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 opened Monday, January 9th. This weekly Legislative Update keeps you informed of legislation that has an impact on the lives of African Americans in our state.

Although scheduled to last 105 days, the process will move fast. New bills will become law and the state budget for the 17-19 biennium will be passed this session. No matter where you are in the state, we need your help to tell the Legislature our story. Our needs won't be addressed unless Olympia hears your voice!

Legislators can be contacted in person, by email, phone or toll-free by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Contact your Senators and Representatives! Bills are open for public comment via the Legislative website at 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

**Legislative Planner: Week of January 16 - 23, 2017**

**Monday, January 16: MLK Caravan & Rally, Legislative Building, Olympia, WA. Noon—3 PM**

## *2017 Watch List*

**The following is legislation the Commission on African American Affairs has identified as being of interest to the community. New bills added weekly.**

| House Bill | Description | Bill Status | Hearing Date |
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| **HB 1000** | Concerning use of deadly force by law enforcement and corrections officers | House Public Safety Committee | |
| **HB 1021** | Funding Schools First | House Appropriations | |
| **HB 1017** | Addressing the siting of schools and school facilities | House Environment | |
| **HB 1021** | Funding education first | House Appropriations | |
| **HB 1022** | Enhancing crime victim participation in the criminal justice system process | House Public Safety | |
| **HB 1041** | Facilitating compliance with the federal REAL ID act by modifying driver's license and identicard design and fees | House Transportation | |
| **HB 1044** | Concerning the funding of homeownership projects through the housing trust fund | House Community Development & Housing | |
| **HB 1053** | Addressing the Washington state credit union act | House Business & Financial Services | |
| **HB 1054** | Concerning age at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made | House Healthcare & Wellness | |
| **HB 1057** | Providing information to students about education loans | House Higher Education | 1/17 |
| **HB 1059** | Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid | House Appropriations | |
| **HB 1060** | Concerning the administration of marijuana to students for medical purposes | House Healthcare & Wellness | |
| **HB 1065** | Concerning penalties for marijuana offenses | House Commerce & Gaming | 1/17 |
| **HB 1093** | Clarifying legal financial obligation provisions | House Judiciary | 1/17 |
| **HB 1109** | Supporting victims of sexual assault | House Public Safety | 1/17 |
| **HB 1116** | Family & medical leave insurance | House Labor & Workplace | 1/19 |
| **HB 1153** | Concerning crimes against vulnerable persons | House Public Safety | |
| **HB 1158** | Restoring the fair treatment of underserved groups in public employment, education and contracting | House Tech & Economic Development | |
| **HB 1163** | Concerning domestic violence | House Public Safety | 1/16 |
| **HB 1169** | Enacting the student opportunity, assistance and relief act | House Higher Education | |
| **HB 1181** | Prohibiting the creation and maintenance of a database concerning pistol sales or transfers | House Judiciary | |

| Senate Bill | Description | Bill Status | Hearing Date |
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| **SB 5000** | Concerning the use of deadly force by law enforcement and corrections officers | Senate Law & Justice Committee | |
| **SB 5008** | Facilitating compliance with the federal Real ID act compliance by modifying driver's license and identicard design fees | Senate Transportation | 1/19 |
| **SB 5017** | Requiring student loan information be provided to students | Senate Higher Education | |
| **SB 5019** | Providing prepaid postage for primary & general election ballots | Senate State Government | |
| **SB 5020** | Concerning certain state ethnic and cultural diversity commissions | Senate State Government | |
| **SB 5022** | Providing information to students about education loans | Senate Higher Education | |
| **SB 5023** | Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid | Senate Early Learning & K-12 | |
| **SB 5025** | Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products | Senate Health Care | |
| **SB 5032** | Implementing family and medical leave insurance | Senate Commerce, Labor and Sports | |
| **SB 5044** | Changing the burden of proof in certain civil asset forfeiture hearings | Senate Law & Justice | |
| **SB 5045** | Concerning the regulation of employment agencies | Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports | 1/19 |
| **SB 5050** | Banning the sale of assault weapons & large capacity magazines | Senate Law & Justice | |
| **SB 5064** | Concerning freedom of expression rights of students at public schools and institutions of higher education | Senate Early Learning& K/-12 | 1/19 |
| **SB 5067** | Enacting the Washington Voting Rights Act | Senate State Government | 1/18 |
| **SB 5068** | Establishing a voting rights act to promote equal voting opportunity | Senate State Government | 1/18 |
| **SB 5073** | Concerning recommendations from the joint legislative task force on the use of deadly force in policing | Senate Law & Justice | |
| **SB 5099** | Concerning crimes against vulnerable person | Senate Law & Justice | |
| **SB 5110** | Enhancing youth voter registration | Senate State Government | |

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