

Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment

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Fact Sheet

Issue: Protection of civil rights as documented in the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Olmstead Act

Concern: Erosion of federal protections and reduction in civil rights

Action:

- Codify Olmstead protections in Washington state law
- Strengthen Washington Law Against Discrimination
- Maintain funding levels for agencies charged with civil rights enforcement and education

Issue: Voter accessibility

Issue: Federal actions could impact current voter access such as mail in ballots and accessible voting machines. Non print users and people who have visual disabilities cannot currently independently submit their vote.

- Support legislation for accessible voter portal for people with disabilities
- Track and educate on issues of accessibility related to mail in ballots and decertification of accessible voting machines

Issue: Homelessness continues to rise and disproportionately impacts people with disabilities

- Support research backed practices such as housing first
- Maintain permanent supportive housing stock
- Support accessible affordable housing for people with disabilities