



2018 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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 the upcoming state legislative session, we are supporting the following bills and budgetary concepts:

HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY SCHOOLS GRANTS

Reappropriation for grants to schools for school kitchen equipment, water bottle filling stations and PE equipment. The first round of grants was awarded in spring 2016. A total of \$17.9m was requested with only \$5m available, indicating strong interest from schools.

SUGAR SWEETENED BEVERAGE POLICIES

Sugary drinks like non-diet sodas, sports drinks, energy drinks and sweetened fruit drinks contain little to no nutritional value and are one of the leading causes of obesity today. There are several policy options that could potentially be considered for this strategy.

BREAKFAST AFTER THE BELL

Moving school breakfast to after the start of the school day helps increase participation, which in turn both reduces hunger and also positively impacts obesity.

ELECTRIC BIKES

E-bikes are enabling more people to ride bikes and engage in physical activity. Current state law regarding what kinds of e-bikes are allowed on what surfaces is not keeping up with innovation in the industry, especially those that can go at higher speeds.

CAPITAL BUDGET INVESTMENTS

Making capital investments in key programs improves access to physical activity. Such programs include the Youth Athletic Facilities grant, which provides money to buy land and renovate outdoor athletic facilities, and the WA Wildlife and Recreation Program, which provides funding for a broad range of land protection and outdoor recreation.

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