



Washington State Commission On

African American Affairs

2021 Legislative Update

February 12, 2021

House Bills

- HB 1002** COVID-19 Grants / B&O Tax
Effect of this bill: Establishes a tax exemption for pandemic relief
- HB 1012** B&O Tax Credit / COVID-19.
Effect of this bill: Provides a tax credit to business due to the pandemic
- SHB 1016** Juneteenth
Effect of this bill: designates Juneteenth as a state legal holiday
- SHB 1044** Creating prison to postsecondary education pathways
Effect of this bill: Permits certificates and degree programs at correctional facilities
- SHB 1054** Peace Officer Tactics & Equipment
Effect of this bill: Prohibits certain tactics used by peace officers such as the use of chokeholds, unleashed police dogs, tear gas
- HB 1071** Bias-based Criminal Offenses
Effect of this bill: Amends prosecutorial responsibility and chargeable offense statutes
- SHB 1078** Voter Eligibility / Felony
Effect of this bill: Restores voting rights to anyone convicted of a felony but outside of total DOC confinement.
- SHB 1086** Creating the State office of Behavioral Health Consumer Advocacy
Effect of this bill: Creates a new state office to coordinate behavioral health activities statewide
- SHB 1088** Concerning Potential Impeachment Disclosures
Effect of this bill: Requires disclosure of potential impeachment disclosure of a peace officer before hire
- E2SHB 1089** Concerning Compliance Audits of Requirements Relating to Peace Officers and Law Enforcement Agencies. Effect of this bill: Authorizes the state auditor, at the request of a commission, to review a law enforcement agency
- HB 1090** Concerning Private, For-profit Detention Facilities
Effect of this bill: Prohibits private, for-profit detention facilities with certain exceptions
- 2SHB 1092** Concerning Law Enforcement Data Collection
Effect of this bill: Requires use of force data from law enforcement agencies be reported to WSU
- EBB 1108** Foreclosure Assistance
Effect of this bill: Maintains funding and assistance for homeowners in foreclosure
- SHB 1113** School Attendance
Effect of this bill: makes culturally responsive changes to support student success
- HB 1119** Notifying Students of Courses with Low-cost Instructional Materials and Open Educational Resources at the Four-year Institutions of Higher Education
Effect of this bill: Requires four year institutions designate the use of low-cost or free materials in their online courses
- EBB 1121** Graduation Requirement / Emergency
Effect of this bill : authorizes school districts to grant individual student emergency waiver criteria towards graduation requirements
- SHB 1127** COVID-19 Health Data Privacy
Effect of this bill: Establishes safeguards of an individual's COVID-19 health information
- SHB 1140** Juvenile Access to Attorneys
Effect of this bill: Provides an attorney to a juvenile before constitutional rights are waived
- SHB 1152** Supporting Measures to Create Public Health Districts
Effect of this bill: Requires counties to create public health districts
- HB 1153** Language Access in Schools
Effect of this bill: Implements a Language Access Program for culturally responsive, systemic family engagement
- SHB 1162** High School Graduation
Effect of this bill: Inclusion of the culture, history, and government of the American Indian peoples who were the first inhabitants of the state in high school graduation requirements

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Registration is NOW Open
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**2021 Charles Rolland African
American Legislative Day Session.**
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opportunity to learn about what is
happening in your legislative districts,
communities and more. We look
forward to seeing you virtually on
Monday, February 15th, 2021.

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**The first legislative cutoff is
Monday, February 12th - President's Day.**
**The Legislature works on
holidays during session and cutoff
means some bills will unfortunately fail.**
**Our update lists the bills we are keeping
track of; follow the link to the bill status
and connect with your representatives.**
**Arrange to testify on a bill [here](#) or via the
legislature's website,
www.leg.wa.gov.**



House Bills (continued)

- HB 1164** Firearm Safety. Effect of this bill: Makes changes to the possession or transfer of large-capacity firearm magazines
Effect of this bill: Creates community-based supports for youth reentry into the community
- SHB 1169** Concerning Sentencing Enhancements. Effect of this bill: Eliminates certain sentencing enhancements and provides resentencing for some persons
- SHB 1171** Amending Child Support Withholding Provisions. Effect of this bill: Requires an income withholding order for child support
- SHB 1176** Concerning Access to Higher Education. Effect of this bill: Prohibits the withholding of student transcripts.
- HB 1182** Enhancing / Expanding Mental Health Crisis Response Services. Effect of this bill: Expand crisis response to alleviate impact on emergency rooms.
- SHB 1186** Concerning Juvenile Rehabilitation. Effect of this bill: Creates community-based supports for youth reentry into the community
- HB 1191** Ensuring Equity in Health Coverage. Effect of this bill: Expands health coverage for uninsured groups
- SHB 1227** Protecting the rights of families responding to allegations of abuse or neglect of a child. Effect of this bill: 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

