



Family Policy Institute of Washington 2020 Legislative Agenda: 13 Jan 2020

**LIFE:**

**Support:**

**-Relating to the Prohibition of Certain Types of Abortions (HB1560):** Prohibits abortion procedures that result in the bodily dismemberment of the unborn child.

**-Reporting to DOH the Use of Potassium Chloride or Digoxin in Abortion (HB1525):** Recognizing the unalienable rights of the unborn child, will track when either of the chemicals lists is used in abortion.

**-Pain-Capable Abortion Act (HB1526):** By eight weeks after conception the unborn child reacts to touch; by twenty weeks the child reacts to what adults would call pain. The state has a compelling interest in protecting the lives of unborn children from the stage at which substantial medical evidence indicates they are capable of feeling pain.

**-Transparency in Reproductive Health (New, based on SB5966):** Partnering with Human Life of WA, FPIW supports requiring women seeking an abortion to receive full-information as to the potential side-effects & consequences of abortion based on Science Matters in Abortion Related Matters (SMART).

**Oppose: TBD**

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM:**

**Support:**

**-Repeal the Blaine Amendment,** removal from Washington's constitution. Washington must end the religious discrimination enshrined by the deliberate anti-Christian Blaine Amendment and allow state dollars to flow to qualified faith-based schools and a voucher system.

**Oppose: TBD**

**MARRIAGE:**

**Support:**

**-Establish Marriage Commission:** Will identify the policy needs of and advocate for married couples. It will collect information to advise policymakers from the Legislature to the Governor. The Commission will complete an assessment of laws and other protections for married couples, while also compiling a clearinghouse of resources for those intending to marry or who are married.

**Oppose: TBD**

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## **PARENTAL RIGHTS:**

### **Support:**

**-Establish a Parental Rights Commission** to promote and protect the right of parents to raise their children within the value and faith framework they see fit. The government is actively trying to separate children from parents, overriding and usurping the God-given and Constitutional rights and obligations of parents. The commission will complete an assessment of laws and other policies as they impact the rights of parents and inform policymakers as to best measures to protect Parental Rights.

**-Establish a Parental Rights Statute** in order to permanently establish a parent's right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of their child, without the State or any government infringement.

**-Transparency in Education:** TBD

**-Religious Charter Schools/Private Vouchers:** **Priority Bill:** After repeal of Blaine Amendment, allow religious schools and vouchers be funded and determined by parental choice.

### **Oppose:**

**-Comprehensive Sex Education (SB5395/HB2184/HB1407/SB6175):** **Priority Bill:** Comprehensive Sex Ed (CSE), promoted by Planned Parenthood, seeks to indoctrinate and sexualize children down to Kindergarten. CSE teaches a sexuality and values that is contrary to Christian values, encourages sexual experimentation, affirms Gender Dysphoria and Same-sex Attraction.

Many of the encouraged and promoted practices and activities (sexual activity, sex-change operations, gender disorder, chemical castration, etc.) cause significant harm to children, thus actually child abuse. This is not about education or teaching science or facts, it is indoctrination of children by Planned Parenthood, to change our culture and values on sex and marriage. It is designed to teach children to hate or leave their parents and their Christian (or Jewish, Muslim) faith.

**-Universal Government Visitation (SB5683/HB1771):** **Priority Bill:** Year by year, the state tries to take more and more the role of the parent, driving a wedge between parents and their children. Universal Visitation would be the ultimate leverage the state needs to 'stick its nose inside the tent,' and intrude directly in order to monitor everyone inside their own home, who knows what harm or persecution will result in this MASSIVE Gov't violation of privacy!

**-Expansion of Mandatory Vaccinations** to include HPV (human papillomavirus). It's the most common sexually transmitted infection and is usually harmless and goes away by itself, but some types can lead to cancer or genital warts. We oppose efforts to mandate this for all children or adults and usurp parental rights. This continues the radical effort to sexualize children and to trample on the religious freedoms of Christians and many other faith traditions.

### **Bills to Watch:**

**-Parental Involvement through volunteering in schools after a criminal conviction (HB2220):** This bill is concerning because it allows people with criminal records to potentially volunteer at schools. While there are provisions that allow schools to deny a person with a criminal record to volunteer in classrooms, it puts the responsibility on the school to prove the person is not cleared. Not only does this pose a potential risk to students and school staff, it also seems to add one more burden on an already over-burdened school system.

**-School based Health Centers (HB2288):** Providing health care to students in public schools. Concerns that this will match the efforts being pushed in CA.

**CHRISTIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Support:**

**-Prohibits Males from competing in Female Sports (HB2201): Priority Bill:** Ensuring equitable competition in student athletic activities. Prevents student male at birth from competing with in female athletic programs.

**-Homeless Programs Reforms:** Support increased quality of programs, identification and service tracking of homelessness individuals and increased mental health and drug treatment interventions.

**-Reform Conversion Therapy Ban** to allow critical mental health therapy to help heal children and families confused or indoctrinated by harmful sexual and gender ideologies.

**Oppose:**

**-Legalization of Minor Prostitution (SB5744/HB1775): Priority Bill:** Even in the name of compassion, the state must not decriminalize underage prostitution. The tools of arrest through conviction should remain in the hands of the criminal justice system when they encounter minors involved in prostitution. The ultimate goal of these tools is diversion into treatment, and the restoration to their parents of the child involved. Through the proceedings prosecutors still retain the positive options diversion and expungement protecting the child from a criminal record.

**-Creating the Office of Equity (HB1783): Priority Bill:** Set up the office of equity replaces the Dept of Diversity Equity and Inclusion that was recently rejected by the voters (Referendum 88 overturning Initiative 1000). The Office of Equity will create policies that will mandate racism into every aspect of government, colleges, and businesses. **--Promoting Sexism and Gender Ideology in Business (SB 5142): Priority Bill:** Increasing equitable gender representation on corporate boards. Requires every corporation to fulfill a quota of "self-identified" female members on their board of directors or face a fine of up to \$300,000.

**-Promoting Racism and Sexism in Business (SB6037): Priority Bill:** Requires every public company (listed on a stock exchange) to have a gender and racial diverse board of directors.

**-Promoting Heroin Injection Sites:** Oppose all efforts to fund or implement sites that enable dangerous drug use.

**BUDGET:**

**Support:**

**Oppose:**

**-Funding abortions/abortion providers**