



Building a Healthier Generation

## 2021 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The COPC and its 43-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 budget priorities:

### HEALTH EQUITY THROUGH SUGARY BEVERAGE TAXES

(CO-LEAD w/AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION)

[SB 5371](#): Increased added sugars in children's diets has contributed to a rise in unhealthy weight and serious health issues in children. Sen. June Robinson is introducing a statewide sugary beverage tax bill, modeled strongly on the Seattle tax effort. With an annual revenue of at least \$200 million, the bill offers great potential to fund needed health equity projects and initiatives statewide to our most impacted communities.

### HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY SCHOOLS: OSPI - CAPITAL BUDGET

(LEAD)

COPC will work to create another grant funding round for K-12 schools for capital improvements, including kitchen and physical education equipment as well as water bottle filling stations. There continues to be high demand by schools for these funds. See [here](#) for latest case study report that we developed.

### INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

(SUPPORT ORGANIZATION)

Accessing healthy food can be difficult, especially for those who struggle with the typical high cost of healthier foods. We are advocating for funding for programs that improve access to food for individuals with limited incomes, including support for food assistance benefit programs and the Fruit & Vegetable Incentive program.

### FUNDING FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

(SUPPORT ORGANIZATION)

Making walking and biking safe and convenient helps kids and families live healthier lives by seamlessly integrating physical activity in their daily routines. Along with our active transportation partners, we are advocating to protect and expand funding for active transportation strategies (Safe Routes to School, bike and pedestrian grants and network connectivity).

### EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTDOOR LICENSING

(SUPPORT ORGANIZATION)

[SB 5151](#): Support permanent licensing for the outdoor nature-based child care. The legislature previously enacted a bill to create a pilot project in this area, which has rolled out successfully in these last few years. More details from the Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF) [here](#). This is agency request legislation from DCYF.

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