



2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Revise Recent Legislation to have Stronger Drug Policies and Enforcement

Restore the criminal penalties for possession of controlled substances, especially fentanyl. Remove the requirement in RCW 10.31.115 for law enforcement to twice refer to treatment persons subject to arrest for drug possession. Those who desire treatment can find help.

Remove Restrictions on Police Pursuits

Restore the ability for law enforcement to conduct effective and safe vehicle pursuits using a reasonable suspicion standard in specific circumstances when there is an immediate threat to public safety, including vehicle theft and property damage.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Increase Safety and Resource Requirements for Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) Housing

Create public notice requirements to inform the public about LRAs proposed within their communities and any sexually violent predators being housed within. The minimal security for LRAs is a real concern for communities with these facilities. Open dialogue with residents that are affected must occur. Increase the minimum distance restriction to public or private schools, school bus stops, churches, parks, and childcare facilities.

Help Recruit and Retain Police Officers for Public Safety

Provide additional resources to support police officer recruitment and retention to improve public safety, including updating the existing local option Public Safety Sales Tax.

LEGISLATION

Implement a Robust Checks and Balance System in the Rulemaking Procedures at State Level

Agency rule changes at the state level are making it difficult for local governments to perform basic functions. The Legislature should implement a more robust checks and balances system to review proposed rules for the potential burden on local municipalities prior to them going into effect.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Eliminate the Scheduled Reduction of No-Cost Allowances for Natural Gas Utilities under the Climate Commitment Act

Maintain no-cost allowances at 97% of baseline emissions to allow utilities to develop strategies to encourage decarbonization while also avoiding rate increases that negatively impact low and middle-income customers.

ECONOMY

Promote Economic Recovery

Support small business recovery. Review legislation and agency rules that place an undue burden on small business activity and revise as needed to allow small business owners to compete on a level playing field with large corporations.

Other Considerations:

- Provide funding for near-term projects as set forth in the SR 410 Corridor Study

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