Washington State Commission On

African American Affairs

2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - #1

BILLS TO WATCH

SB 6318 - VOTING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION (VOTE ACT)

SB 6228 - VOTER RIGHTS RESTORATION

SB 6443/HB 2750 - CONCERNING CONVICTIONS FOR OFFENSES THAT WERE COMMITTED AT AGE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN AND PLACED IN AN EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE JUVENILE COURT IN 2018

HB 2299 - CREATING POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FOR PRISONS

HB 2455/SB6255 - SUPPORTING ACCESS TO CHILD CARE FOR PARENTS WHO ARE ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL OR WORKING TOWARD COMPLETION OF A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATE

THE "OPEN DOORS BARRIER" APPROPRIATION REQUEST (PROVISO)

SHB 1182 - LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CHANGES.

Dear Community Members,
The 2020 legislative session opened Monday, January 13th for a 60-day session. Our weekly Legislative Update keeps you informed of proposals that impact the lives of African Americans in Washington state. Your advocacy is needed to convey our perspective to Senators and Representatives. Our needs will not be addressed if we are silent!

Share your concerns and requests with legislators via email, in-person, phone or toll-free by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Bills are open for public comment in person or via the Legislative website at www.leg.wa.gov. Click on 'find bills,' search on the bill number and then click 'comment on this bill.' It's that easy! Check back frequently as the status of a bill can change quickly. You can also watch a legislative hearing as they are streamed live or available on-demand at www.tvw.org.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 17, 2020 9 AM to 3 PM - Charles Rolland African American Legislative Day, Olympia, WA.
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