

Election Reform

Public Financing — Local Option (SB 5278 Franklin, HB 1551)	Would allow local governments to use public funds in campaigns (this was disallowed in 1992). Seattle and King County would then be able to have matching funds programs. This did not get to a vote last year.
Public Financing — Judicial (HB1186 Schual-Berke/SB 5226 Oemig)	Would provide for public funding of judicial campaigns.

Social Justice

Affordable Housing	Would increase housing trust fund by \$100 million.
Homeowners' Bill of Rights (Weinstein)	Would create new home warranty standards in Washington and require contractors to be responsible for the quality of their work.
Human Rights Education	Would require members of the National Guard to receive training in the laws pertaining to protection of human rights and their obligations to report any violations to the Governor.
Condo Conversion (Chase)	Would require landlords to give tenants three months' notice and up to three months' rent before evicting them for condo conversion.
Income Discrimination Bill (Pettigrew)	Would prohibit landlords from refusing to rent to persons who receive federal rent subsidies (Section eight vouchers).
Predatory Lending 36% cap (HB 1020 Appleton)	Would address high interest "payday" loan scams.

Environment

Maury Island (SB 6011)	Would protect Maury Island from expanded mining by Northwest Granite Corp.
Local foods (Pettigrew/Hatfield)	Would establish a state "farm to school" program that will connect schools with community farmers. Benefits: Farmers expand their market, reduces transportation pollution, and

	children get healthier food.
Washington Climate Change Bill (Dunshee/Pridemore)	Targeting emissions. Bill details available as they evolve.
Toxic Toys Bill (Dickerson/Regala)	Legislators will propose a bill in January that would ban toxic metals from toys sold in Washington.

Education

Class Size Reduction	Would support smaller class sizes.
Teacher Compensation Reform	Would support increases in teachers' wages.

Healthcare

Expansion of Health Care — Actuarial Study (Keiser)	Proposes an actuarial study addressing problems in our health care system. A similar study in Wisconsin found a plan that would save businesses and tax payers hundreds of millions per year.
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Tax Reform

Homestead Exemption	Would exempt a set amount of the value of primary residences from taxation. Owners of lesser-valued homes would receive a larger percent cut.
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Miscellaneous

Molly's Law for Victims of Guardianship (Chase)	Addresses problem of elderly/ mentally ill people being assigned guardians against their (and their families') will.
Stop Eminent Domain Abuses	
Patient Choices at End of Life	