

2009 Washington State Legislative Priorities

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I. Hunger, Poverty & Economic Justice

- Maintain funding levels for General Assistance Programs
- Support Feeding Hungry Kids Bill
- Establish a Family Wage Outcome in our Work First Program
- Support Pay Day Lending Reform
- Support Two Million Increase for EFAP (Emergency Feeding Assistance Program)

II. Housing and Healthcare

- Maintain current funding level for the Housing Trust Fund
- Increase Emergency Shelter Assistance Program Funding and maintain the THOR (Transitional Housing, Operating, Rent) Program
- Maintain current funding level for the (BHP) Basic Health Plan
- Support Mental Health Equity Funding in the Cover All Kids Law
- Maintain funding for the Health Insurance Partnership Program for low income employees of Small Businesses

III. Criminal Justice

- Restoration of Voting Rights for former felons
- Support Three Strikes Reform (remove Robbery II as a strike)
- Support Higher Education programs in Prisons

IV. Environment and Sustainable Agriculture

- Maintain Local Farms/Healthy Kids Programs
- Support the Environmental Priorities Coalition:
 - Cap GHGs (Greenhouse Gas Emissions) and Invest in Green Economy
 - Energy-Efficient Buildings
 - Transit-oriented Communities
 - Invest in Clean Water

V. Civil & Human Rights

- Support the Worker Privacy Act
- Support the Building Capacity Budget Proviso for African-American communities across the state
- Support sensible gun laws for public safety
- Support the Farm Labor Contractor Bill

VI. Tax Reform/Economic Investment

- Fund the Working Families Rebate Program

VII. Sustaining Health & Human Services

- Support Revenue Solutions for Counties
- Support a fair and equitable Reimbursement Rate for Non-Profit Providers

VIII. Quality K-12 Education System

- Maintain funding levels for Initiatives 728 and 732
- Support School Discipline Reforms (Handcuffing Bill)