

# 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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