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Legislative Priorities

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PCSW LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2009

The Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) provides information, research and analysis to elected officials and the public regarding issues affecting the status of women across their lifespan— from young adults to elders. The following are our priority issues for the 2009 legislative session.

Economic & Financial Security

Family-Friendly Policies – Support workplace and other policies and programs that help women and their families attain/sustain economic self-sufficiency.

Education and Training - Support proposals to increase adult-education programs for low-skill, low-wage workers, and occupational-skills training programs for incumbent workers and workers in vocational and technology fields.

Asset-Building – Support efforts to encourage women’s financial literacy and expand their access to asset-building strategies.

Small Business – Support efforts to define the unique needs and provide capacity-building resources to encourage growth of small businesses and microenterprises.

Housing – Support a coordinated approach to preventing homelessness and providing services for women who are homeless. Support programs and policies that will increase the number of affordable housing units and homeownership opportunities available to women.

Basic Needs – Support efforts to increase eligibility levels for subsidized housing, healthcare, childcare, and financial assistance programs.

Women's Health & Safety

Cancer Detection and Treatment – Support efforts to increase funding for and expand access to early breast, cervical, ovarian, and lung cancer detection services and treatment.

Reproductive Health – Support efforts to ensure women’s right to access and receive comprehensive reproductive health education and services.

Universal Health Care – Support efforts to increase healthcare access for all state residents.

Gender, Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care – Support efforts to address the need for effective data collection on gender, racial, and ethnic health issues in the state in order to develop appropriate interventions.

Violence Against Women – Support measures to increase funding for sexual assault nurse examiners, and for services and shelter staff in domestic violence programs.

Discrimination

Gender Discrimination– Support measures to eliminate discrimination based on gender in the creation, interpretation, and implementation of law and policy.

Tax Regulation – Monitor tax proposals and work to ensure that no such proposal will disproportionately and adversely impact women.