



## 2018 Legislative Update

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The Commission serves as the official state representative of the African American community—advising the Governor, Legislature and state agencies regarding policy development and implementation. The commission also works to establish relationships with local governments and private sector organizations that promote equal opportunity for African-Americans.

Dear Community Members,

The 2018 legislative session opened Monday, January 8th. This weekly Legislative Update keeps you informed of legislation that has an impact on the lives of African Americans in our state.

Session is scheduled to last only 60 days, so the process will move extremely fast. No matter where you are in the state, we need your help to tell the Legislature our story. Our needs won't be addressed unless Olympia hears your voice!

Legislators can be contacted in person, by email, phone or toll-free by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000. Contact your [Senators](#) and [Representatives](#)! Bills are open for public comment via the Legislative website at [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov). Just click on 'find bills,' search on the bill number and then click on 'comment on this bill.' It's that easy! Watch or listen to a legislative hearing on [www.tvw.org](http://www.tvw.org)

### Bills to Watch:

#### House Bill 1800 / Senate Bill 6002—Enacting the Voting Rights Act

Establishing a voting rights act to promote equal voting opportunity in certain political subdivision to redress lack of voter opportunity.

#### House Bill 1158—Restoring the Fair Treatment of Underserved Groups in Public Employment, Education and Contracting (repealing I-200)

### Upcoming Events:

CAAA Public Commission Meeting Friday, January 26, 2018. 1 PM to 4 PM. General Administration Building Auditorium. 210 11th Ave SW, Olympia, WA. 98504