

## WILD 2022 Legislative Agenda

### Health Accessibility

#### \*\*\* Rationale

- **SB 5688:** documentation will be provided detailing how personnel changes will affect services such as emergency care, end of life care, reproductive care, and gender affirming services.
  - Modifies reporting requirement for mergers, acquisitions, or contracting affiliations between hospitals, hospital systems, or providers
  - Parties are required to submit documentation related to charity care; access and explanation to how reproductive, gender-affirming emergency, and end of life care will all be affected under the transaction
  - Will require the attorney general to determine in a public process whether the transaction will negatively affect access to affordable health care in the state for at least ten years after the transaction
  - Attorney gen will be given the power to place conditions, modify, or disapprove of the transaction on grounds of detriment to accessible health care.
  - Companion bill HB 1809 in committee
- **HB 1851:** authorizes more health care providers to perform abortions and prohibits the state from penalizing any pregnant individual or approved healthcare provider for the outcome of an abortion.
  - Grants specific statutory authorization for physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners and certain other providers acting within their scopes of practice to perform abortions
  - Prohibits the state from acting against an individual based on pregnancy outcomes or for assisting a pregnant individual in exercising the right to reproductive freedom
  - Executive action taken and moving forward in process
  - Companion bill SB 5766 in committee
- **SB 5551:** Medicaid coverage for HIV Antiviral drugs
  - "... approximately one in five people living with HIV in Washington state are not virally suppressed, and those from marginalized communities are more likely to experience poor HIV related health outcomes."
- **HB 1461:** Health coverage for wraparound services; dependents under 21
  - New sections added that include, but are not limited to, coverage for case management, care coordination, counseling, crisis care/outreach, education services, family support, psychiatric consultations, legal services, residential treatments, transportation.

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### Incarcerated Populations

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- **SB 5588:** Works to improve the discharge and reentry plans for incarcerated individuals leaving facilities. Reentry plans would include
  - Plans to maintain contact with family and children when appropriate

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- Determine whether parenting classes will be necessary before reunification
  - Portfolio for each incarcerated individual that is comprised of their education, certifications, achievements, employment, work experience, skills, and any training received prior to and during incarceration
  - A plan that addresses the needs of the individual such as education, employment, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, family reunification, and other areas that they may need help in for a successful reentry.
- **HB 1756**: Restricting the use of solitary confinement
  - State correctional facilities currently hold almost 600 individuals in solitary confinement.
  - This practice has been shown to have devastating and lasting psychological impacts and those directly released into the community from solitary confinement are more likely to reoffend.
- **SB 5639**: Restricting the use of solitary confinement
  - Companion bill

## Equity & Justice

### \*\*\* Rationale : Having accurate and adequate measures to achieving justice

- **SB 5612**: ensuring survivors of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault are given opportunities to speak at conviction trials of their assaulters. Includes other rights for the victims:
  - a separate secure room to ensure they don't have to interact with the defendant and/or their relatives/friends.
  - Victims of domestic abuse get immediate medical attention and are not detained for unreasonably long periods of time.
    - Moving forward in process
- **Support HB 1725**, which works to address the lack of resources for missing, murdered, or trafficked Indigenous persons.
  - Creates a missing Indigenous women and persons alert designation for endangered missing person advisory (EMPA) alerts. EMPA alerts are for those who do not qualify for AMBER alerts (which is designated for children). EMPA alerts would notify law enforcement and government agencies, television, and radio stations of missing people so agents may cooperate to recover the person
- **Support HB 1571**, which increases communications between county officials and the families of missing Indigenous people, while also providing grants to aid human trafficking survivors' rehabilitation efforts.
  - It adds requirements for county coroners and medical examiners regarding spiritual practices, contacting family members, and returning remains.

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## Support for Undocumented and Mixed Status Families at WWU and Washington State

### \*\*\* Rationale

- [SB 5348](#) would expand unemployment benefits to those who are unemployed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are ineligible for unemployment benefits due to immigration status.
- [HB 1191](#) would increase equity in healthcare by creating affordable health coverage options to all Washington State residents, regardless of immigration status. The bill would create a state-funded program to cover immigrants who, due to their immigration status, are ineligible for federal Medicaid and Qualified Health and Dental Plans.
- [SB 5346](#)

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### Resources and Infrastructure for Students

#### \*\*\* Rationale

- **Support HB 1490:** Clean Energy for All
  - This bill would make sure that low income and people with disabilities don't have their heat turned off due to not paying their bills on time. Energy for heating and electricity is a human right and should not be cut off due to someone's financial struggles.
- **Support HB 1770:** Strengthening Energy Codes
  - This bill would make sure Washington's building codes are energy efficient and are on target to meet statewide GHG emission targets, this is would also save people money in terms of cost saving for heating and electricity.
- **HB 1659:** Increases the Washington College Grant (WFG) aid award by fully funding the grant for students with a median family income (MFI) up to 70%. The bill would also create bridge grants to allow students to cover non-tuition related expenses.

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### DOC Insert: Disabled Communities

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- **Support HB 1724,** which ensures oversight and coordination of permanent supportive housing resources to ensure high quality housing opportunities for disabled individuals
  - Adds an operator of permanent supportive housing and services to the affordable housing advisory board
  - Creates an advisory committee on permanent supportive housing in the department of commerce.
- **Support HB 1802:** increasing opportunity for disabled individuals to participate in policy process.
  - It would require representation of disabled individuals of 3 or 30% (whichever higher) of any statutory body (work group, advisory board, ect.).
  - Would also require development of report and plans moving forward
  - Requires chief clerk of house of representatives and secretary of state to hold discussions on barriers to access in Legislature and stakeholder engagement processes
  - Requires Chief Clerk of House representatives and Secretary of state to ensure training materials to create barrier-free access to the legislature are provided

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