

2022 Bill Tracking: 10-Year Plan to Reduce Poverty & Inequality
Washington's Blueprint for a Just and Equitable Future

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The Poverty Reduction Work Group tracks bills aligned with its strategy plan. This list is not necessarily an endorsement of any listed bill. It is not a comprehensive tracker yet dependent on what is shared.

Bill Number (House Bill, Senate Bill, Initiative, or Referendum)	Bill Sponsor	Title	Summary	Strategy Alignment								Alignment to Recommendations in 10-Year Plan	Status Key: red = died yellow = still alive green = signed by Governor	Aligns or Doesn't Align with plan (if known, by your agency)	Office of Equity (they need to know about this bill)	Other
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8					
1406	Frame	Wealth tax	Impose a 1% tax on wealth over \$1 billion for education, child care, public health, housing and public safety.			X							3h			Companion with SB5426
1412	Simmons	Legal Financial Obligations								X			7f			
1594	Abbarno	Repealing long-term care	The maximum amount for Washingtonians to receive is not enough to assist with long-term care.				X						Strategy 4			
1597	Abbarno	Long-term care exemption	Establishing an exemption from the payment of premiums to the long-term services and supports trust program based on hardship.				X						Strategy 4			
1601	Leavitt	Expanding the students experiencing homelessness and foster youth pilot	Dependent on funds, community and technical college may implement a program to provide assistance to students experiencing homelessness and to students who were in the foster care system when they graduated high school.				X			X			Strategy 1 and 7			
1643	Hackney	Incentive affordable housing in WA state	Exempting a sale or transfer of real property for affordable housing to a nonprofit entity, housing authority, public corporation, county, or municipal corporation from the real estate excise tax.				X						Strategy 4			
1659	Slatter	Expansion of WA Challenge Grant	Making higher education more affordable and accessible for students by bridging the gap between cost and need to reduce barriers, improve opportunity, and advance economic security.			X							Strategy 3			
1688	Cody	Protect Washingtonians from charges for out-of-network health care services, by aligning state law and the federal no surprise act and addressing coverage of treatment for emergency conditions.	Protecting consumers from charges for out-of-network health care services, by aligning state law and the federal no surprise act and addressing coverage of treatment for emergency conditions.				X						Strategy 4			Companion with SB5618
1723	Gregerson	Digital Equity Act	Closing the digital equity divide by increasing the accessibility and affordability of telecommunications services, devices, and training.		X								2e	DSHS has concerns about operationalization of the bill, as the population is too broad, there is no central point of intake, and expensive. Hearing in House Approps 1/27/22	X	Their reference paying people to be on the commission/council aligned with SB5793
1724	Macri	Quality housing for those living with disabilities	Ensuring oversight and coordination of permanent supportive housing resources to maximize the creation of high quality housing opportunities for people living with disabling conditions in communities across Washington.					X	X				Strategy 5 and 6			
1725	Lekanoff	Creation of endangered or missing person designation for missing indigenous women and persons		X									Strategy 1			
1748	Entenman	Aged, blind, or disabled program eligibility for victims of human trafficking	Providing ABD/HEN Referrals to victims of Human Trafficking *ARL from DSHS							X			6d	Placed on 2nd reading		
1755	Peterson	Temporary assistance for needy families time limit extensions during times of high unemployment	*ARL from DSHS							X			6e	In Rules 2		
1771	Berry	Permitting family child care providers to collectively bargain defined contribution retirement benefits				X					X		3e and 8			
1781	Tharinger	Capital Budget ask for affordable housing & homelessness	Asking for \$500M					X					Strategy 5			Companion with SB5651
1782	Bateman	Legalizing multi-unit homes	Creating additional middle housing near transit and in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing						X				Strategy 5			Companion with SB5670
1800	Eslick	Increasing access to behavioral health services for minors						X					Strategy 5			
1802	Pollet	Increase access and representation for individuals with disabilities	Ensure meaningful participation from people with disabilities on each statutorily created or mandated task force, work group, advisory committee, or other entity tasked with examining policies or issues affecting people with disabilities		X								Strategy 2			
1835	Hanson	Promoting access to WA Challenge Grant				X							Strategy 3			
1840	Ortiz-Self	Improving diversity, equity and mental health at the community and technical colleges		X		X							Strategy 1 and 3			
1861	Stonier	Creating Washington's Future Trust Fund program	Establish a Washington future fund trust fund program housed in the office of the state treasurer to provide a sum of money in a savings and investment account for individuals who are born into families of limited means, to assist them in pursuing opportunities for education, housing, and entrepreneurship by starting a small business.				X						Strategy 3	1/27 Exec session. Concerns raised by HCA - requires them to manage parts of bill	X	Companion with SB5752 Draft includes a version of stipends for low income individuals on board/advisory committee with COM & DSHS member, and duplicating work of Office of Equity and TAG
1883	Chopp	Preventative homeless supports and services	Establishing a lifeline for youth and young adults who have experienced or are at risk of entering into public systems of care.					X		X			Strategy 5 and 7	1/26 Passed substitute		
1888	Thai	Update the Working Families Tax Credit	Updating the Working Families Tax Credit law to ensure that the maximum qualifying income levels adjust each year to match the federal income tax levels			X							Strategy 3			
1905	Senn	Reducing homelessness for youth and young adults discharging from a publicly funded system of care	Creating more wrap around services.					X		X			Strategy 5 and 7	In Rules 2.		
1947	Frame	Monthly diaper subsidy for parents or other caregivers receiving TANF	DSHS will provide a monthly diaper subsidy to families with children under three who are otherwise eligible for TANF, thereby improving parenting quality and overall child outcomes.				X						Strategy 4	Passed to House Approps		Companion with SB5838
2009	Berry	Evergreen Basic Income Trust	Advance a statewide guaranteed basic income program that builds on the experience of locally based, community-driven pilots and the statewide feasibility study.						X	X			6d and 8d	Didn't get out of committee at the end of January. Work session on Friday, February 18th.		
2048	Peterson	TANF time limit extension					X						Strategy 5	In Rules 2		
2060	Lekanoff	LTSS Tribal Eligibility	Concerning medicaid long-term services and supports eligibility determinations completed by federally recognized indian tribes *ARL from ALISA		X					X			Strategy 2 and 6		X	Companion with SB5866
2075		Service requirements for DSHS	Requires Community Services Division to answer phone calls within 30 minutes and open offices													
2082	Klippert	Assessing child care access	DCYF will conduct an assessment to understand availability, affordability and accessibility of child care that meets needs of families with children with intellectual and developmental disabilities			X										
5105	Hasegawa	Updating Office of Equity RCW		X	X								Strategy 1 and 2		X	

