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## **The Washington State Women's Commission is honoring Women's History Month by advancing legislative agenda that benefits women in Washington**

OLYMPIA, Wa. – The theme for this year's International Women's Day was: #ChooseToChallenge.

The Washington State Women's Commission works daily to honor that pledge by advocating for policy that improves the life of every woman by ensuring equitable opportunities and removing systemic barriers through engagement, advocacy and public policy, while being inclusive of our diverse populations.

Our vision, particularly during Women's History Month, is to ensure every woman is healthy, safe, prosperous and empowered to achieve their full potential. To honor that ideal, the WSWC is focused on advancing the following legislative priorities for the 2021 session: Economic security, economic opportunity, safety and health.

For economic security, we are working to improve women's access to childcare, while pushing for COVID-related economic recovery and inclusion-based economic recovery. To move these objectives forward, we are working on the Fair Start For Kids Act, responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through state actions supported by federal funding and advocating for assistance programs.

When it comes to opportunity, it is our goal to ensure digital equity through 1365, which is focused on keeping students connected by procuring and supporting the appropriate devices for public school students and staff and increasing access to broadband.

And, as far as health care, we are working toward improving health equity and maternal health through SB 5052, which is aimed at identifying and creating health equity zones, SB 5068, which would improve maternal health outcomes by extending coverage during the postpartum period and SB 5228, which addresses disproportionate health outcomes by building a foundation of equity in medical training.

For more information on the Women's Commission, visit our web site at [www.wswc.wa.gov](http://www.wswc.wa.gov).