Senate Bills

- SB 5010** Credit Score/Insurance Rates. Effect of this bill: Prohibits the use of credit scores when determining insurance rates
- SSB 5012** Affordable Housing Funding. Effect of this bill: Permits local jurisdictions to implement a special excise tax to fund affordable housing programs
- ESSB 5044** Schools/Equity Training. Effect of this bill: Adds equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism to existing cultural competency training for school board directors, district, and school staff
- SB 5047** Death Penalty Elimination. Effect of this bill: Eliminates the death penalty
- SB 5051** Concerning state oversight and accountability of peace officers and corrections officers. Effect of this bill: Modifies the Criminal Justice Training Commission and requires background checks for potential peace officers
- SSB 5052** Health Equity Zones. Effect of this bill: Creates health equity zones to address health disparities in communities of color
- ESSB 5061** Unemployment Insurance. Effect of this bill: Provides unemployment insurance benefits to high risk individuals, or those who live with high risk individuals, who voluntarily quit their jobs during a public health emergency
- SSB 5064** Concerning qualifications for unemployment insurance when an individual voluntarily leaves work. Effect of this bill: Expands good cause quit for unemployment insurance
- SSB 5066** Concerning a peace officer's duty to intervene. Effect of this bill: Requires a peace officer to intervene when a fellow officer engages in excessive force
- SB 5068** Improving Maternal Health Outcomes by extending Coverage During the Postpartum Period. Effect of this bill: Creates one year of post partum care through Apple Health
- SB 5086** Voter Eligibility/Felony. Effect of this bill: Restores voter eligibility when a felon is out of DOC custody. Companion to House Bill 1078
- SSB 5089** Concerning peace officer hiring and certification. Effect of this bill: Requires police applicants be at least 23 years of age, have or working towards an Associates degree and establishes a 24-month probationary period
- SB 5094** Vascular Neck Restraints. Effect of this bill: Requires state and local law enforcement officers develop a written model policy on the use of vascular neck restraints
- SSB 5097** Paid Leave Coverage. Effect of this bill: Expansion of the paid family and medical leave program
- SSB 5105** Office of Equity Task Force. Effect of this bill: Implementing Equity Office recommendations
- SSB 5117** Rental Vouchers/Offenders. Effect of this bill: Authorizes temporary rental assistance re-entry support
- SSB 5118** Reentry. Effect of this bill: Provides for actions to support offenders with re-entry



Senate Bills (continued)

- SSB 5119** Concerning Individuals in Custody. Effect of this bill: Requires DOC convene a review team in the event of an unexpected inmate death
- SSB 5120** Concerning the Criminal Sentencing of Youth and Young Adults. Effect of this bill: Allows a resentencing hearing for certain individuals tried in an adult court
- SSB 5122** Concerning the Jurisdiction of a Juvenile Court. Effect of this bill: Changes maximum age in juvenile court to 19 and maximum age of presumed inability to commit a crime to age 13
- SSB 5123** Creating a developmentally appropriate response to youth who commit sexual offenses. Effect of this bill: Changes sex offender registration for offenses committed under age 18
- SB 5126** Concerning the Washington Climate Commitment Act. Effect of this bill: Creates cap and invest program for greenhouse gasses
- SSB 5129** Concerning the Possession of Vapor, Vapor Products, Tobacco, and Tobacco Products by Minors. Effect of this bill: Removes civil infractions and detainment of those under age 18 for possession of vapor and tobacco products
- SB 5135** Concerning Unlawfully Summoning a Police Officer. Effect of this bill: Allows civil penalty for false summoning of a police officer
- SB 5138** Financial Instit./B&O Tax. Effect of this bill: Eliminates the B&O tax deduction for financial institutions to fund affordable housing
- SB 5139** Rent increases, limiting. Effect of this bill: Limits the amount of a rent increase after expiration of the COVID rent moratorium
- SSB 5141** Env. Justice Task Force. Effect of this bill: Implements the recommendations of the Environmental Justice Task Force
- SB 5151** Concerning Foster Care and Child Care Licensing by the Department of Children, Youth and Families. Effect of this bill: Makes a certain pilot program permanent
- SB 5153** School Attendance. Effect of this bill: Implementing steps to reduce student absences
- SSB 5160** Landlord-tenant Relations. Effect of this bill: Establishes eviction protections for tenants
- SSB 5181** Providing School Districts Serving Low-income Communities With Flexibility in Financing Their Facilities. Effect of this bill: Allows for public-private partnerships to finance school facilities
- SSB 5183** Non-fatal Strangulation. Effect of this bill: Develop best practices to medically support victims of domestic violence strangulation
- SB 5184** Establishes a Building Point of Contact in all K-12 Public Schools for Students in Foster Care. Effect of this bill: Places a foster care resource officer in all public schools
- SSB 5188** Creates the Washington State Public Bank. Effect of this bill: Establishes a state bank to provide financial opportunities to residents technical colleges
- SSB 5194** Providing Equity and Access in the Community and Technical Colleges. Effect of this bill: Requires development of a diversity and inclusion strategic plan
- SSB 5227** Requires Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti-racism Training and Assessments in Higher Education. Effect of this bill: Establishes a diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism training for faculty and staff
- SSB 5228** Addressing Disproportionate Health Outcomes Through Equity in Medical Training. Effect of this bill: Requires the development of a health equity curriculum for medical students
- SSB 5229** Concerning Health Equity Continuing Training for Health Professionals. Effect of this bill: Requires health equity education every five years for licensees