

2023 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA LEAD POLICY PRIORITIES



YWCA is on a mission of eliminating racism and empowering women, which requires using our voice to advocate for public policy issues and budget matters that advance racial and gender equity. YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish supports the following policy priorities for the 2023 Washington State Legislative session:

Implement Tax on the Ultra-Wealthy

Provide tax relief for low and middle-income families by applying a 1% wealth tax on intangible assets exceeding \$1 billion.

Protect Tenants from Rent Gouging

Require six months' notice of significant rent increases so tenants have more time to respond and plan; provide flexibility for tenants to end their lease, and cap late fees.

Prevent Housing Discrimination for the Formerly Incarcerated

Reduce housing barriers for formerly incarcerated people and their families by passing the Housing Justice Act to "ban the box" on rental applications.

Provide Guaranteed Basic Income for Low-Income Families

Establish Evergreen Basic Income Pilot program to provide guaranteed basic income for low-income households in Washington State.

Invest in Services for Survivors

Joint budget request of \$131 million to support crime victims and protect those at risk; invest in programs for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, children's advocacy centers, civil legal services, and more.

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