

# Washington State **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES** 2022



## **Public Health Funding**

For the past two years our public health members have been at the front lines of the pandemic. Barriers such as unstable funding, lack of support, and inadequate coordination have negatively impacted their ability to serve our communities.



## **Generating Resources For All**

The capital gains tax is a good first step toward making sure everyone is paying their share in taxes and supporting the services — like early learning and education — that most of us use and we all benefit from. However, even with this win, Washington state's tax code is still one of the worst in the country, requiring those with the smallest incomes to pay the highest share in taxes, while the wealthiest get away with paying less than they should.



## **Infrastructure/Transportation**

Our transit and transportation networks have long been underfunded. The economic boost that bold public investment in infrastructure would provide — like bridges, roads, rails and buses — is especially needed during Covid-19 recovery efforts.

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