



Washington State Commission On

African American Affairs

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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 underway. 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. No matter where you are in the state, we need your help to tell the Legislature our story. If a bill you are tracking has not been scheduled for a hearing, contact your representatives! 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 19 - 26, 2017

January 23, 2017, 1:30 PM: Public hearing for [Senate Bill 5155](#) - eliminating suspension and expulsion for kindergarten and early elementary students. Senate Hearing Room 1 of the John L. Cherberg building.

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
HB 1000	Concerning use of deadly force by law enforcement and corrections officers	House Public Safety	
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 identicaid design and fees	House Transportation	1/19
HB 1044	Concerning the funding of homeownership projects through the housing trust fund	House Community Development & Housing	1/26
HB 1053	Addressing the Washington state credit union act	House Rules Committee	
HB 1054	Concerning age at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made	House Healthcare & Wellness	1/24
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 Rules Committee	
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	1/16
HB 1158	I-200 Repeal	House Capital Budget	
HB 1163	Concerning domestic violence	House Public Safety	1/16
HB 1169	Enacting the student opportunity, assistance and relief act	House Higher Education	1/25
HB 1181	Prohibiting the creation and maintenance of a database concerning pistol sales or transfers	House Judiciary	

Senate Bill	Description	Bill Status	Hearing Date
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 identicaid 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	1/11
SB 5020	Concerning certain state ethnic and cultural diversity commissions	Senate State Government	1/11
SB 5022	Providing information to students about education loans	Senate Higher Education	1/24
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	1/25
SB 5155	Eliminating suspension of kindergarten and early elementary students	Senate Early Learning & K-12	1/23

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