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The House MOCC seeks to remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes.

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2020 Legislative Session Policy and Budget Priorities

Policy Priorities

1. Census Protections – HB 2527, Ramos
Creates a Washington Census Bill of Rights & Responsibilities that affirms rights related to participating in the US Census and makes impersonating a census taker a misdemeanor.
2. Improving access to TANF – HB 2441, Entenman
Revises sanction and time limit policies in the TANF program.
3. Concerning false reporting of a crime or emergency – HB 2632, Valdez
Modifies the crime of False Reporting, and elevates the crime to if it involves certain conduct and results in death or bodily harm (“Anti-Swatting”).
4. Youth Solitary Confinement – HB 2277, Peterson
Prohibits the use of juvenile solitary confinement in juvenile detention and correctional institutions.
5. Private detention facilities – HB 2576, Ortiz-Self
Prohibits persons, businesses, and state and local governments from operating private detention facilities or from entering into certain agreements for the operation of private detention facilities.
6. Open Courts – HB 2567, Thai
Prohibits civil arrests inside or near state court facilities, and places certain prohibitions on judges and court staff dealing with an individual’s immigration status.

Operating Budget Priorities

1. NW Immigrant’s Rights Project
Increase funding of \$500K a year for state fiscal year 2021 for the State Immigrant Legal Defense Fund.
2. WOIA support for undocumented students
State will match up to \$2 million in funding with any other public or private donations. (HB 2801, but potential budget proviso) .
3. OSPI/Maritime Education for kids of color
\$250,000 for fiscal year 2020 to OSPI support design and planning of a public secondary education institution in Washington state that is focused on maritime education to serve predominately students of color.
4. WA Human Rights Commission
\$230,000 for fiscal year 2021. As federal protections are eliminated, the WSHRC has seen a steady increase in discrimination complaints, this would fund two FTE investigators.
5. Dual Language Learners
\$336K for OSPI staff for fiscal year 2020 and ongoing and \$900K (scale-able) in grants. Establishes grant programs to grow capacity for high quality dual language learning in the public schools, child care, and early learning programs.

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Capital Budget Priorities

1. Seattle Indian Health Commission
Support a transfer of \$1 million appropriated to SIHB in the Housing Trust Fund to a stand-alone capital appropriation request for a clinical expansion site at Chief Seattle Club's affordable housing.
2. Filipino Community Center
\$1,648,000 for new construction for an Innovation and Learning Center
3. El Centro de la Raza
\$2 million for seismic retrofits
4. Seattle Vocational Institute
Undetermined, but in the range of \$3-\$5 million for deferred roof maintenance.
5. Chief Seattle Club
\$425,770 for new construction overruns for affordable housing for people with co-occurring disorders in Pioneer Square