

YWCA OLYMPIA 2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

YWCA Olympia is ON A MISSION to eliminate racism and sexism to advance the political, social and economic status of all women and girls. Our vision is a world where all people are valued, live free from oppression and thrive in a just society. 2017 legislative priorities align with our Vision 2020 strategic platform areas as follows:

Economic Advancement

Working Women and Family Agenda

Improve the economic securing of women, particularly women of color, by increasing access to job-protected safe, paid sick and paid family leave and predictable scheduling.

Enact HB 1116/SB 5032 Paid Family and Medical Leave (Family & Medical Leave Insurance)

Pass HB 1474 Healthy Starts Act (formerly the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act)

Eliminating the Wage Gap-Equal Pay Opportunity

Pass SB5140 (Equal Pay & Opportunities), HB1506 (Gender Pay Equity), HB1533 (Wage & Salary Safety)

Health & Safety

Access to Basic Healthcare

Ensure access to quality and affordable medical, reproductive and mental healthcare

Protections for LGBTQ legislation

Defeat HB 1011: Allowing the use of gender-segregated facilities

Pass HB 1265/SB 5093: Providing tax relief by exempting feminine hygiene products

Access to Basic Needs

Ensure access to quality and affordable housing & childcare

Racial Justice & Civic Leadership

Reduce Gun Violence

Pass HB 1000/SB 5000: Concerning the use of deadly force by law enforcement and corrections officers.

Criminal Justice Reform

Addressing gender & racial disparities in the in the juvenile justice system

Other

Pass SB 5020: Concerning certain state ethnic and cultural diversity commissions