

Civil Survival organizes system-impacted people, provides legal representation, and advocates for policy reform to restore opportunity to communities harmed by the criminal legal system. In 2023, we are supporting these priority bills.

HB 1024: Concerning Labor and Income of Incarcerated Persons

- The Real Labor, Real Wages Act stands for the principle that Washington should not coerce incarcerated people into working for less than \$1 per hour and cap their monthly compensation for labor at \$55 per month.
- Sets up personal savings accounts that an incarcerated person cannot access until their release.
- Allows incarcerated individuals a chance to gain housing and re-establish their life in the community with this savings account.
- Reduces recidivism by increasing support for incarcerated people after their release.
- Increases the amount of money that goes to victim restitution and child support.

HB 1087: Concerning Solitary Confinement

- Caps the use of solitary confinement by DOC (Department of Corrections) and Private Detention Centers at 15 consecutive days and no more than 45 days in a calendar year.
- Establishes restrictions on its use for vulnerable populations, requires medical evaluations, and establishes standards for living conditions.

HB 1169: Legal Financial Obligations

- Eliminates the Victims Penalty Assessment (VPA) and DNA fee assessed for criminal convictions and replaces these LFOs with dedicated funding.
- Reduces the disproportionate impacts of LFOs on poor people and communities of color.

HB 1174: Improving Access and Removing Barriers to Jail-Based Voting

- Requires state and local officials to establish policies and procedures to improve access and remove barriers to jail-based voting.
- Grants election officials access to jails prior to each election and require data collection and reporting.

HB 1492: Providing Relief for Persons Affected by State v. Blake

- Ensures that the relief promised by the Washington Supreme Court opinion in *State v. Blake* becomes a reality for people affected by *Blake*.
- Provides *Blake*-impacted people relief in the form of vacates and refunds of legal financial obligations already paid towards prior *Blake* cases.
- Requires institutions to work together to gather data and create the processes necessary to provide people with relief.