



Washington State Commission On

# African American Affairs

## 2017 Legislative Update



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The Commission serves as the official state representative of the African American community—advising the Governor, Legislature and state agencies regarding policy development and implementation. The commission also works to establish relationships with local governments and private sector organizations that promote equal opportunity for African-Americans.

Dear Community Members:

The 2017 legislative session is quickly winding down:

- Committee cutoff for fiscal bills from the opposite chamber is Tuesday, April 4.
- Bills must be voted out of the opposite chamber by Wednesday, April 12.
- The last day of the 2017 regular session is Sunday, April 23.
- Bills that did not progress this year will be considered again when session commences next year.

The shortened list of bills below are those that are still alive. Your [Senators](#) and [Representatives](#) can be contacted in person, by email, phone or toll-free by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Should you wish to comment on a bill, you can do so via the Legislative website at [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov). Just click on 'find bills,' search on the bill number and then click on 'comment on this bill.' It's that easy! Watch or listen to a legislative hearing on [www.tvw.org](http://www.tvw.org)

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### Legislative Planner: Week of March 31, 2017— April 7, 2017

Fiscal committee hearings continue until fiscal committee cutoff Tuesday, April 4. Floor action will commence thereafter.

### 2017 Watch List

The following is legislation the Commission on African American Affairs has identified as being of interest to the community. This list has been modified as bills that failed to progress this session have been removed.

Bill #	Original Primary Sponsor	Description	Committee	Date Heard
ESHB 1017	McCaslin	Addressing the siting of schools and school facilities	Senate Rules	
SHB 1059	Lytton	Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid	Senate Ways & Means	
SHB 1060	Blake	Concerning the administration of marijuana to students for medical purposes	Senate Ways & Means	
ESHB 1109	Orwall	Supporting victims of sexual assault	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
ESHB 1153	Goodman	Concerning crimes against vulnerable persons	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
E2SHB 1163	Goodman	Concerning domestic violence	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
2SHB 1169	Orwall	Enacting the student opportunity, assistance and relief act	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
E2SHB 1482	Sawyer	WorkFirst Poverty Reduction	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
EHB 1506	Senn	Workplaces/gender pay equity	Senate Rules	
ESHB 1508	Stonier	Student meals & nutrition	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
ESHB 1513	Bergquist	Youth voter registration information	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
HB 1571	Reeves	Veterans/care & support srv.	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
ESHB 1600	Santos	Career & College Readiness	Senate Ways & Means	3/30
HB 1616	McBride	Affordable Housing Loan Programs	Passed Senate 3/31	
EHB 1654	McCaslin	Teacher certification	Senate Rules	
2SHB 1777	Kagi	Early learning financing	Senate Ways & Means	
E2SHB 1783	Holy	Legal financial obligations	Referred to Ways & Means	
2SHB 1789	Jinkins	Sentencing laws & practices	Senate Ways & Means	3/31
ESB 5008	King	Facilitating compliance with the federal Real ID act compliance by modifying driver's license and identicaid design fees	House Transportation	
SSB 5022	Bailey	Providing information to students about education loans	House Appropriations	
ESB 5023	Wellman	Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid	<b>Governor signed</b>	
ESSB 5312	Baumgartner	Employment Questions (Ban the Box)	House Appropriations	4/1
SB 5382	Liias	Reduced cost identicaid	House Rules	
SB 5399	O'Ban	Background checks	House Rules	
SSB 5435	Rivers	Mental health record discl.	House Rules	
SSB 5472	Pearson	Requiring Ballot Drop Boxes in all Communities	House Rules	
3SSB 5558	Darneille	Identicaid program to assist incarcerated offenders	House Appropriations	4/1
SB 5607	Braun	Concerning Education (McCleary)	House Appropriations	

\* Please Note: Several House and Senate bills are the same legislation introduced in each chamber purposely. This is not an error.