

2025 PSARA Washington State Legislative Agenda

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PSARA is a multi-generational grass roots organization advocating for all people and seniors, in particular, being able to live their lives with economic security, dignity, and respect.

Healthcare

PSARA believes that comprehensive, affordable, accessible, and culturally appropriate health care is a fundamental human right.

- Promote Leveling the Playing Field in Medicare **SJM 8002** Status: **Senate Rules**
- Protect against healthcare program cuts and advance immigrant health equity Status: **Budget**
- Support efforts to advance universal healthcare **SJM 8004** Status: **Passed Senate and awaiting hearing in the House**
- Ensure quality affordable healthcare for nursing home workers (WA Essential Worker Healthcare Program) **HB 1523/SB 5344** Status: **Dead for 2025**
- Strengthen and protect WA Cares **SB 5291** Status: **Senate Rules**

Housing and Homelessness

PSARA supports keeping people housed, building more low-income housing, and preventing homelessness in the first place.

- Ensure reasonable and more predictable rent increases by passing rent stabilization **HB 1217/SB 5222** Status: **HB 1217 is the vehicle and in Senate Rules**
- Invest \$500 million in the Housing Trust Fund Status: **Budget**
- Preserve supportive services and prevent cuts to homelessness programs Status: **Budget**
- Create affordable housing close to transit **HB 1491** Status: **Passed Appropriations and will be referred to House Rules**

Workers Rights and Economic Justice

PSARA supports legislation that promotes healthy families and workplaces.

- Extend job protection in the Family & Medical Leave Program to ensure low wage earners can return to their jobs after leave to care for themselves or family members **HB 1213/SB 5539** Status: **HB 1213 is the vehicle and in House Rules**
- Extend unemployment benefits to striking workers **SB 5041** Status: **Senate Rules**
- Extend unemployment benefits to undocumented workers **SB 5626** Status: **Dead for 2025**
- Build economic security for low-income families by creating the Washington Future Fund Pilot Program (Baby bonds) **HB 1661/SB 5541** Status: **SB 5541 Dead for 2025**
- Working Families Tax Credit **HB 1214/SB 5768** Status: **SB 5768 is the vehicle and in Senate Rules.**

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Climate and Environmental Justice

PSARA supports the right of all people to live and work in a clean and healthy environment.

- Divest Washington State Investment Board (“WSIB”) funds from fossil fuels (No Coal Act) **SB 5439** Status: **Dead in 2025**
- Add a Green Amendment to the Washington State Constitution
- Improve solid waste management outcomes by reducing use of plastic wrap and containers **HB 1150/SB 5284** Status: **HB 1150 House Rules; SB 5284 Senate Rules**
- Curb Act Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions **HB 1303** Status: **Passed Appropriations and will referred to House Rules**