

# 2023 Legislative Update Webinar Series

March 14, 2023

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# Introductions

- In the chat box:
  - Name
  - Pronouns
  - Where you're joining from
  - Do you know your state legislative district?

# Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Juvenile Points (EHB 1324) – *Dr. Chelsea Moore, Smart Justice Policy Manager*
3. Q&A
4. ACLU-WA's 2023 Legislative Agenda: Status Updates
5. Announcements

# **Juvenile Points (EHB 1324)**

*Dr. Chelsea Moore, Smart Justice Policy Manager*

# Juvenile Points History

“And finally, we have waited too long to fix our juvenile justice system, a system that lets kids get away with too much; that misses too many opportunities to turn kids around; and that leaves too many of us vulnerable to violent and dangerous young criminals. To procrastinate on any one of these issues from education to water to juvenile justice is to court disaster. The clock is ticking. A new century is coming at us like a bullet train. And it’s up to us to either rise to these challenges, or watch as that train rushes by.”

- **Governor Locke, 1997**

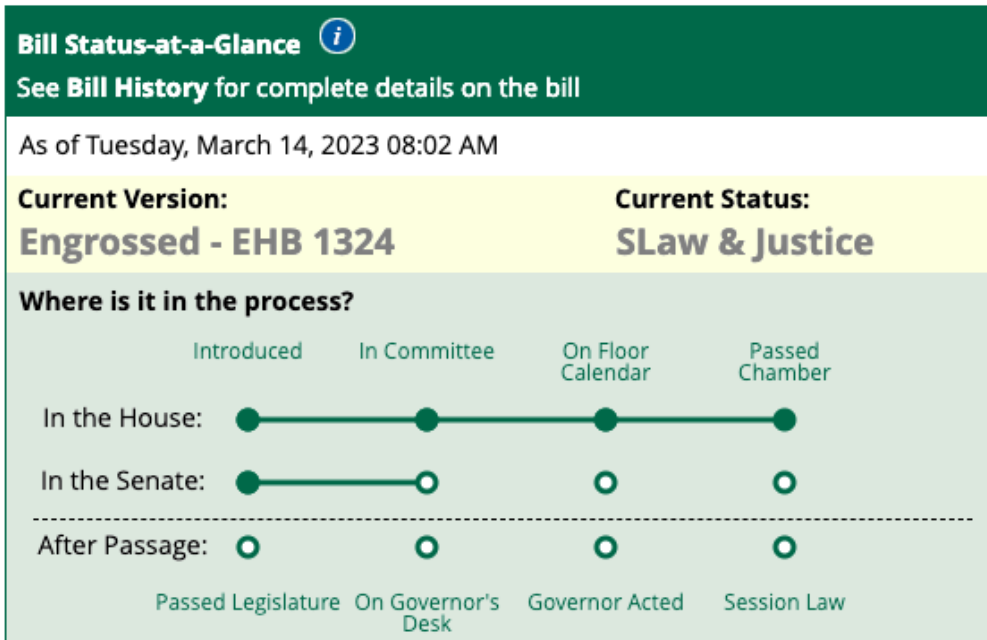
# Outcome?

- 41% of Indigenous people currently incarcerated in Washington State have at least one juvenile felony on their record.
- 39% of Black people currently incarcerated in Washington State have at least one juvenile felony on their record.

# EHB 1324

- Prospectively & retroactively stops the practice of automatically sentencing people to longer sentences because of crimes they committed as children.
- As amended, the bill has the potential to provide resentencings for close to 1,500 people currently serving longer sentences because they were punished twice for crimes they committed as a child.

# Session Highlights So Far





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Tuesday, 10 January 2023 05:34:06 PM

House Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry  
January 10, 2023, 4:00 pm - House Hearing Rm D and Virtual

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# Session Highlights So Far

OP-ED

## *Washington must fix this 'superpredator' era sentencing law. Take it from a judge | Opinion*

BY ANDRÉ PEÑALVER

UPDATED FEBRUARY 16, 2023 10:47 AM



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## Comment: Justice requires change in how we view juveniles' pasts

Former county prosecutor backs legislation to end use of juvenile records in adult sentencing.

