**PSARA 2025 Legislative Agenda**

**(Updated 3/13/25)**

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: Passed Senate 30-19. House Healthcare and Wellness Hearing March 21, 8:00 a.m.
* Protect against healthcare program cuts and advance immigrant health equity Status: Budget
* Support efforts to advance universal healthcare **SJM 8004** Status: Passed Senate 30-19 House Healthcare and Wellness Hearing March 21, 8:00 a.m.
* Ensure quality affordable healthcare for nursing home workers (WA Essential Worker Healthcare Program) HB 1523/SB 5344 Status: Dead 2025
* Strengthen and protect WA Cares **SB 5291** Status: Passed Senate 38-11.

**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 Passed House 53-42 Senate Hearing Housing 3-19 1:30 p.m.
* 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 House 58-39 Senate Hearing Housing 3-14 1:30 p.m.

**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 Passed House 55-41.
* Extend unemployment benefits to striking workers **SB 5041** Status: Passed Senate 28-21 House Hearing Labor 3-18 10:30.
* Extend unemployment benefits to undocumented workers **SB 5626** Status: Dead 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 2025.
* Working Families Tax Credit **HB 1214/SB 5768** Status: SB 5768 Dead 2025.

**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 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: SB 5284 Passed the Senate 27-22 House Hearing Energy 3-17 1:30 p.m.
* Curb Act Increasing environmental justice by improving government decisions **HB 1303** Status: Dead 2025.

**Fiscal Reform and Revenue**

PSARA supports a state budget that is transparent, pays a living wage to state workers, and provides services that help our people, economy, and environment thrive.

* Prevent devastating budget cuts by providing new progressive revenues such as a wealth tax that taxes extraordinary financial assets