



LATINO CIVIC ALLIANCE
WASHINGTON STATE 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
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For the 2024 (6) LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES, LCA is asking state policymakers to:

- 1. Fund Small Business Programs:** 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.
- 2. Fund Labor Pre - Apprenticeship Programs:** Close essential skill gaps and meet evolving diversity workforce needs by supporting continuous improvement and fund pre-apprenticeship programs that include a career pathway strategy for basic skill instruction, job training, and support services.
- 3. Fund Adolescent & Youth Behavioral Health Inpatient & Substance Abuse Programs:** Fund adequate behavioral health inpatient services for adolescents and youth that are in crisis and have a history of violence. We need to streamline the process to address the admissions barriers that prevent children from receiving program services by county and state funded and private pay providers in WA state.
- 4. Fund cultural-led youth violence prevention and intervention Programs:** Youth and gun violence is a significant public health crisis that affects thousands of young people each day in and, in turn, their families, schools, and communities. The Washington Legislature should fund a continuum of care that provides culturally relevant wrap around services to youth.
- 5. Fund Opioid/Fentanyl Outreach/Education Programs:** Address Opioid/Fentanyl overdose crisis. This includes an investment of over 5 years, in innovative community-led harm reduction, treatment, and prevention, outreach and education projects, with a specific focus on those at greatest risk of substance-related harms, including youth and Indigenous Peoples, and providing funding to improve access to evidence-based addictions treatment services.
- 6. Fund U.S. resettlement and asylum systems & Programs:** Work together to uphold refugees and asylums humanitarian response to refugees through the U.S. Resettlement Program (USRP) Washington State should provide short and long term job readiness & employment, financial, medical, housing assistance to new arrivals, as well as case management and wrap around services, English as a foreign language classes, all designed to facilitate refugees successful transition in the U.S., and help them to attain self-sufficiency and economic stability.

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LCA SUPPORTS

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

HB 1929 -Supporting young adults receive housing following inpatient behavioral health treatment.

HB 2088 - Extending liability protections for responders dispatched from mobile rapid response crisis teams and community-based crisis teams.

HB2319- to reduce patient discharges from residential addiction treatment, to remove arbitrary insurance authorization barriers to residential addiction treatment, and to ensure that patients with opioid use disorder and alcohol use disorder receive access to care that is consistent with clinical best practices.

HB 2029/ SB 5804-Concerning opioid/fentanyl overdose reversal medication in high schools. Requires education to prevent fentanyl and other opioid use to be provided once a year to all students in seventh and ninth grade.

SB5850-each educational service district must develop and maintain the capacity to offer training and coaching for educators 10and other school district staff, including those designated under RCW to address excessive absenteeism and truancy, on the development of robust early warning systems to identify and locate students who are chronically absent and connect them with

SB 5923 - Addressing fentanyl and other substance use prevention education. Requires education to prevent fentanyl and other opioid use to be provided once a year to all students in seventh and ninth grade.

HB 1859 - Concerning the rights of residents in long-term care facilities.

HB 2197 - Concerning the availability of prevention services under medical assistance programs.

HB 1929 - Supporting young adults following inpatient behavioral health treatment.

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

HB 2276, SB 6191, would create a permanent and dedicated fund source for affordable housing by adding a modest 1% to a new program mirroring the existing real estate excise tax on properties that sell for more than \$3.025 million.

HB 1892 - Concerning the workforce housing accelerator program.

SB 6136- Reestablishing a business and occupation tax on the privilege of providing property for rent and supporting access to affordable rental property by exempting from tax landlords participating in a rent stabilization program.

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

HB 2368 - assisting refugees and immigrants by 2 describing the role of the office of refugee and immigrant assistance 3 within the department of social and health services in administering 4 federal funding regarding refugee support services and authorizing 5 the office of refugee and immigrant assistance within the department 6 of social and health services to administer services to immigrants.

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

HB 1565- Supporting and strengthening the professional education workforce. Requires the development of an online platform for the recruitment and hiring of public-school employees. Establishes a teacher residency program.

HB1866- Concerning the academic and support needs of children of seasonal farmworkers.

HB1228- Building a multilingual, multiliterate Washington through dual and tribal language education.

HB 2053 - Establishing the ninth-grade success grant program.

SB 5819 - Making financial education instruction a graduation prerequisite and a required component of public education.

HB 2180 /SB 6014- Increasing the special education enrollment funding cap.

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

SB 5941 - Clarifying requirements for subsidized childcare.

REENTRY and CORRECTIONS *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

HB 1983 - Concerning the criminal justice treatment account providing equitable distribution to counties. Treatment services that are critical to a participant's successful completion of his or her substance use disorder treatment and recovery program.

HB 2084- Establishing an oversight committee to improve construction-related training and pathways to state registered apprenticeships in state prisons.

HB 1087 - would effectively eliminate the use of solitary confinement in Prisons by requiring the Department of Corrections (DOC) to give all incarcerated adults at least 4 hours out of cell time, except in limited circumstances.

HB 2169 - Concerning a pilot program creating a healthier environment for correctional officers, department of corrections staff, and individuals within a correctional facility.

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

HB 2077- will create a statewide guaranteed admission program in Washington State. This program will ease the process of applying to our in-state institutions by assuring students that if they put in the work and get the grades, they will get a place in our state colleges and universities.

HB 2374 - will establish the Washington Promise Program and provide students with up to 90 credits or two years of tuition free post-secondary education, a \$500 annual stipend for related expenses, a transit pass, and access to affordable childcare.

Adolescent and Youth *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

HB 1439 - Addressing child exposure to violence. Creating task Force oversight by WA Attorney General Office. Creates a Washington State Children Exposed to Violence Task Force. Creates a pilot program to increase utilization of children's advocacy centers (CACs) to connect children exposed to violence or psychological trauma with needed services. Expand the scope of CACs to include serving children exposed to violence.

HB 2256 - Addressing the children and youth behavioral health work group. Modifies membership and requirements for the children and youth and behavioral health work group.

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

HB 1975 - Relieving individuals from paying interest on certain unemployment insurance overpayment assessments.

SB 6025 - Protecting consumers from predatory loans.

HB 2119 - Protecting consumers from garnishment of earnings for judgments arising from medical debt.

HB 2017- Brief Description: Addressing school districts with aged facilities and a history of capital bond failure.

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

HB 1445 - Civil Rights Law Enforcement Investigations and Reform

HB 1410/ SB 5427- Establishing a Uniform Hate crime/Bias Response Hotline in Washington

HB 2076 - Addressing Crimes Involving Human Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation

HB 2118 - Protecting the public from gun violence by establishing additional requirements for the business operations of licensed firearms dealers.

Environmental/ Climate Change *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

HB 2073 - Concerning emissions of greenhouse gases from sources other than methane and carbon dioxide.

HB 2301 - Improving the outcomes associated with waste material management systems, including products affecting organic material management systems.

LABOR/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT *(LCA is in support of these bills)*

HB 2360 - Creating the Washington digital empowerment and workforce inclusion act.

HB 1944 - Establishing a running start for the trades grant program.

Continue below:

HB 2226 - Regarding H2A worker program Data. Data of workers about their wages can help to inform the wage data collected by ESD through their survey of farm employers required under the H-2A program. This bill would improve the H-2A worker wage survey and would also allow ESD to gather more data on the actual number and location of workers in Washington on an H-2A visa.

HB 1940 - Fosse / SB 5578 -: We hear from farmworkers that these types of meetings are a common occurrence at farms. The bill would prohibit any kind of adverse action for employees who refuse to participate in these types of meetings and gives employees the right to bring a civil action if they're retaliated against

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