

POLICY PLATFORM 2020

LEGISLATIVE (2020)	
BILLS	
Healthy Drinks, Healthy Kids <i>COPC Lead</i>	COPC will be advocating for legislation to make the default beverage in kids’ meals at restaurants and food establishments a non-sugar sweetened beverage. Making the default beverage in kids’ meals a non-sugary drink makes the healthy choice the easy choice for parents and guardians that can establish healthier drinking habits and reduce the risk of childhood obesity.
Health in All Places -- WA State Department of Transportation <i>COPC Co-Lead with WA Bikes</i>	Include the concept of “health” in the state transportation system policy goals which will drive new objectives and performance measures. This is a similar bill to one introduced in 2012.
BUDGET	
Funding for Active Transportation <i>COPC Co-Lead with WA Bikes</i>	Support opportunities to maintain/increase funding for active transportation strategies (Safe Routes to School, bike and pedestrian grants and network connectivity). Protect current levels of funding for these grant programs, which may be under more scrutiny since the recent passage of I-976 .
SNAP: Washington Nutrition Incentives <i>COPC Support</i>	Secure additional state funding to maintain the Fruit & Vegetable Incentive Program in the second year of the biennium as a result of the state not being awarded federal USDA funds. State funding for fruit and vegetable incentives will allow thousands of low-income families to continue to access fruits and vegetables in their diet and enhance their overall health. DOH has a maintenance decision package for this in the amount of \$1.28 mil.
Early Childhood Standards Alignment <i>COPC Support</i>	DCYF requests funding to support family home childcare providers with the implementation of the aligned licensing rules, especially family home childcare providers who serve infants and toddlers, children with special needs, and/or provide overnight care. DCFY has a decision package of just over \$3 million.

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CURRENT STATE RULE-MAKING

No Current Rule-Making Efforts

SUPPORT STRONG POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

<p>Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools Grants <i>Grant process – OSPI</i></p>	<p>A third round of funding in the amount of \$3.25 mil was secured in the 2019 session for grants for school kitchen and physical education equipment, as well as water bottle filling stations. The current round of funding closed on November 7, 2019.</p>
<p>Develop Stronger Standards in Child Care <i>Administrative – DCYF</i></p>	<p>Ensure full implementation of the recently adopted licensing standards for early childhood education providers. Several of the new licensing standards made great strides in promoting nutrition, physical activity and screen time. The Dept of Children, Youth & Families is the lead implementing/enforcing entity. New rules went into effect on Aug. 1, 2019.</p>
<p>Sugary Beverage Tax (SBT) <i>Administrative – City of Seattle</i></p>	<p>The Seattle SBT is now finishing its second year of implementation and COPC continues to play a watchdog role (along with the Community Advisory Board established by the original ordinance).</p>
<p>Physical Education Assessment <i>Administrative – OSPI</i></p>	<p>HB 1235, which passed in the 2017 session, requires schools to complete an assessment of their physical education (PE) programs. The first round of data was just released and is now being analyzed by COPC. Also, a new report for Seattle-King County was released by the Aspen Institute Sports & Society Program, which raised questions about equitable access to physical activity for youth.</p>
<p>Breakfast After the Bell <i>Administrative – OSPI</i></p>	<p>HB 1508, which passed in the 2018 session, requires high needs schools to offer breakfast after the start of the school day. This helps increase participation in school breakfast, which in turn both reduces hunger and also has shown to reduce obesity. Support partner efforts to ensure full implementation of breakfast after the bell at high needs schools.</p>

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FEDERAL LEVEL ITEMS TO MONITOR/ENGAGE

- **Child Nutrition Reauthorization (CNR)**
School meal waivers lack nutrition standards, while the potato lobby continues to push for its place on the menu. While the current law, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-296), expired on September 30, 2015, the programs continue to operate.
- **Access to Healthy Foods for Young Children Act of 2019**
This bill ([S.2501](#)) would strengthen the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and help millions of children in child care access healthy, nutritious food.
- **Stop Child Summer Hunger Act**
[S. 1941/H.R. 3378](#)) would provide families who have children eligible for free and reduced-price school meals with an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card to help them obtain nutrition during the summer. Co-sponsored by our Sen. Murray.
- **Summer Meals Act of 2019**
[S. 1908/H.R. 2818](#)) would improve the area eligibility test by lowering it from 50 percent to 40 percent to allow more low-income communities to provide summer meals along with other key provisions. Rep. Rick Larson is a co-sponsor on the house version.
- **Farm to School Act**
[H.R. 3562](#) and [S. 2026](#)) will expand funding for and programmatic scope of the highly successful USDA Farm to School Grant Program. See this [fact sheet](#) for more information.
- **Prevention and Public Health Fund**
There have been multiple attempts to cut funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which provides critical resources to state and local health departments to keep our communities healthy and safe.

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