



## 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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### **Building a Budget that Reflects Washington's Values**

Washington requires a budget that truly represents the values of its residents. A well-crafted budget should be stable and prioritize the investments that our communities depend on for their continued well-being.

### **Investing in Education and Essential Services**

To maintain a thriving society, it is crucial to fully fund K-12 and higher education, as well as safeguard the essential services that families across Washington rely on. These investments are the foundation of strong communities and provide the support necessary for future generations.

### **The Importance of Stable Funding**

Repeated cuts to core state functions are not a viable solution for the long term. Such reductions compromise the effectiveness and reliability of programs and services that are central to the quality of life in Washington.

### **Addressing Tax Structure Through Reform**

Washington must pursue meaningful tax reform to address the regressive nature of its current tax structure. Creating a fair and equitable system will help ensure that the state has the resources needed to fund vital programs and services, while also promoting equity among its residents.

## 2026 LEGISLATIVE POLICY PRIORITIES

- Ensure housing affordability
- Expand economic opportunity and small business support
- Support education and workforce development
- Advance public health equity and behavioral health services
- Protect immigrant and refugee communities
- Fund community safety and violence prevention & intervention programs
- Advance environmental justice and climate resilience
- Protect Voter
- Support Apple Health expansion

## **BUSINESS, LABOR, and WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

[SB 6068](#) Concerning workers' wages and benefits in the construction industry. *(Senator Alvarado)*

[SB 6067](#) Concerning workers' compensation benefits. *(Senator Alvarado)*

[SB 6053](#) Establishing labor protections for domestic workers (*Senator Saldaña*)

[SB 6045](#) Placing agricultural employees under the jurisdiction of the public employment relations commission for the purpose of collective bargaining. (*Senator Saldaña*)

[SB 5944](#) Concerning language access providers' collective bargaining. (*Senator Cortes*)

[SB 5852](#) Concerning immigrant worker protections. (*Senator Saldaña*)

[SB 5847](#) Concerning access to medical care in workers' compensation (*Senator Saldaña*)

[SB 5023](#) Providing labor market protections for domestic workers. (*Senator Saldaña*)

[HB 2479](#) Concerning the recovery of unpaid wages. (*Representative Fosse*)

[HB 2411](#) Modifying shared leave provisions to authorize shared leave for victims of a hate crime and those whose absence is due to immigration enforcement actions against the employee or the employee's relative. (*Senator Salahuddin*)

[HB 2409](#) Placing agricultural employees under the jurisdiction of the public employment relations commission for the purpose of collective bargaining. (*Representative Mena*)

[HB 2218](#) Concerning access to medical care in workers' compensation (*Representative Ortiz-Self*)

[HB 2191](#) Concerning workers wages and benefits in the construction industry. (*Representative Cortes*)

[HB 2183](#) Requiring counties to develop & implement heat response plans. (*Representative Parshley*)

[HB 1773](#) & SB 5626 Creating a wage replacement program for certain Washington workers excluded from unemployment insurance. (*Senator Cortes*)

[HB 1764](#) Concerning labor standards. (*Representative Mena*)

[HB 1682](#) Concerning part-time workers in the unemployment insurance system. (*Representative Ortiz-Self*)

### **CHILDREN, YOUTH, and FAMILIES**

[SB 6078](#) Providing preclicensing supports to individuals interested in becoming a licensed child care provider. (*Senator Slatter*)

[SB 5992](#) Creating the youth development fund account to increase access to positive youth development programs. (*Senator Krishnadasen*)

[SB 5488](#) & HB 1711 Strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the Department of Children, Youth and Families. (*Senator Alvarado*)

[SB 5296](#) & HB 1322 Improving outcomes for individuals adjudicated of juvenile offenses by increasing opportunities for community placement options and refining procedural requirements. (*Senator Wilson*)

[SB 5062](#) & HB 1128 Establishing a childcare workforce standards board. (*Senator Stafford*)

[HB 2660](#) Authorizing the court to order certain conditions during child welfare shelter care hearings. (*Representative Ortiz-Self*)

[HB 2497](#) Addressing the rise in maltreatment-related child fatalities or near fatalities by supporting families that have received a child welfare response. (*Representative Ortiz-Self*)

