



The mission of the Washington Coalition for Police Accountability is to reduce police violence and increase accountability. Our work centers families who have lost loved ones to police violence.

WCPA 2023 Legislative Agenda

Traffic Safety for All

It's Time to Prioritize Traffic Safety for All - Rep. Chipalo Street

Low-level traffic stops like expired tabs and broken taillights can lead to criminal system entanglement, debt, and bankruptcy. Ending stops for non-moving violations will allow law enforcement to focus on high risk stops such as impaired, distracted, and reckless driving. This will reduce disproportionate impacts on communities of color and end interactions that too often escalate to violence. The bill includes grants for innovative solutions that help people comply with the law and fix their vehicles to avoid low-level violations.

Access to Fairness Act – HB 1025

Justice for victims and families of police misconduct - Rep. My-Linh Thai

Today, if a person's constitutional rights are violated by police, the victim or family has no right under state law to address the harm and injuries. This bill authorizes victims and their families to sue for violations of the state constitution or state laws, without the federal shield of qualified immunity. This will encourage accountability, training, and better supervision and recognizes that police are not above the law.

AG Investigations and Reform

Rooting out systemic civil rights violations - Rep. Drew Hansen

This bill strengthens and clarifies the Washington Attorney General's authority to investigate and bring suit where there are systemic failures at an agency or department, resulting in violations of the Washington constitution or state law. This will allow for increased oversight of local law enforcement and help ensure a baseline of quality policing consistent with our constitution and state laws across Washington.

Independent Prosecutor for Police Use of Deadly Force

Creating an Office of Independent Prosecutor - Rep. Monica Stonier

In November 2020 the Governor's Task Force on Police Use of Deadly Force identified real or perceived conflicts of interest by the local prosecutor as an obstacle in the prosecution of alleged police criminal conduct. This bill would create a state office, working with the new Office of Independent Investigations, to handle these charging decisions and any prosecution to ensure fair, credible, and transparent prosecutions.