

Washington State Catholic Conference

The Public Policy Voice of the Bishops of Washington State

Our Goals

The Bishops of Washington state encourage our advocacy in public policy as we work together to protect all human life: the unborn, individuals who live in poverty or on the margins of society, and people at the end of life. Through year-round advocacy with our legislators, we put our faith into action for the common good of all Washingtonians.

Reaching Your Legislators

Who represents you?	Type in your address at this link <u>https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/</u>
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How can you reach them?	Email, phone calls, town halls, candidate forums or similar meetings are all excellent ways to reach your legislators. Use the same link as above to send an email and sign up for their newsletters to learn about town halls or other meetings within the district. Legislators respond more often to personal phone calls and emails. Form letters/emails/calls will be tallied, but nothing is more effective than direct contact from a constituent to their elected official.
What do you say?	First, ground yourself in church teaching by prayerfully and thoughtfully reviewing <u>Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship</u> . Next, join the <u>Washington State Catholic Conference advocacy network</u> to receive information on our legislative priorities and positions. Watch the monthly bulletins for talking points on legislation we expect to see in the 2025 session, including protecting the seal of Confession. Be polite. Be truthful. Be Catholic.

Resources

Additional Advocacy 101 resources: <u>https://www.wacatholics.org/be-an-advocate/advocacy-101</u> Explore bills we tracked during the 2024: <u>https://www.wacatholics.org/be-an-advocate/current-legislation</u> Join our Catholic Advocacy Network: <u>wacatholics.org</u>