[HB 2484](#) Creating the youth development fund account to increase access to positive youth development programs. (*Representative Rule*)

[HB 2219](#) Enhancing the operational efficiency of child care providers. (*Representative Ortiz-Self*)

[HB 1322](#) Strengthening the financial stability of persons in the care of the department of children, youth, and families. (*Representative Callan*)

[HB 1660](#) Reporting information related to racial disproportionality in child welfare. *(Representative Ortiz-Self)*

[HB 1322](#) Creating a housing assistance program for youth enrolled in extended foster care. *(Representative Taylor)*

[HB 1128](#) Childcare Workforce Board *(Rep Fosse)*

### **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT and GOVERNMENT**

[SB 6089](#) Increasing coordination and alignment throughout the P20W system. *(Senator Slatter)*

[SB 5973](#) & HB 2259 Protecting the integrity of the state initiative and referendum process by requiring a demonstration of support before issuance of a ballot measure title and authorizing citizen actions for certain signature gatherer compensation violations. *(Senator Valdez)*

[SB 5892](#) Concerning protection of the voter registration database. *(Senator Riccelli and Senator Valdez)*

[SB 5861](#) Encouraging community representation in education. *(Senator Cortes)*

[HB 2475](#) Concerning language accessible public programs, activities, and services conducted, operated, or administered by state agencies. *(Representative Ortiz-Self and Representative Mena)*

[HB 2351](#) Protecting emergency responders and emergency response operations in Washington. *(Representative Parshley)*

[HB 2190](#) & SB 5944 Concerning language access providers' collective bargaining. *(Representative Cortes)*

[HB 1710](#) Concerning compliance with the Washington Voting Rights Act of 2018. *(Representative Mena)*

[HB 1503](#) Furthering digital equity and opportunity. *(Representative Gregerson)*

### **EDUCATION**

[SB 6089](#) Increasing coordination and alignment throughout the P20W system. *(Senator Slatter)*

[SB 5992](#) & HB 2584 Creating the youth development fund account to increase access to positive youth development programs. *(Senator Krishnadasan)*

[SB 5861](#) Encouraging community representation in education. *(Senator Cortes)*

[SB 5860](#) Concerning school board compensation. *(Senator Cortes)*

[SB 5666](#) Establishing a public school-based mental health internship grant program. *(Senator Slatter)*

[SB 5574](#) Providing instruction on Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Latino American, and Black American history in public schools. *(Senator Nobles)*

[SB 5007](#) Supporting students who are chronically absent and at risk for not graduating from high school. *(Senator Braun)*

[HB 2341](#) & SB 6130 Celebrating national voter registration day. *(Representative Simmons)*

[HB 1683](#) Adjusting school director districts. *(Representative Ortiz-Self)*

[HB 1547](#) Establishing a statewide network for student mental and behavioral health. *(Representative Santos)*

[HB 1280](#) & SB 5358 Concerning career and technical education in sixth grade. *(Representative Shavers)*

[HB 1143](#) Concerning Washington college grant award amounts. *(Representative Mena)*

[HB 1036](#) Adding labor trustees to college boards. *(Representative Ortiz-Self)*

[HB 1035](#) Creating policies and resources to address secondary traumatic stress in the higher education workforce. *(Representative Ortiz-Self)*

## ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES

[SB 5652](#) Reducing environmental and health disparities and improving the health of Washington state residents in large port districts. *(Senator Orwall)*

[HB 2373](#) Requiring electric utilities to provide monthly bill assistance as part of their obligation to offer energy assistance to low-income households. *(Representative Mena)*

[HB 2215](#) Concerning climate commitment act compliance obligations for fuels supplied or otherwise sold into Washington. *(Representative Fitzgibbon)*

[HB 1903](#) Establishing a statewide low-income energy assistance program. *(Representative Mena)*

[HB 1607](#) & SB 5502 Concerning recycling and waste reduction. *(Representative Stonier)*

[HB 1303](#) Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions. *(Representative Mena)*

## HEALTHCARE

[SB 5500](#) Defining the cost of quality child care for the biennial survey *(Senator Alvarado)*

[SB 5946](#) Expanding the income eligibility for the medical assistance program. *(Senator Hasegawa)*

