

Washington State Women's Commission 2026 Policy Agenda



Our Mission

The Women's Commission is committed to improving 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 Mandate

According to our authorizing legislation, the Women's Commission "shall address issues relevant to the problems and needs of women... and the specific needs of women of color" and "advocate for the removal of legal and social barriers for women." *RCW 43.119.005*

Our Vision

Every woman and girl is healthy, safe, prosperous, and empowered to achieve their full potential.

Our Policy Priorities



Securing Critical Access to Women's Healthcare

- Addressing maternal health outcomes.
- Protecting access to reproductive autonomy and care.
- Establishing equitable behavioral and mental health services.



Ensuring Safety for All Women

- Addressing gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalking.
- Establishing safe community initiatives, including safe use of technology & preventing gun violence.
- Addressing the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls.



Promoting Economic Security & Opportunity for All Women

- Strengthening preventative policies and practices for gender-based workplace harassment and discrimination.
- Building supportive and accessible systems for family care and education.
- Ensuring equitable employment opportunity, career advancement, and compensation.