



Washington State Commission On

African American Affairs

2021 Legislative Update

January 23, 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

HB 1016 Juneteenth

Effect of this bill: designates Juneteenth as a state legal holiday

HB 1054 Peace Officer Tactics & Equip

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

HB 1078 Voter Eligibility / Felony

Effect of this bill: Restores voting rights to anyone convicted of a felony but outside of total DOC confinement.

HB 1108 Foreclosure Assistance

Effect of this bill: Maintains funding and assistance for homeowners in foreclosure

HB 1113 School Attendance

Effect of this bill: makes culturally responsive changes to support student success

HB 1121 Graduation Requirement / Emergency

Effect of this bill : authorizes school districts to grant individual student emergency waiver criteria towards graduation requirements

HB 1127 COVID-19 Health Data Privacy

Effect of this bill: Establishes safeguards of an individual's COVID-19 health information

HB 1140 Juvenile Access to Attorneys

Effect of this bill: Provides an attorney to a juvenile before constitutional rights are waived

HB 1153 Language Access in Schools

Effect of this bill: Implements a language access program for culturally responsive, systemic family engagement

HB 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

HB 1164 Firearm Safety

Effect of this bill: Makes changes to the possession or transfer of large-capacity firearm magazines

HB 1169 Concerning Sentencing Enhancements

Effect of this bill: Eliminates certain sentencing enhancements and provides resentencing for some persons

HB 1171 Amending Child Support Withholding Provisions

Effect of this bill: Requires an income withholding order for child support

HB 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.

HB1186 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

Additional bills have been added this week. With this information, citizens can effectively communicate their support or opposition on a measure with lawmakers.

Legislative hearings are being conducted remotely through Zoom and public testimony is encouraged. Anyone can arrange to testify on a bill - please find instructions [here](#) or on the legislature's website, www.leg.wa.gov. Connect with your representative via email, by calling their office or leave a voice message on the toll-free Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

The bills listed are just a few of many being proposed this year. Click on the bill number for more information. Check the status and content of bills frequently as things change quickly.



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Senate Bills

- SB 5010** Credit Score/Insurance Rates. Effect of this bill: Prohibits the use of credit scores when determining insurance rates
- SB 5012** Affordable Housing Funding. Effect of this bill: Permits local jurisdictions to implement a special excise tax to fund affordable housing programs.
- SB 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 5052** Health Equity Zones. Effect of this bill: Creates health equity zones to address health disparities in communities of color
- SB 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
- SB 5086** Voter Eligibility/Felony. Effect of this bill: Restores voter eligibility when a felon is out of DOC custody. Companion Bill HB 1078
- 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.
- SB 5097** Paid Leave Coverage. Effect of this bill: Expansion of the paid family and medical leave program
- SB 5105** Office of Equity Task Force. Effect of this bill: Implementing Equity Office recommendations
- SB 5117** Rental Vouchers/Offenders. Effect of this bill: Authorizes temporary rental assistance re-entry support
- SB 5118** Reentry. Effect of this bill: Provides for actions to support offenders with re-entry
- 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
- SB 5141** Env. Justice Task Force. Effect of this bill: Implements the recommendations of the Environmental Justice Task Force
- SB 5153** School Attendance. Effect of this bill: Implementing steps to reduce student absences
- SB 5160** Landlord-tenant Relations. Effect of this bill: Establishes eviction protections for tenants
- SB 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
- SB 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
- SB 5188** Creates the Washington State Public Bank. Effect of this bill: Establishes a state bank to provide financial opportunities to residents technical colleges
- SB 5194** Providing Equity and Access in the Community and Technical Colleges. Effect of this bill: Requires development of a diversity and inclusion strategic plan
- SB 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
- SB 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
- SB 5229** Concerning Health Equity Continuing Training for Health Professionals. Effect of this bill: Requires health equity education every for years for licensees