[SB 5273](#) Concerning the availability of community violence prevention and intervention services. *(Senator Orwall)*

[SB 5242](#) Establishing an interactive screening program to improve access to behavioral health resources for health care providers. *(Senator Orwall)*

[SB 5233](#)/HB 1445 Developing the Washington health trust. *(Senator Hasegawa)*

[HB 2351](#) Protecting emergency responders and emergency response operations in Washington. *(Representative Parshley)*

[HB 2283](#) Establishing a medical loss ratio of at least 90 percent for health plans. *(Representative Rule)*

[HB 1482](#) Assuring equity in health coverage. *(Representative Thai)*

[HB 1326](#) Concerning the diabetes prevention and obesity treatment act. *(Representative Thai)*

[HB 1262](#) Updating the governor's interagency coordinating council on health disparities *(Representative Santos)*

## HOUSING

[SB 6028](#) Establishing a revolving loan fund for mixed-income affordable homeownership development. *(Senator Alvarado)*

[SB 6026](#) Concerning residential development in commercial and mixed-use zones. *(Senator Alvarado)*

[SB 5508](#) Concerning the child welfare housing assistance program. *(Senator Krishnadasan)*

[SB 5082](#)/HB 1429 Creating a housing assistance program for youth enrolled in extended foster care. *(Senator Wilson)*

[HB 2265](#) Protecting tenants from periods of extreme heat. *(Representative Mena)*

[HB 1263](#) Updating eligible uses for the essential needs and housing support program. *(Representative Cortes)*

## IMMIGRATION

[SB 6286](#) Concerning the state's ability to fine private detention facilities that deny entry to the department of health for an inspection. *(Senator Orwall)*

[SB 5906](#) Establishing data and personal safety protections within areas of public accommodation for all Washington residents. *(Representative Hansen)*

[SB 5855](#) Concerning the use of face coverings by law enforcement officers. *(Senator Valdez)*

[HB 2648](#) Concerning state and local law enforcement interactions with federal immigration enforcement officials. *(Representative Fosse)*

[HB 2597](#) Concerning remedies for violations of federal constitutional rights occurring during immigration enforcement. *(Representative Thai)*

[HB 2464](#) Concerning reporting requirements and law enforcement responses for incidents at private detention facilities. *(Representative Ortiz-Self)*

[HB 2312](#) Authorizing shared leave for absences resulting from immigration enforcement actions. *(Representative Salahuddin)*

[HB 2105](#) Concerning immigrant worker protections. *(Representative Ortiz-Self)*

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

[SB 6314](#) Concerning the regulation of firearm manufacturing. *(Senator Valdez)*

[SB 6080](#) Concerning contracts between the United States and county and municipal jails for committing or confining individuals in federal custody. *(Senator Cleveland)*

[SB 6002](#) Concerning driver privacy protections. *(Senator Trudeau)*

[SB 5974](#) Modernizing and strengthening laws concerning sheriffs, police chiefs, town marshals, law enforcement agency volunteers, youth cadets, specially commissioned officers, and police matrons. *(Senator Lovick)*

[SB 5925](#) Allows the attorney general to issue civil investigative demands to produce documents and answer questions when investigating possible violations of the United States Constitution. *(Senator Hansen)*

[SB 5364](#) Modernizing, harmonizing, and clarifying laws concerning sheriffs, chiefs, marshals, and police matrons. *(Senator Lovick)*

[SB 5098](#) Restricting the possession of weapons on the premises of state or local public buildings, parks or playground facilities where children are likely to be present, and county fairs and county fair facilities. *(Senator Valdez)*

[SB 5066](#) Concerning law enforcement and local corrections agency misconduct through investigations and legal actions. *(Senator Hansen)*

[HB 2464](#) Concerning reporting requirements and law enforcement responses for incidents at private detention facilities. *(Representative Ortiz-Self)*

[HB 2165](#) Concerning false identification as a peace officer. *(Representative Obras)*

[HB 1740](#) Expanding the office of independent investigations to include prosecutions of criminal conduct. *(Representative Stonier)*

[HB 1322](#) Improving outcomes for individuals adjudicated of juvenile offenses by increasing opportunities for community placement options and refining procedural requirements. *(Representative Goodman)*