

# 2017-2019 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



## ECONOMIC SECURITY

*Goal: All Washington residents can meet their basic needs and live in thriving communities.*



**Ensure access to child care** for working families through the Working Connections Child Care program by eliminating the enrollment cap, increasing reimbursement rates for providers, and increasing wages for child care workers.



**Support families in meeting basic needs** while parents look for adequate and stable employment by restoring Temporary Assistance to Needy Families cash assistance, and make sure everyone can secure a roof over their heads through the Housing Trust Fund.



**Ensure that 50 percent fewer people are living in poverty by 2025** through an intergenerational strategy focused on equity across all racial groups, family types, and geographies.



**Give everyone access to nutritious food in Washington** by investigating the scope and impact of hunger and food insecurity to allow state agencies and communities to develop targeted strategies to end hunger.

## EDUCATION

*Goal: Washington kids have access to a world-class education system with high-quality teachers, curriculum, and enrichment throughout early learning, K-12, and post-secondary education.*



**Ensure access to high-quality early childhood education through the Early Childhood Education Assistance Program** by increasing slots in the program, making facilities improvements, and increasing the provider rate to support successful expansion.



**Ensure every child has access to a great basic education**, which includes recruiting and retaining great teachers and closing the opportunity gap for children of color.



**Provide pathways to a post-secondary degree** through the State Need Grant, Opportunity Grants, the Guided Pathways model, the College in Prisons program, and the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program.

## HEALTHY PEOPLE & ENVIRONMENT

*Goal: Washingtonians have equal opportunity to live healthy lives with access to affordable health care and clean air, water and land, as well as protection from the threat of climate change.*



**Preserve and protect Washington state's commitment to ensuring health care for all** through the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, and Apple Health for Kids.



**Adopt a carbon tax** to reduce emissions, accelerate a just economic transition to a green economy, and reduce the impacts of climate change on our communities and the environment.



**Reduce toxic pollution in all communities** through toxic site cleanups, programs to prevent and control harmful pollution, and grants for local communities facing toxic pollution and waste problems.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & TRUST

*Goal: Washingtonians live in strong communities with a high quality of life, have opportunities to thrive, and are represented by a state government that is responsible, efficient, and transparent.*



**Ensure transparency and accountability in our tax code** by requiring large corporations to disclose to the public the amounts they receive in state tax breaks, their gross income from activities performed in Washington state, and their bottom-line annual tax payments.



**Guarantee that Washington residents have access to legal representation** in civil matters such as discrimination claims, denial of public benefits, and other situations where they interact with the courts and government entities.



**Incorporate an equity impact tool in policymaking to advance policies that will close the opportunity gap**, and promote equitable outcomes for people of color, women, and children.



**Reduce barriers to re-entry for people who have been incarcerated** through the Fair Chance Act and legal financial obligations reform.

## GREAT JOBS

*Goal: Washington has a strong middle class with reliable employment and wages that allow Washington residents to support themselves and their families, upgrade their skills, and save for the future.*



**Ensure all Washington residents can take time off** with universal paid Family and Medical Leave insurance.



**Recognize and protect the right of people to organize and negotiate with their employers and raise wages for front-line workers** by funding negotiated collective bargaining agreements for public workers.

## REVENUE

*Goal: Washington's revenue system is reformed to raise stable, dependable resources to fully fund public schools, to lift up working families, and to fund other priorities that serve us all.*



**Rebalance the tax code with a 9.9 percent tax on capital gains** on the wealthiest 2 percent of Washingtonians.



**Boost the incomes of more than 400,000 hardworking families** in Washington state by fully funding the Working Families Tax Rebate.



**Eliminate wasteful tax breaks and arbitrary restrictions that are harming Washington schools**, while raising the state property tax levy to ensure every child has access to a great education.



**Support homeowners and renters** who work hard for low pay or are on low fixed incomes with new, targeted property tax rebates.