



2017

SHARED PROSPERITY AGENDA

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Political gridlock in the Washington State Legislature has made life less secure for low- and middle-income families. By court mandate, the Legislature must fully fund K-12 education, but it must not do so at the expense of other public services like higher education, mental health care, public safety and our natural resources. The Legislature must raise sufficient revenue in a way that does not further burden working families and the poorest among us.

THE BASICS

- FULLY FUND K-12 EDUCATION — Fulfill our promise to children and communities by funding the *McCleary* decision.
- FULLY FUND PUBLIC WORKER CONTRACTS — Invest in our public workforce to support quality public services.
- VOTING RIGHTS ACT — Provide local governments a process to democratically empower their communities.
- EQUAL PAY OPPORTUNITY ACT — End the workplace structures that perpetuate the gender pay gap.

CIVIL RIGHTS

- REAL I.D. — This unfunded federal mandate creates a multi-tiered drivers' license system that jeopardizes privacy and safety, and leaves communities at risk of racial discrimination.
- FAMILY UNITY ACT — Protects families and promotes public safety by keeping local law enforcement out of federal immigration issues.
- REFORM LEGAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS — Break the prison-to-debt cycle by rolling back excessive LFOs.



INVEST IN WASHINGTON

- RAISE REVENUE — Adopt progressive revenue policies, like capital gains taxes, and close unproductive tax loopholes.
- LIFT LOCAL REVENUE CAPS — Allow local governments' revenue to respond to inflation and population growth.
- AEROSPACE TAX INCENTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY — Ties special aerospace tax breaks to employment metrics.

STRENGTHEN WORKING FAMILIES

- PAID FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE — Create a paid family and medical leave program affording workers the opportunity to bond with new children, care for ill family members, and recover from their own serious medical conditions.
- ENFORCE APPRENTICESHIP STANDARDS — Public construction projects should provide an opportunity for our next generation of building trades workers to gain experience as our current construction workforce prepares to retire.
- SIMPLIFY PREVAILING WAGE — Workers and their employers establish market rates for construction through bargaining. The state should adopt those rates as the prevailing wage for consistency and fairness sake.
- REGULATE NON-COMPETE AGREEMENTS — Allow workers to leave their jobs for more opportunity without penalty.
- PAY EQUITY FOR CONTINGENT FACULTY — Pay structures for part-time and contingent faculty on par with full-timers.

ELEVATE SAFETY AND HEALTH

- PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST TRANSPARENCY — Help reign in drug costs by requiring cost-structure disclosure.
- FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES — Define core public health services in statute, establishing a dedicated account to fund them, tie funding to outcome-based performance measures, and study future action to advance this new framework.
- GOOD NEIGHBOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION — Strengthen pesticide notification to reduce worker and community exposure.

(MORE on reverse)

BLUE-GREEN ALLIANCE PRIORITIES FOR THE CAPITAL BUDGET

OVERALL GOAL – Develop a proactive capital budget package to maximize funding for win-win projects that create good jobs, improve environmental health, and reduce pollution. These items should be a package to advance together and not a menu to pick and choose winners and losers, utilizing the approach similar to our established partnership on transportation funding.

Enhance and utilize dedicated funding accounts must be used for their intended purposes.

- ❑ Restore and stabilize funding for the Model Toxics Control Act to clean up toxic sites, control and prevent pollution, maintain capacity for state environmental programs, and support local communities. (Model Toxics Control Act)
- ❑ Restore and stabilize funding for the Public Works Assistance Account, which provides reliable funding through loans for local infrastructure projects like water delivery and sewage treatment systems.

Continue to invest in smart and sustainable water infrastructure projects.

- ❑ **STORMWATER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** \$122 MILLION (Ecology) – Toxic runoff from infrastructure like roads, rooftops, and parking lots is the largest source of water pollution statewide. The SFAP is a powerful tool for local governments to reduce runoff using natural solutions and upgrades to existing infrastructure. Since 2014, this program has generated 266 projects statewide and 89 projects currently await funding.
- ❑ **FLOODPLAINS BY DESIGN:** \$70 MILLION (Ecology) – By focusing on the multiple benefits of flood risk reduction, habitat restoration, recreation, public safety and farmland preservation, Floodplains By Design brings together diverse community interests to implement cost-effective natural infrastructure solutions across the state.

Fund needed energy efficiency and clean energy projects.

- ❑ **CLEAN ENERGY FUND:** \$100 MILLION (Commerce) – The Clean Energy Fund supports investments in energy efficiency and renewable technologies in homes and businesses while also supporting smart grid development by utilities, clean energy R&D, and renewable energy manufacturing. This year's proposal includes new additions targeted at transportation electrification and other critical

technologies that will decrease pollution, cut energy use, and broadly benefit the public.

- ❑ **LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION:** \$28 MILLION (Commerce) – Matchmaker leverages multiple funding sources to upgrade and insulate homes of low-income residents, reducing energy use—and bills—by 25% on average.
- ❑ **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SOLAR TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS:** \$50 MILLION (Commerce) – These competitively awarded grants leverage local funds to improve efficiency and install solar generation in local government, higher education and state agency buildings and to help lower operation costs over the life of the building.

For new funding for public facilities, ensure spending for schools or other public buildings use cost-effective and long-lasting techniques to maximize energy and water efficiency.

- ❑ **ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY UPGRADES FOR NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:** \$150 MILLION – State leaders will develop budgets with spending for new buildings and infrastructure (e.g., schools, mental health facilities). This capital investment fund provides local construction projects utilizing high quality, long lasting construction techniques that go above and beyond basic building requirements. Eligible green building techniques include highly energy and water efficient fixtures, green stormwater infrastructure, and retrofitting buildings to decrease energy demand. These investments will ultimately decrease the operating costs of these buildings, cutting spending on heating and lighting that are a significant fixed cost. Construction and remodeling is the cheapest time to install these measures and provides the best return on investment over the life of the building.
- ❑ **LEAD ABATEMENT FUND:** \$30 MILLION – The recent daylighting of lead contamination in old public schools reveals that the state needs to do an assessment of all schools and replace old lead pipes with newer, safer plumbing. This funding would conduct an assessment of existing schools and identify lead pipe replacement.



In addition to this Shared Prosperity Agenda, the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO will support a range of issues that address economic opportunity and justice, as well as legislation championed by our affiliated unions.

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