Washington State Commission On

African American Affairs

2021 Legislative Update

April 9, 2021

SHB 1016	Designates Juneteenth as a state legal holiday. Passed both House and Senate
2SHB 1044	Creating prison to postsecondary education pathways: Permits degree programs at correctional facilities. Passed House and Senate
ESHB 1054	Peace Officer Tactics & Equipment: Prohibits certain tactics used by peace officers such as the use of chokeholds, tear gas, etc. Passed House and Senate
ESHB 1078	Voter Eligibility / Felony. The bill restores voting rights to anyone convicted of a felony but outside of total DOC confinement. Passed. Waiting for Governor's signature
E2SHB 1086	Creating the State office of Behavioral Health Consumer Advocacy. The new state office to coordinate behavioral health activities statewide. Passed House and Senate
SHB 1088	Concerning Potential Impeachment Disclosures. Requires disclosure of potential impeachment disclosure of a peace officer before hire. Passed both chambers. Possible conference to work out differences
E2SHB 1089	Concerning Compliance Audits of Requirements Relating to Peace Officers and Law enforcement Agencies. The bill authorizes the state auditor, at the request of a commission, to review a law enforcement agency. Passed House and Senate
EHB 1090	Concerning Private, For-profit Detention Facilities - prohibits private, for-profit detention facilities with certain exceptions. Passed House and Senate
ESHB 1108	Foreclosure Assistance - maintains funding and assistance for homeowners in foreclosure. Passed House and Senate
ESHB 1113	School Attendance: Makes culturally responsive changes to support student success. In Rules. Passed House and Senate
EHB 1121	Graduation Requirement / Emergency - authorizes school districts to grant individual student emergency waiver criteria towards graduation requirements. Delivered to Governor for signature
2SHB 1127	COVID-19 Health Data Privacy - establishes safeguards of an individual's COVID-19 health information. In Senate Rules
ESHB 1140	Juvenile Access to Attorneys - Provides an attorney to a juvenile before constitutional rights are waived. In Senate Rules
E2SHB 1152	Supporting Measures to Create Public Health Districts. In Senate Rules
SHB 1171	Amending Child Support Withholding Provisions requires an income withholding order for child support orders. Passed and delivered to Governor
ESHB 1176	Concerning Access to Higher Education. prohibits the withholding of student transcripts. Delivered to Governor for signature
E2SHB 1186	Concerning Juvenile Rehabilitation creates community-based supports for youth reentry into the community. Passed to Rules committee
E2SHB 1227	Protecting the rights of families responding to allegations of abuse or neglect of a child requires the placement of a child with a parent and the release of a child to a parent by a court when evidenced as safe. Passed House and Senate
ESHB 1443	Social Equity / Cannabis expands the task force regarding existing cannabis licenses. Passed House and Senate
E2SSB 5051	Concerning state oversight and accountability of peace officers and corrections officers. Modifies the Criminal Justice Training Commission and requires background checks for potential peace officers. Passed House and Senate
E2SSB 5052	Health Equity Zones addresses health disparities in communities of color. Passed House and Senate
SSB 5066	Concerning a peace officer's duty to intervene - requires a peace officer to intervene when a fellow officer engages in excessive force. Passed House and Senate
SSB 5068	Improving Maternal Health Outcomes - extends coverage during the Postpartum Period authorizing one year of post-partum care through Apple Health. Delivered to Governor
ESSB 5097	Paid Leave Coverage - expands the paid family and medical leave program. Passed House and Senate
ESSB 5118	Provides for actions to support offenders with re-entry. Passed House and Senate
ESSB 5119	Requires DOC convene a review team in the event of an unexpected inmate death. Passed House and Senate
ESSB 5122	Concerning the Jurisdiction of a Juvenile Court changes the maximum age in juvenile court to 19 and the maximum age of presumed inability to commit a crime to age 13. Passed Senate. Now in House Rules committee
ESB 5135	Allows civil penalty for false summoning of a police officer. Passed both chambers

Only 16 days remain in session. The last cutoff takes place Sunday, April 11, 2021; legislation has to pass both House and Senate by this date.

Unsuccessful legislation can be reconsidered next session. Please continue to communicate with your representatives during the interim. Information about the legislative process is available anytime via www.leg.wa.gov. Catch live and recorded proceedings at TVW.org.

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E2SSB 5141 Implements the recommendations of the Environmental Justice Task Force. In House Rules committee

SSB 5151 Concerning Foster Care and Child Care Licensing makes a certain DCYF pilot program permanent and other changes. Passed both House and Senate

E2SSB 5160 Establishes eviction protections for tenants. Passed House and Senate

2SSB 5183 Non-fatal Strangulation develops best practices to medically support victims of domestic violence strangulation. In Senate Rules committee. Passed both House and Senate

E2SSB 5188 Creates the Washington State Public Bank to provide financial opportunities to residents. In House Rules committee

E2SSB 5194 Providing Equity and Access in the Community and Technical Colleges requires development of a diversity and inclusion strategic plan. Passed both House and Senate

E2SSB 5227 Requires Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-racism Training and Assessments in Higher Education establishes a diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism training for faculty and staff. In House Rules committee

SSB 5228 Addressing Disproportionate Health Outcomes Through Equity in Medical Training requires the development of a health equity curriculum for medical students. Passed House and Senate

ESSB 5229 Concerning Health Equity Continuing Training for Health Professionals requires health equity education every four years for licensees. Passed House and Senate

SB 5431 Creating the Rosa Franklin Legislative Internship Program scholarship. Passed House and Senate