

## 2016 LEGISLATIVE ROUND-UP

The COPC and its 49 member organizations advocate for policy and systems change to secure the health and well-being of all of Washington's children and families.

In this state legislative session we are supporting the following bills and concepts:

### SUPPORT GREATER PHYSICAL ACTIVITY/EDUCATION FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

1. **HB 2669 (RICCELLI):** Physical education is critical to establishing patterns of behavior that promote fitness and healthy lifestyles. Washington State needs to both **strengthen current accountability standards for PE minutes per week** as well as **increase the weekly minutes to nationally-accepted standards**.
2. **HB 2664 (CODY):** While providing for exemptions from physical education class might be justified for high schoolers, such an exemption for K-8 really misses the point of the importance of physical education curriculum. This bill eliminates that specific waiver.
3. **SB 6407 (FAIN):** Physical education and physical activity are two distinct concepts. This bill provides a minimum of 30 minutes a day for our youngest schoolkids – the K-5 cohort.

### SUPPORT HEALTHY FOOD AND A HEALTHY FOOD SYSTEM

4. **HB 2798 (ROBINSON):** Requires a warning about the dangerous health effects of excessive consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages.
5. **FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE FOOD POLICY EFFORT**  
The current Washington State Food Systems Roundtable is hard at work developing a 25-year plan to achieve a just and equitable food system. **Any state legislative efforts need to build upon this strong initial foundation of work.** COPC has been a strong partner of this work since its inception.

### SUPPORT THE "HEALTHIEST NEXT GENERATION" (HNG) BUDGET REQUEST

#### 6. **SUSTAIN CORE STAFFING**

Governor Inslee is proposing **ongoing funds to the Department of Early Learning** and the Office for the Superintendent of Public Instruction **to sustain the three key HNG positions at these state agencies.**

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