<sup>th</sup> cutoff date)**
- **HB1068** DO PASS. Concerning injured workers' rights during compelled medical examinations. Moved to the Senate Feb 17 First reading, referred to Labor & Commerce for future hearing after March 8th.
- **HB 1534.** DO PASS Strengthening protections for consumers in the construction industry. **Feb 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM**

**EDUCATION K-12 (LCA is in support of this bills)**

- **HB 1228** DO PASS: An act relating to building a multilingual, multiliterate Washington through dual and tribal language education. Feb 9 Referred to Appropriation **Needs public hearing in appropriations and executive session by cut off Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact appropriation committee members and Chair Ormsby ASAP**
- **SB5423** DO PASS: Statement of Student Rights must be provided. **Feb 13 Referred to Rules. Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM**
- **HB 1479** DO PASS. Minimizing student restraint and isolation **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM**
- **SB 5462** DO PASS, Creating Inclusive learning in public schools. OSPI recommendation (Feb 15 Made eligible to be placed second reading. Waiting Senate vote by March 8<sup>th</sup>.)

(K-12 EDUCATION CONTINUED)

- **HB 1536** DO PASS Clarifying requirements governing the withholding of high school diplomas. (**Feb 15. Referred to Rules 2 Review. Waiting in Senate floor vote by March 8<sup>th</sup>**)
- **SHB 1238** DO PASS Providing free school meals for all. **Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM / Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00**  
**Companion SB 5339** DO PASS. Currently in ways and means Senate
- **SB 5617** DO PASS Facilitating course equivalency agreements between skill centers and school districts. **Feb 20 Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM**
- **SHB1332** DO PASS Supporting public school instruction in tribal sovereignty and federally recognized Indian tribes. (**Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM**)
- **SHB 1316:** DO PASS Lowers dual enrollment program costs for eligible students with financial need by creating a subsidy program, incentivizing reduction of per college credit fees charged to college in the high school students and revising eligibility for the Running Start (RS) program tuition fee waiver. (**Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM (Subject to change).**)

**HIGHER EDUCATION** (*LCA is in support of these bills*)

**HB 1308.** DO PASS. Concerning high school graduation pathway options. (**Feb 16 Referred to Rules 2 Review. Needs to pull to House Floor for vote by March 6<sup>th</sup>**)

**SENIORS** (*LCA is in support of these bills*)

- **HB 1431** DO PASS Clarifying that meals furnished to tenants of senior living communities as part of their rental agreement are not subject to sales and use tax. (**Feb 17 Referred to Rules 2 Review). Needs to be pulled House vote March 8<sup>th</sup>.**)

## **BUSINESS**

- **SB5610** DO PASS. Enacting the used motor vehicles express warranties act. Holding car dealership owners accountable for selling damaged used vehicles. **(Feb 17 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading- needs to be floor our rules for House Vote)**
- **HB1534** DO PASS. Strengthening protections for consumers in the construction industry. **Feb 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM**
- **SB5241** DO PASS. modifies reporting requirements for mergers, acquisitions, or contracting affiliations between hospitals, hospital systems, or provider organizations (parties). Requires parties to submit additional documentation related to charity care; access to care. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**
- **SB5186** DO PASS Requiring antidiscrimination clauses in public contracting. **(Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**

## **YOUTH PRIORITIES** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **SB5474** DO PASS: Ending outstanding legal financial obligations for youth and emerging adults trying to rebuild their lives 18 after involvement with the juvenile justice system. **The Senate bill made progress (Feb 18 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM. – Needs Executive action by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>)**
- **HB1479** DO PASS. Concerning restraint or isolation of students in public schools and educational programs. **(Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**
- **SB 5601** DO PASS: Creating Youth Development Program under Department of Commerce to fund youth programming. **(Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**  
(Youth Priorities cont.)
- **SB 5426** DO PASS: Relating to implementing the family connections program. **(Feb 16 Referred to Rules 2 Review. Companion bill HB 1204 needs public hearing and house vote)**
- **HB1580** DO PASS: The governor must maintain a children and youth multisystem care coordinator to serve as a state lead on addressing complex cases of children in crisis.

(Youth Priorities continued)  
(Youth Priorities Cont.)

- **Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM**
- **HB1439.** DO PASS Addressing child exposure to violence. **Feb 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **HB1087** DO PASS. Ending Solitary Confinement in Department of Corrections and Detention Centers. **(Needs Executive vote in Appropriations committee)**
- **HB1512** DO PASS. Providing tools and resources for the location and recovery of missing persons. **(Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**
- **SHB 1715** DO PASS. Enacting comprehensive protections for victims of domestic violence. Creates a hotline to perform lethality assessments and a high lethality designation on domestic violence perpetrators. • Requires electronic monitoring with victim notification technology to be available statewide. • Requires the creation of a plan for a right to counsel for low-income survivors of domestic violence and a list of attorneys who specialize in representing such victim's violence and other violence involving family members or intimate partners. **Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM**
- **SB 5070** DO PASS. Concerning victims of nonfatal strangulation. **(In Rules needs to be pulled for Senate vote)**  
(PUBLIC SAFETY cont.)
- **HB1501 DO PASS.** Immediate family members of a homicide victim may receive 30 appropriate counseling to assist in dealing with the immediate, 31 near-term consequences of the related effects of the homicide. **(In rules needs floor vote)**
- **HB1177** DO PASS: An act relating to a missing and murdered indigenous women and people cold case investigations unit. **(In Rules Committee needs House Vote)**

