



CAPAA
WASHINGTON STATE COMMISSION ON
**ASIAN PACIFIC
AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

2018 Legislative Session Review

March 17, 2018

Overview

- The 60-day session began on January 8 and concluded on March 8
- House bills introduced: 763
- Senate bills introduced: 647
- Bills passed Legislature: 308

Supplemental Budget Highlights

- Basic Education funding to meet Supreme Court McCleary Decision by the 2018-19 school year
- Additional funding for the State Need Grant for higher education
- Reduces property taxes in 2019
- Additional mental health funding
- Passage of capital budgets
- Invests in strategies to fight the opioid epidemic

Legislation: What passed?

- The following are a selection of bills that passed the Legislature that may be of interest to Asian American and Pacific Islander communities
- For further bill information, visit the Legislature's website at www.leg.wa.gov and enter in the corresponding bill number

Bill Tracking: Civil Rights & Justice

Bill	Sponsor	Description
2SHB 1298	Ortiz-Self	Prohibits certain employers from asking about an applicant's criminal background before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.
2SHB 1506	Senn	Addressing workplace practices to achieve gender pay equity by providing additional protections and potential remedies.
E2SHB 1783	Holy	Reduces barriers to reentry for offenders by reforming the Legal Financial Obligations system.
E2SHB 1889	Pettigrew	Creates the Office of the Corrections Ombuds to provide information to inmates and their families.

Bill Tracking: Civil Rights & Justice

Bill	Sponsor	Description
SB 5722	Lias	Restricting the practice of conversion therapy.
E2SSB 6160	Kuderer	Expands offenses under the jurisdiction of juvenile court when committed by a youth aged 16 or 17.
ESHB 3003	Goodman	Modifies provisions reflecting the law as amended by Initiative 940.
SB 6408	Padden	Regulating body worn cameras.
I-940	People of the State of Washington	Regarding de-escalation and mental health training, criminal liability standard for law enforcement officers using deadly force, independent investigations, and duty to render first aid.

Bill Tracking: Education

Bill	Sponsor	Description
SHB 1293	Ortiz-Self	Eliminates the parent or guardian approval requirement for the college bound scholarship pledge.
2SHB 1377	Ortiz-Self	Improving students' mental health by enhancing nonacademic professional services.
E3SHB 1488	Hansen	Expands higher education opportunities for certain students, including undocumented students in the College Bound Scholarship program.
2ESHB 1508	Stonier	Requires qualifying high-needs schools, beginning in the 2019-20 school year, to offer breakfast after the bell.
SSB 6388	Mullet	Provides certain paraeducators an extra year to meet requirements.

Bill Tracking: Health & Human Services

Bill	Sponsor	Description
SSB 5683	Saldaña	Establishes the COFA Premium Assistance Program to improve health care access for Pacific Islanders residing in Washington under a compact of free association.
SHB 2016	DeBolt	Requires jails and the Department of Corrections to make reasonable accommodations for the provision of midwifery and doula services to inmates who are pregnant or have recently given birth.
E2SHB 2578	Riccelli	Increases the affordable housing surcharge and amends the Residential Landlord-Tenant Act to prohibit discrimination based on a tenant's source of income.
E2SHB 1570	Macri	Increases the \$40 homeless housing and assistance surcharge to \$62 to address homelessness.

Bill Tracking: State Government / Budget

Bill	Sponsor	Description
SB 5020	Hasegawa	Requires the Washington State Commission on African-American Affairs and the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs to advise the Legislature on issues of concern to their communities. Repeals the sunset provision for the Commission on Hispanic Affairs.
EHB 2759	Doglio	Establishes the Washington state women's commission.

Bill Tracking: Voting & Access to Democracy

Bill	Sponsor	Description
2SHB 1513	Bergquist	Authorizes a person to register to vote upon turning 16 years old, but not vote until they are at least 18.
E2SHB 2595	Hudgins	Provides for an automatic voter registration procedure at certain state agencies.
ESSB 6002	Saldaña	Enacting the Washington voting rights act of 2018 to protect the equal opportunity for minority groups to participate in local elections.
SSB 6021	Kuderer	Extends the period for voter registration by mail and electronically and in-person.

Legislation: What didn't pass?

Bill	Sponsor	Description
HB 1186	Santos	Concerning the provision of and reimbursement for certain court interpreter services.
HB 2262 SB 6015	Santos Hasegawa	Concerning actions for wrongful injury or death.
HB 1827	Santos	Relating to expanding the current and future educator workforce supply through evidence-based strategies.
HB 2748	Santos	Modifying the learning assistance program.
SB 6085	Hasegawa	Increases the amount of funds available for the purpose of loans to veteran-owned businesses and prioritizes loans that create jobs in underserved communities.

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HB 1054	Harris	Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.
ESSB 5588	Hasegawa	Requires the Caseload Forecast Council to establish a procedure to provide Racial and Ethnic Impact Statements on bills that modify adult felony sentencing.
SB 6406	Chase	Repeals the 1998 Initiative 200 language regarding discrimination and preferential treatment in the operation of public employment, education, or contracting.
SB 6203	Carlyle	Reducing carbon pollution by moving to a clean energy economy.