

LIAISON PROGRAM



The WSA hosts **the only Legislative Liaison program in the country**. We invite each of our member institutions to send a representative of their student association to Olympia each year to lobby our state representatives and work directly on legislation. **The WSA offers intensive trainings, an office space located a few blocks from the capital, communications strategy and coordination, higher education policy expertise, and daily coordination and support for the Legislative Liaisons.** By using this model, our association has passed hundreds of bills over the last few decades, including the creation of the **Washington College Grant, which is nationally recognized** as the most comprehensive and equitable student financial aid program in the country.

In addition to passing quality legislation, our Legislative Liaison program gives students real life experience working in public policy that most people are not exposed to until they are well into their careers. This experience trains our student advocates for successful careers in nonprofit management, public relations, as legislative assistants, consultants, lawyers, public policy experts, lobbyists, and as legislators themselves.

LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our Legislative Liaisons, over the last four decades **our association has developed, passed, and influenced hundreds of bills** in our state legislature aimed at increasing access, accessibility and affordability.

Listed below are some of our recent legislative victories.

Financial Aid:

HB 1028: Washington College Grant

SB 6562: Defeated effort to allow institutions to set tuition locally

HB 1043: Limiting differential tuition

SB 5022: transparency and consumer protections for student loan borrowers

SB 6029: Student Loan Bill of Rights

HB 1433: Service and Activity Fees Decoupling

SB 5197: National Guard scholarships

2015 Tuition Reduction (5%→15%)

Voting Rights

SB 6313: Campus Same-Day Voter Registration and Voting Centers

SB 5472: Expand Number of Ballot Drop Boxes in the State of Washington

SB 5192: Voter Registration Package (same-day, Automatic VR, Pre-registration for 16/17)

LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES CONTINUED



Equity

HB 1817: DREAM Act

SB 5166 Religious Accommodations

SB 5764: Protections for Campus-Based Victim Sexual Assault Advocates

SB 6561: Undocumented Student Loan Program

SB 5395: Comprehensive Sex & Consent Education

HB 2327: Review faculty in the Hiring Process for Sexual Assault Allegations/Misconduct

Student Supports

SB 5800: Homeless Student Support and Study

HB 2513: Prohibits Transcript Withholding Practices

SB 6142: Creates the Washington Common Application

HB 1009: Student Reproductive Parity

SB 6141: FAFSA Day & Financial Aid Transparency

For more information about our 2020-21 legislative agenda, visit www.wastudents.org/our-work