SEATTLE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD

2021 State Health Priorities

Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) 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, Urban Indian Health Institute; and collaborating with tribal, community, and local partners.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)

Address violence against Native women and girls.

- Support a $500,000 budget proviso to the Office of the Attorney General to convene a statewide taskforce on MMIWG

Indian Health Care

Address healthcare system disparities.

- Support a $300,000 capital budget request to initiate a planning and feasibility phase for the relocation of SIHB’s Substance Use Disorder (SUD) inpatient treatment facility—Thunderbird Treatment Center
- Preserve all adult Medicaid Dental benefits
- Co-sponsor a bill to amend the Indian Behavioral Health Act to better align State’s involuntary treatment laws with the Indian healthcare system.
- Support a $400,000 budget provision to develop Tribal and Urban Community Driven Toolkits that address suicidal ideation

American Indian and Alaska Native Relationship Priorities

Honor Trust and Treaty Obligations to Native citizens.

- Support legislation to create an engagement process between state agencies and urban Native organizations

Foundational Public Health Services

Fund foundational public health systems.

- Support a minimum of $143 million with a plan to sustainably scale up to $450 million each biennium from the Department of Health’s Foundational Public Health Services budget
- Support SB 5101 Establishing tribal representation on the Washington State’s Emergency Management Council

Supporting Priorities

Indian Healthcare

- Support Tribal Opt-in Language for Long Term Service Trust Act with opt-in language and community health aides as a provider type
- Support SB 5068 Expanding Medicaid Postpartum Coverage from 60 days to 12 months
- Support SB 5052 Concerning the creation of health equity zones
- Support 5371 Funding public health services and health equity initiatives through a statewide sweetened beverage tax
- Support a universal healthcare bill.

Housing Stability and Affordability

- Pass the Just Cause Eviction for statewide protections against discriminatory and arbitrary evictions
- Invest $240 million for the Housing Trust Fund
- Invest $10 million for preservation of affordable housing from the Capital Budget

Economic Well-being

- Support the Recovery Rebate
- Support fixes to WorkFirst Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)