

2017 Asian Pacific American Legislative Day Agenda Items

	Agenda Item	Requested Action	Summary of Agenda Item
IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES: Naturalization, Employment, and Rights	Naturalization Services	The Legislature should increase the Naturalization program’s annual funding from \$1,657,000 to \$2,500,000 (or \$5,000,000 biannually).	Naturalization services include assistance in completing the USCIS N-400 Application for Naturalization and fee waiver requests; classes in American history and civics as well as English language training needed for the citizenship test; and interview preparation.
	Washington New Americans Program	The legislature should fund the Washington New Americans Program at \$1 million per year.	These funds would support eligible Legal Permanent Residents throughout the naturalization process
	Limited English Proficient Pathway	The Legislature should allocate \$5,000,000 annually (or \$10,000,000 biannually), for the LEP Pathway, which would restore it to pre-2011 funding.	The Limited English Proficient (LEP) Pathway's primary goal is to promote economic self-sufficiency for refugees and immigrants through job training, job search, English as a Second Language (ESL), work supports, and social services
	Dental Coverage for Elderly Immigrants	The Legislature should appropriate \$500,000 to the Aged Blind and Disabled Program for the 2017–2019 Budget.	This will provide dental coverage for vulnerable immigrants and close the last gap in adult dental coverage.
	Health Care Coverage for Pacific Islanders	The Legislature should pass HB 1291 and appropriate sufficient funds for the program.	HB 1291 would establish a Premium Assistance Program for Compact of Free Association citizens who reside in Washington and whose income is below 133% of the federal poverty level.
	Keep Washington Working Act	The Legislature should pass SB 5689/ HB 1985	This bill would direct state and local law enforcement to not use resources for immigration enforcement that would not maintain and protect the rights and dignity of all residents.
	Human Rights Toll-Free Telephone Hotline	The legislature should support a toll-free telephone hotline and website in the Human Rights Commission and specially HB 2029/SB 5801	HB 2029 will establish a toll-free telephone hotline and website with the capacity to refer callers and users to sources of intormation and assistance for immigration and citizenship related matters.
CAPITAL PROJECTS	Asian Pacific Cultural Center Capital Project	The Legislature should support the Governor’s capital budget appropriation of \$2 million to purchase land to build the Asia Pacific Cultural Center.	The proposed APCC project will purchase 2 acres of land in Pierce county that will promote economic development, include housing, be a educational and cultural center, and will employ at least 1,000 people per year (with wages for high school and college students going towards their education tuition).
	AiPACE Capital Project	The Legislature should support a capital appropriation of \$3 million to build a 20,000 square foot comprehensive care facility in Seattle	This will serve frail, nursing home-eligible seniors who want to age in their homes as an alternative to nursing home care.
	ICHS Shoreline Dental Clinic Expansion Capital Budget	The Legislature should support a capital appropriation of \$605,000 to support the expansion of ICHS’ dental clinic in Shoreline. \$605,000 is 25% of the total estimated cost of \$2,420,000 for this capital project.	The overall goal of the dental capital project is to improve access to oral health care services and to improve health outcomes for low-income, uninsured, underinsured, and limited English proficient (LEP) Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and other disadvantaged communities in King County.
	Innovation Learning Center and Community Gathering Space Capital Project	The Legislature should support the State of WA Commerce Department’s Building Community Fund application of which \$599,562 is requested by the Filipino Community of Seattle to build the Innovation Learning Center and Community Gathering Space	The proposed 4,800 sq. ft. project will be located in Filipino Community Village which will house 70 new units of housing for low income seniors, computer lab for digital access to low-income individuals in Ranier Valley, cultural classes and gathering spaces, and a robotics training center.
BUDGET	Budget Request to Fund CAPAA	The Legislature should fund the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA)’s \$50,000 biennial request.	These funds would allow CAPAA to assess Washington’s Asian American and Pacific Islander communities about education, health and human services and economic development to inform the public, state agencies and policymakers about needs. Funding will also allow the commission to hold some of its meetings in Eastern Washington and fund additional translation and interpretation services.

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EDUCATION	K-12 Opportunity/ Achievement Gap	The Legislature should provide significant additional revenues to meet the McCleary court order and direct resources and talent to those schools and students who need it the most.	Funding for the McCleary court order should be routed to students found through a weighted funding formula that takes into account poverty, English as a second language, homelessness, foster care status, special education, vocational and technical education, and highly capable students. Funds should also be appropriated to Learning Assistance Program and the Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program.
	Dual Language and Bilingual Instruction	The Legislature should support SB 5529/ HB 1445 to expand dual language learning programs in Washington.	These bills provide assistance to early learning systems, outreach to families of young children, grant awards to 10 new school districts, and support technical assistance.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	Use of Deadly Force	The Legislature should support implementing the recommendations of the Joint Legislative Task Force on Deadly Force in Community Policing.	This would support changing RCW 9A.16.140 by removing the word “malice.” and the term “good faith” should be removed altogether, or defined explicitly as an objective standard.
ENVIRONMENT	Reducing the Impacts of Climate Change	The Legislature should pass HB 1646	The bill creates an innovative, performance-based carbon tax that scales in response to progress in reducing emissions. The bill reduces carbon emissions and holds big emitters accountable.
	Aircraft Noise and Air Quality Impacts Study	The Legislature should pass and support HB 1171/ SB 5225	This will allow a study to monitor and evaluate the concentration of ultrafine particulate matter in areas impacted by high volumes of air traffic, and analyze options to reduce or mitigate emissions and their impacts.
OTHER ITEMS	Long Term-Care (LTC) Trust Act	The Legislature should pass HB 1636.	This will ensure access to long-term care services, and protect senior and family finances for millions of Washingtonians while sustaining the Medicaid LTC budget's long-term viability.
	Long Term Care-Homeworkers Contract	The Legislature should include the Independent Provider Contract (IP contract) with Agency Parity for the 2017 - 2019 Biennium.	Passing this budget item would provide \$15 minimum wage, raises every 6 months, new top step in wage scale, and increase average wages of \$1.75 per hour for all caregivers over 2 years.
	Allowing the Use of Gender-Segregated Facilities	The Legislature should oppose HB 1011 and provide access to basic needs without discriminating against an individual’s gender.	The House Bill 1011 removes gender identity and gender expression from the 2006 Washington State Civil Rights bill. It prohibits transgender and gender non-conforming (GN) individuals from using private or public bathrooms, restrooms, toilets, showers, locker rooms or saunas that are consistent with their gender identity.
VOTING RIGHTS	Voting Rights	The Legislature should supporting voting rights and pass SB 5110, SB 5192, SB 5067, and SB 5019	SB 5110: Pre-voter registration for 16 and 17 year olds, SB5192: Extending the time period for voter registration deadline, SB5067: Washington Voting Rights Act, SB5019: Prepaid postage for primary and general election