

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY INSTITUTE 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



FAIRNESS

Washington's economy works better for the rich and powerful than it does for everyone else. We advance policies that level the playing field so that we all thrive.

EOI will advocate for several new progressive taxes, including a **payroll tax on employers of high earners** and a **tax on the ultra-wealthy** to fund programs that positively impact low- and middle-income households in the short term and help slow the growth of wealth inequality over time. EOI will also advocate for an **increase in the minimum wage** and **guaranteed paid leave for all workers**.

The Working Families Tax Credit plays a role in making Washington an affordable place for lower-income families – **we must continue investing in and expanding this program**.



CARE

Life is unpredictable. We advance policies that give Washingtonians what they need to care for themselves and those they love through all the uncertainties of life.

EOI will advocate for **a suite of health care bills** designed to decrease costs and improve access, including increasing transparency and oversight, advocating for fair prices in public- and school-employee health care plans, safeguarding and growing Cascade Care subsidies, and funding the Apple Health Expansion for immigrants program.

Paid Family and Medical Leave shines as a model program for extended leave from work during life's most difficult moments. We will advocate for improvements to make the program more equitable, including **closing the job protection loophole** and **reducing the hours for intermittent use**.



OPPORTUNITY

Not everyone starts from the same place. We advance policies that embed security into the foundations of Washington's economy, so that everyone can pursue individual opportunity in their own way within a framework of systemic security.

The **Washington Future Fund** is a government financial investment that aims to reduce the wealth gap. Low-income young adults, ages 18-35, can finance one of three wealth-generating areas: investment in a home purchase, attending post-secondary school, or seeding a new business.

We will also advocate for policies to expand other opportunities for Washingtonians, including **cost-free college** and **addressing medical debt**.

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