Saturday, March 4, 2023 1:30am | **OPINION** COMMENTARY



By Adam Cornell / For The Herald

# Session Highlights So Far

- This bill has wide support, including the Washington State Labor Council, the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, the Minority & Justice Commission, the Washington State Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the ACLU of WA, the Seattle and Tacoma Urban Leagues, and several Tribes and tribal organizations across the state.
- Massively successful action alert thanks to y'all!

# Next Steps? How to get involved?

- Senate Law & Justice
- Reach out to Senate Law & Justice Committee members with your support for the bill!
  - Dhingra (Chair) (45)
  - Trudeau (27)
  - Padden (4)
  - Kuderer (48)
  - McCune (2)
  - Pedersen (43)
  - Salomon (32)
  - Torres (15)
  - Valdez (46)
  - Wagoner (39)
  - Wilson, L. (17)

# Thank you!

- Questions?

# **ACLU-WA 2023 Legislative Agenda: Bill Updates**

# Legislative Session Cutoff Dates

- ~~January 9: First day of 2023 session~~
- ~~February 17: Last day to pass bills out of policy committee (chamber of origin)~~
- ~~February 24: Last day to pass bills out of fiscal committee (chamber of origin)~~
- ~~March 8: Last day to pass bills out of chamber of origin~~



# Legislative Session Cutoff Dates (cont.)

- **March 29:** Last day to pass bills out of policy committee (opposite chamber)
- **April 4:** Last day to pass bills out of fiscal committee (opposite chamber)
- **April 12:** Last day (5pm) for bills to be passed on the floor (opposite chamber)
- **April 23:** Sine die (end of regular session)



# Bills that have died for this session

- Keep Our Care Act (SB 5241)
- End the failed War on Drugs by adopting SURSAC recommendations (SB 5624)
- Traffic Safety for All (HB 1513)
- Access to Fairness (HB 1025)
- AG Investigation & Reform (HB 1445)
- Raise the Age (SB 5434)
- Emerging Adults (SB 5451)
- Ending the long-term use of solitary confinement (HB 1087)
- People's Privacy Act (HB 1616)
- Automated decision systems (SB 5365)

# 2023 Legislative Priorities

## Abortion and Gender Affirming Care Access

- Washington My Health, My Data (ESHB 1155) – heard today in Senate Law & Justice
  - Action opportunity! Fill out our action alert
- No cost-sharing for abortions (SB 5242) – scheduled for public hearing Friday (3/17) in House Health Care & Wellness
  - Action opportunity! Sign in PRO

# 2023 Legislative Priorities

## Abortion and Gender Affirming Care Access

- Provider licensing protections (ESHB 1340) – executive action taken this morning in Senate Health & Long Term Care
- Shield law (ESHB 1469) – scheduled for public hearing Thursday (3/16) in Senate Law & Justice
  - Action opportunity! Sign in PRO

# 2023 Legislative Priorities

## Decriminalizing Drug Possession

- ACLU-WA opposes E2SSB 5536, which criminalizes simple use drug possession as a gross misdemeanor.
- The bill passed out of the Senate and has been referred to House Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry.

## Transforming Sentencing & Reentry

- Juvenile Points (EHB 1324) – referred to Senate Law & Justice
  - Action opportunity! Contact your L&J Senators

# Announcements & Actions

1. Sign up for our legislative update email list!
2. Fill out the action alert for My Health My Data, asking the Senate to strengthen and pass ESHB 1155.
3. Contact your Senator if they're on Law & Justice and tell them to support EHB 1324.
4. Sign in on the following bills:
  - Sign in PRO on SB 5242
  - Sign in PRO on ESHB 1469

# Next Zoom Call

Tuesday, March 21 at 5:30pm

Same call-in information



## Questions?

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