

# WASHINGTON STATE WOMEN'S COMMISSION'S

# SUCCESSES



## 2023

- Convened the Women's Legislative Council during the 2023 Legislative Session that consisted of 15 organizations working on legislation affecting women.
- Developed a civic engagement social media campaign that informed the public on the legislative process, educated on the bills that WSWC was tracking, and encouraged public engagement with legislators.
- Tracked 90 bills during the 2023 Session, and advocated on behalf of 85 of those bills (companion bills included).
  - **35 bills were signed into law by Governor Inslee**
- Co-hosted the Women at the Capitol event that engaged 150 members of the public with public officials
- Traveled to 8 Washington cities and held 8 listening sessions
- Partnered with the State Department's Office of Global Women's Issues on the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women in the Economy Forum (WEF).
  - Hosted a digital event on "AI's Impact on Women Understanding Occupational Segregation"
- In coordination with the Governor's Office, hosted Governor Saito and the Hyogo Prefecture Delegation for the 60th Anniversary of the Sister-State Relationship.
  - Facilitated a conversation with women from the Tamba Women's Entrepreneur Network
- Awarded the President's Award by the Washington Women Lawyers for advocacy work on reproductive access and privacy.
- Partnered with the Washington State Patrol to survey WA women on interest in pursuing employment with WSP in their effort to fulfill the commitment to the 30 x 30 initiative.
- Traveled with Governor Inslee's Study & Trade Delegation to Australia in order to discuss women in the Clean Energy sector.
- Attended the Biden Administration's *Communities in Action: Building a Better Washington & Oregon* event at the White House.
- Expanded the WSWC staff to 4 Full-Time Employees



## 2022

- Convened Young Women's Listening Tour with sessions in Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, and Spokane along with one virtual event.
- Hosted Webinar on the Pandemics Toll on Latinas in Washington State.
- Facilitated a focus group of civilian and commissioned women WSP employers to discuss the 30 x 30 initiative and roll out.
- Hosted a 3-panel conversation on black women's mental health.
- Tracked 47 bills in 2022 Session and advocated on behalf of 11 of those bills.
  - **6 bills were signed into law by Governor Inslee.**
- Expanded WSWC staff to 2.75 FTE
- Released the 2021-2022 WSWC Biennial Report

## 2021

- Facilitated 10 listening sessions across the state with domestic violence/sexual assault direct service providers, court advocates, and survivors to compile qualitative research on Civil Protection Orders in relation to coercive control measures, in coordination with the Gender & Justice Commission pursuant to Chapter 215, 2021.
- Developed the COVID-19 Listening Forum Report
- Advocated for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Hosted 12 events and panel discussions on topics pertaining to women:
  - Violence Against Women Act
  - Parental concerns about the then-new COVID-19 vaccine for children under 12 with DOH Secretary, Dr. Shah
  - Carmen Best on being the first woman police chief of Seattle PD
  - Impacts of COVID-19 on women
  - Missing and Murders of Indigenous Women
  - Impacts of the Pandemic on Generation Z Women
  - Asian American Women's History
  - Black Women in Washington politics
  - Overcoming burnout during the Pandemic
- Co-hosted members of the Kenyan parliament with Whitworth College
- Advocated for the Fair Start for Kids Act
- Released the 2018-2020 WSWC Biennial Report



2018 - 2020

2021-2022

Washington State  
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## 2020

- Co-hosted programming and events for the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment's passage (Suffrage Special Whistle Stop Tour)
- Hosted online events on several topics:
  - Investments in the prevention of domestic and sexual violence
  - The future of voting and untold stories of Black Suffragettes
  - Conversation with Maya Milton on art and empowering women of color
- Co-hosted an Outreach Event with the LGBTQ Commission
- Helped develop SB 6037, mandating a gender-diverse board of directors for public companies. Bill was signed into law.



## 2019

- Developed a Model Sexual Harassment Policy which was then translated into *7 languages*
- Compilation of Women on Corporate Boards data as of 2019 and made the information publicly available on the WSWC website.
- Hosted Outreach events in Spokane, Tacoma, and Seattle.
- Advocated for Women on Corporate Boards legislation