- **HB 1455** DO PASS. Child Marriage only permitted until a person is 18 years old. Does not allow a parent to sign consent before the age of 18. **(In Rules Committee needs House Vote)**
- **SB 5427** DO PASS. Creating a Hate Crimes reporting hotline. **(Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**
- **SB 5033** DO PASS. Stronger penalties for crime of custodial sexual mis conduct. **(In Senate Rules needs to be pulled for floor vote)**
- **SB 5477** DO PASS. Implementing the recommendations of the Washington state missing and murdered indigenous women and people task force. **(Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**
- **HB1143** DO PASS AN ACT Relating to enhancing requirements for the purchase or transfer of firearms by requiring a permit to purchase firearms, firearms safety training, and a 10-day waiting period, prohibiting firearms transfers prior to completion of a background check, and updating and creating consistency in firearms transfer and background check procedures. **(Needs to schedule Executive Action in Appropriations)**
- **HB1240** : DO PASS. Relating to establishing firearms-related safety measures to increase public safety by prohibiting the manufacture, importation, distribution, selling, and offering for sale of assault weapons, and by providing limited exemptions applicable to licensed firearm manufacturers and dealers for purposes of sale to armed forces branches and law enforcement agencies and for purposes of sale or transfer outside the state, and to inheritors. **(In rules committee needs House Vote by March 8<sup>th</sup>)**
- **SB5078** DO PASS: AN ACT Relating to protecting public safety by establishing duties of firearm industry members engaged in the sale, manufacturing, distribution, importing, or marketing of firearms, ammunition, component parts, or accessories, to adopt and implement reasonable controls to prevent the diversion of firearms and related products to straw purchasers, firearm traffickers, unauthorized individuals, and individuals who pose a risk to themselves or others, to prohibit such firearm industry members from creating or maintaining a public nuisance, providing for investigation and enforcement by the attorney general, and creating a private right of action. **(Needs Executive Action by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>)**
- **HB1024** DO PASS. Concerning labor and income of incarcerated persons. **(Referred to Transportation Committee – needs hearing by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>)**

## ENVIROMENTAL/CLIMATE

- **SHB 1216** DO PASS. Establishes an interagency clean energy siting coordinating council to be co-chaired by the Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the Department of Commerce (Commerce). **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on**



**Appropriations at 1:30pm. Feb 23**Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM (Subject to change).

- **SHB 1578** Improving community preparedness, response, recovery, and resilience to wildland fire health and safety impacts in areas of increasing population density, including in the wildland urban interface. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**

### **IMMIGRATION** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **BUDGET REQUEST/PROVISO:** Increased funding for immigration and naturalization services (budget provisos).
- **BUDGET REQUEST/PROVISO** Health Equity for Immigrants Campaign: this was originally going to be a bill but is now a budget proviso to increase access to health care access for state residents who do not qualify due to immigration status. More info here: <https://www.waisn.org/heic>
- **SB 5109 & HB 1095:** DO PASS: Unemployment insurance for excluded workers bill this would create a separate unemployment insurance program for workers who are ineligible for the current program based on federal rules b/c of immigration status. **(Both bills in ways and Means needs hearing by Feb 24<sup>th</sup>)**
- **HB1470. DO PASS.** Concerning private detention centers. Specifies conditions for the operations of all private detention facilities. Requires state and local agencies to inspect private detention facilities for compliance with food, workplace conditions, water and air quality, and performance audits. **(Feb 22 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. Feb 24. Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM (Subject to change)**

### **FINANCE** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **HB1477** DO PASS. Allows individuals filing as "married filing separately" to qualify for the Working Families' Tax Credit. **(Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM (Subject to change)**  
(Finance Cont.)
- **SHB1447** DO PASS. Strengthening the ability of assistance programs to meet foundational needs of children, adults, and families. **(Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM (Subject to change)**

## **LANGUAGE ACCESS**

- **SB 5304 DO PASS.** Requires the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to administer and develop oral and written tests to ensure language access providers are fluent in English and a primary non-English language. Changes a requirement for when DSHS may offer spoken language interpreter testing. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 9:00 AM)**

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT** *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

- **SHB 1513 DO PASS** Improving traffic safety. Limits officers' use of stops and detentions for non-moving violations and specifies additional process requirements for traffic stops. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM)**
- **HB 1579 DO PASS** Creating independent Prosecutor in Attorney General office. **(Feb 22. Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM. Feb 24 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM)**
- **SHB 1025 DO PASS** Provides an additional cause of action against any other police officers who could have prevented the injury or aided in preventing the injury but failed to do so. **(Feb 21 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations at 1:30 PM (Subject to change). (Committee Materials) Feb 23 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Appropriations at 9:00 AM (Subject to change).**

## **TRANSPORATION**

- **HB 1058 DO PASS.** Streamlining the licensing process for a commercial driver's license by allowing the department to waive requirements for applicants that previously, allowing the license to be renewed online.

**(CONTINUED BELOW)**

**EFFECTIVE 2/21/2023: ACTIVE  
ALL LEGISLATIVE BILLS ON THIS LIST ARE  
OPPOSED**



**OPPOSED**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT** *(LCA Opposes these bills)*

- **HB 1363 OPPOSE:** Reversing vehicle pursuit. (**Feb 20 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Transportation at 1:30 PM**)

**AGRICULTURE**

- **HB1523/SB5476 OPPOSE** Authorizing agricultural employers to select 12 weeks a year to employ workers for up to 50 hours a week before overtime applies.