# **2020 STATE HEALTH PRIORITIES**



Seattle Indian Health Board ensures the health and well-being of urban American Indian and Alaska Native communities by providing culturally attuned healthcare and human services, conducting data research through its research division the Urban Indian Health Institute, and collaborating with tribal, community, and federal partners.

#### MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

# Address violence against Native women and girls.

➤ Support a \$200,000 budget proviso for the Washington State Patrol to convene a community-led statewide taskforce on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls to ensure accurate and complete reporting, investigations, and access to services for Native people impacted by gender-based violence

## **INDIAN HEALTHCARE**

## Address healthcare system disparities.

- Co-sponsor the Washington Indian Suicide and Addiction Response Act to increase access to culturally attuned behavioral health crisis care for Native people through increased tribal sovereignty and improved state-tribal coordination.
- Amend the Washington Indian Health Care Improvement Act to clarify legislative intent to address issues of suicide and addiction
- Support a budget proviso to develop tribally driven toolkits that address suicidal ideation and continue the Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Summit
- ► Co-sponsor a bill to establish a Washington State Youth Suicide Review Panel
- ► Address gaps in capital infrastructure funding for culturally attuned inpatient substance use disorder (SUD) residential treatment

#### FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

# Fund foundational public health systems.

➤ Support technical corrections to the Department of Health's Foundational Public Health Services budget request to ensure continued progress on transforming Washington State's public health system

## SUPPORTING PRIORITIES

#### **INDIAN HEALTHCARE**

- Amend RCW 38.52.040 to include tribal representation on Washington State's Emergency Management Council
- ► HB 1317 Dental therapists

#### **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

- ► Invest \$10 million in the Housing Trust Fund
- ► Support the Working Families Tax Credit
- ► Support fixes to WorkFirst Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ➤ Support a capital gains tax to balance the tax code and raise revenue for critical resources and services that foster economic stability for low-income households