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Making Waves: **OUR IMPACT IN 2017**

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Strengthening our state by shaping policy debates

At the Washington State Budget & Policy Center, we use research and analysis to advance the well-being of Washington communities and to improve the economic security and social opportunity of all in our state. We recognize that the state budget is an essential tool to invest in progress and thriving communities. And we believe that budget-related policy proposals must advance racial equity to ensure that every Washingtonian has access to opportunity.

YOU helped us respond to a changing policy landscape



2017 was a year of stepping up and fighting back.

In sharp contrast with the harmful policies being proposed at the federal level, Washington state continues to be a place where we're marching toward creating prosperity for all.

With your support, the Budget & Policy Center worked with partners to fight back against the repeals of the Affordable Care Act, stood up to new state tax breaks, and advanced our vision of a more prosperous and equitable Washington state – with bold proposals like universal early learning and a tax code that works for all of us.

Thanks for being part of our community, and for working to help craft a better future for all Washingtonians.

With gratitude,

Misha Werschkul
Executive Director

Recent statewide policy action with partners



Action:

We advocated for greater higher education access through WorkFirst for people with low incomes.

Outcome:

The legislature increased the amount of post-secondary education available from 12 to 24 months, so parents can finish a degree.

Action:

We showed why granting tax breaks for big manufacturing corporations without basic transparency or accountability provisions is a bad deal for the state.

Outcome:

Governor Inslee vetoed this massive new tax break for manufacturers and protected funding for schools.

Action:

We demonstrated how increasing the state's minimum wage is a socially and economically responsible move for the state.

Outcome:

Voters approved Initiative 1433, thus increasing the state minimum wage in 2017 and over the long-term.

2017: By the Numbers

Media	Online Buzz	Community Engagement
70+ News references	31,150+ Website visitors	1,000+ Community members engaged at events
13 Op-eds, columns, & editorials	3,750 Twitter followers	20 Presentations, webinars, & events
30+ State media markets reached	2,961 Facebook followers	2 Regional policy conferences
42 Infographics, reports, & fact sheets	50 Schmudget blog posts	16 Testimonies in Olympia

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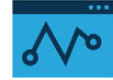
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