



2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Each January, NCBF will release our legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. While our advocacy direction will always focus on criminal punishment reform, end pre-trial detention, and mass incarceration; we will also monitor and support proposed legislation on climate justice, access to behavioral and physical healthcare, housing, and end pre-trial detention & mass incarceration in hopes to dismantle and transform racialized systems perpetuating poverty, injustice, and dehumanization.

HB 1024 - Rules 2nd Review (02.21.23)

Concerning labor of incarcerated

Ends forced prison labor in Washington State by prohibiting the Department of Corrections (DOC) from using infractions or punitive actions to coerce incarcerated people into work and requiring that incarcerated people are paid no less than the state minimum wage.

HB 1025 - Rules 2nd Consideration (03.13.23)

Creating a private right of action for harm from violations of the state Constitution or state law by peace officers.

HB 1048/SB 5047 - Passed (eff. 01.01.24)

Enhancing the Washington voting rights act.

HB 1087/SB 5135 - Still Active - Appropriations (02.13.23)

Concerning solitary confinement.

Limits DOC and Private Detention Centers to using solitary confinement for 15 consecutive days and for no more than 45 days in a calendar year. This bill also establishes restrictions on its use for vulnerable populations, requires medical evaluations, and establishes standards for living conditions.

HB 1108- Rules 2nd Review (02.03.23)

Resentencing of individuals sentenced as a persistent offender.

HB 1169 - Passed (eff. 07.01.23)

Concerning legal financial obligation.

Reduces mandatory fines and fees at sentencing that has historically placed people into or exacerbated debt.

HB 1174 - Still Active - Ref. to Appropriations (02.02.23)

Requires state and local officials to establish policies and procedures to improve access and remove barriers to jail-based voting

Jails to provide information regarding registering to vote, access a ballot outreach and education

HB 1189 - Rtn to House Rules 3rd Reading (04.23.23)

Concerning the release of incarcerated individuals from total confinement prior to the expiration of a sentence.

Served at least 20 years, Makes requirements for up to 10 board members.

SB 5011 - Ref. Law & Justice Committee (01.09.23)

Concerning the repeal of resentencing provisions for individuals sentenced as a persistent offender due to a robbery in the second degree conviction.

SB 5046 - Passed (eff. 01.01.24)

Concerning post conviction access to counsel.

Petition sentencing court and challenge conviction or sentence.

SB 5047/HB 1048 - Passed (eff. 01.01.24)

Enhancing the Washington voting rights act.

SB 5116 - Ref. Law & Justice Committee (01.09.23)

Concerning oversight of bail funds.

SB 5131 - Passed (eff. 07.23.23)

Concerning money received by the department of corrections on behalf of inmates from family or other outside sources for the purchase of commissary items.

SB 5134 - Passed (eff. 07.23.23)

Concerning reentry services and supports.

Increases to \$300 upon release, discharge plan no later than 1 year before lease, 90 day supply of prescription.

HB 1492 - Still Active - Ref. Rules 2nd Rev (02.23.23)

Concerning State v. Blake

Addresses current legislation that will sunset June 2023. Ensures that the retroactive relief promised by the opinion in State v. Blake, becomes a reality for people affected by Blake and Blake-related convictions.