



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,

One of the first deadlines of the session will occur on February 17th. Many bills will 'die' as they will fail to progress out of committee. If a bill you are tracking has not been scheduled for a hearing, contact your representatives! Request your bill be voted out of its respective policy, fiscal or Rules committee for a floor vote as soon as possible. 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

The new [CAA](#) website has launched! Find our new report, *Rising Voices*, employment, event and additional legislative information!

Legislative Planner: Week of February 17 - February 24, 2017

- Monday, February 20, 2017: Charles Rolland African American Legislative Day 9 AM to 3 PM. Columbia Room Washington State Legislative Building, Capital Campus, Olympia Washington. Details [here](#).

Legislative Page Program

The Page program is for students between the ages of 14 and 16 (cannot have reached their 17th birthday). It is a one-week, paid educational experience observing and participating in the legislative process. Students don't have much free time during their week at the legislature; they are either working or learning about the process. Students earn \$35.00 per day. For students who need housing arrangements for the week in Olympia, a list of host families is available from the Page school and their earnings usually pay for their lodging, meals and transportation with the host families. Other students who don't need housing keep their earnings. Students can either page with the House or the Senate, but not both in the same year.

Detailed information about the program, housing options and application for the Senate are available at this [link](#). House application available [here](#). Regular session begins Monday, January 9, 2017 and ends April 23, 2017. Applications need to be turned in quickly as session is underway, *but space may still be available*.

For Senate Page questions, please contact: Senatepageprogram@leg.wa.gov or by phone at 360-786-7572. For House Page questions, please contact: House Page supervisor at 360-786-7758.

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	1/12
HB 1021	Funding education first	House Approps	
HB 1022	Enhancing crime victim participation in the criminal justice system process	House Rules	1/30
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 Dev & Housing	1/26
HB 1053	Addressing the Washington state credit union act	Senate Financial Institutions & Ins.	
HB 1054	Concerning age at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made	Referred to House Finance	
HB 1057	Providing information to students about education loans	House Higher Education	1/17
SHB 1059	Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid	Senate Ways & Means	1/30
HB 1060	Concerning the administration of marijuana to students for medical purposes	Referred to House Appropriations	
HB 1065	Concerning penalties for marijuana offenses	House Rules	
HB 1093	Clarifying legal financial obligation provisions	House Rules	
HB 1109	Supporting victims of sexual assault	House Appropriations	2/8
HB 1116	Family & medical leave insurance	House Appropriations	2/9
SHB 1153	Concerning crimes against vulnerable persons	House Appropriations	2/8
HB 1158	I-200 Repeal	House Capital Budget	2/10
SHB 1163	Concerning domestic violence	House Appropriations	2/8
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	
HB 1482	WorkFirst poverty reduction	House Appropriations	2/3
HB 1506	Workplaces/gender pay equity	House Appropriations	2/16
HB 1508	Student meals & nutrition	House Appropriations	2/2
HB 1509	Credits for high school graduation	House Education	2/6
HB 1511	Learning assistance program	House Education	
HB 1512	College Bound Scholarship Eligibility	House Higher Ed	2/7
HB 1513	Youth voter registration information	House Transportation	2/21
HB 1518	Social emotional learning	House Education	2/13
HB 1529	Use of deadly force	House Public Safety	1/31
HB 1533	Wage and salary information	House Rules	
HB 1536	Affordable housing/local tools	House Commerce, Dev, Housing	
HB 1539	Sexual abuse of students	House Education	
HB 1542	Dropout prevention/farming	House Education	2/2
HB 1549	Tax preferences	House Finance	2/1
HB 1552	Food supply, in-state	House Tech & Econ D	2/1
HB 1557	Safe Streets pilot project	Referred to House Appropriations	2/6
HB 1563	Child abuse hotline/posting	House Education	
HB 1569	EBT cards/higher education students	House Early Learn/H Svc	
HB 1570	Homeless housing & assist.	House Commerce, Dev, Housing	1/26
HB 1571	Veterans/care & support services	House Appropriations	
HB 1600	Career & college readiness	House Education	2/6
HB 1601	Beginning educator support	House Education	2/7
HB 1616	Affordable Housing Loan Programs	House Rules	2/8
HB 1628	Concerning the educational success of foster care youth	House Education	
HB 1633	Concerning the preservation of housing options for tenants	House Judiciary	2/7
HB 1639	Specialized child care pilot	House Early Learn/H. Services	
HB 1643	Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program	House Education	
HB 1644*	Teacher shortage response	House Education	
HB 1645*	Relating to addressing e educator shortage / diversifying the educator work-force	House Education	
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 Rules	
SB 5017	Requiring student loan information be provided to students	Senate Higher Education	
SB 5019	Providing prepaid postage for primary & general election ballots	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
SB 5020	Concerning certain state ethnic and cultural diversity commissions	Senate Rules Committee	
SB 5022	Providing information to students about education loans	Senate Ways & Means	
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 Commerce, Labor & Sports	2/9
SB 5032	Implementing family and medical leave insurance	Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports	1/30
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 Rules Committee	
SB 5073	Concerning recommendations from the joint legislative task force on the use of deadly force in policing	Senate Law & Justice	2/2
SB 5099	Concerning crimes against vulnerable person	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	2/1
SB 5110	Enhancing youth voter registration	Senate State Government	1/25
SB 5134	Homeowner's assocs/notice	Senate Financial/Institutions	1/26
SB 5155	Eliminating suspension of kindergarten and early elementary students	Senate Early Learning & K-12	1/23
SB 5287	Offender resentencing hearing	Senate Law & Justice	2/1
SB 5307	Expands eligibility for a parenting alternative program for certain offenders	Senate Law & Justice	2/1
SB 5312	Concerning employment questions	Senate Rules	
SB 5382	Reduced cost Identicaid	Senate Rules	1/30
SB 5399	Background checks	Senate Rules	
SB 5407	Housing/source of income	Senate Financial Institution & Ins.	1/31
SB 5408	Tenancy termination notices	Senate Rules	
SB 5435	Mental health record disclosure	Senate Hum Services/ Mental Health	1/31
SB 5440	WorkFirst poverty reduction	Referred to Senate Ways & Means	
SB 5444	Enhanced background checks and licensure for assault weapons	Senate Law & Justice	
SB 5459	Concerning the Beginning Educator Support Team Program	Senate Early Learning & K-12	2/9
SB 5464	Washington Investment Trust	Senate Financial Institutions & Ins.	2/9
SB 5469	Concerning Automatic Voter Registration of Certain Licenses	Senate State Govt.	2/8
SB 5472	Requiring ballot drop boxes in all communities	Senate State Govt.	2/8
SB 5476	Expanding State Need Grant Eligibility	Senate Higher Education	2/14
SB 5479	Establishing a Shared Parental Leave Program	Senate Commerce Labor & Sports	
SB 5558	Identicaid program to assist incarcerated offenders	Senate Law & Justice	2/15
SB 5607	Concerning education funding	House Appropriations	2/6

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