



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 first 'cutoff' occurred Friday, February 17th. Many of the policy bills introduced this session failed to progress out of committee and will not receive consideration again until next session. If a bill you are tracking has moved, continue to contact your representatives! Request your bill be voted out 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 24 - March 8, 2017

Floor Session: Committee hearings will resume 3/9/2017

Fiscal Committee Cutoff 2/24/2017: All fiscal bills need to be voted out of fiscal committees by this date to remain viable.

House of Origin Cutoff 3/8/2017: Only bills voted to the opposite house by this date will remain viable.

2017 Watch List

The following is legislation the Commission on African American Affairs has identified as being of interest to the community.

House Bill	Description	Current 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 Rules	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 Identocard 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	House Finance	2/20
HB 1057	Providing information to students about education loans	Referred to House Appropriations	
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	2/24
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 Rules	2/8
HB 1158	I-200 Repeal	House Capital Budget	2/10
SHB 1163	Concerning domestic violence	House Rules	2/8
HB 1169	Enacting the student opportunity, assistance and relief act	House Appropriations	2/24
HB 1181	Prohibiting the creation and maintenance of a database concerning pistol sales or transfers	House Judiciary	
HB 1482	WorkFirst poverty reduction	House Appropriations	2/21
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	Referred to Appropriations	2/6
HB 1511	Learning assistance program	Referred to Appropriations	
HB 1512	College Bound Scholarship Eligibility	House Appropriations	2/22
HB 1513	Youth voter registration information	House Transportation	2/21
HB 1518	Social emotional learning	Referred to Appropriations	
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 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 Appropriations	2/23
HB 1571	Veterans/care & support services	House Appropriations	2/20
HB 1600	Career & college readiness	House Education	2/23
HB 1601	Beginning educator support	House Appropriations	
HB 1616	Affordable Housing Loan Programs	House Rules	
HB 1628	Concerning the educational success of foster care youth	House Education	
HB 1633	Concerning the preservation of housing options for tenants	House Rules	
HB 1639	Specialized child care pilot	House Appropriations	
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 workforce	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 Identocard 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 Rules	
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 Ways & Means	2/22
SB 5099	Concerning crimes against vulnerable person	Senate Ways & Means	2/20
SB 5110	Enhancing youth voter registration	Senate State Government	1/25
SB 5134	Homeowner's assoc/notice	Senate Financial/Institutions	1/26
SB 5155	Eliminating suspension of kindergarten and early elementary students	Senate Rules	
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 Identocards	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 Rules	
SB 5440	WorkFirst poverty reduction	Senate Ways & Means	2/15
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 Rules	
SB 5476	Expanding State Need Grant Eligibility	Senate Higher Education	2/14
SB 5479	Establishing a Shared Parental Leave Program	Senate Ways & Means	2/22
SB 5558	Identocard program to assist incarcerated offenders	Senate Ways & Means	2/23
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.