

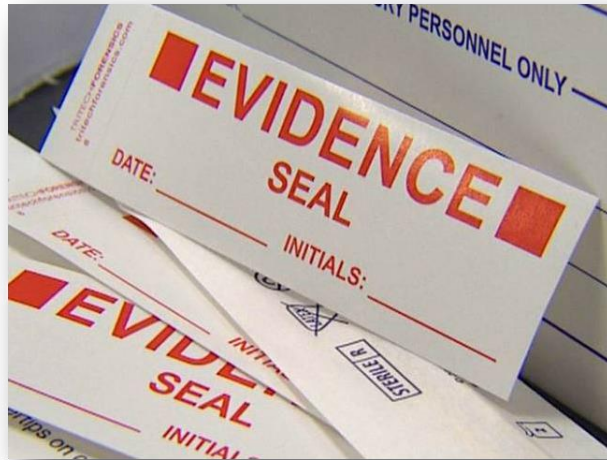
*We are implementing policies that protect our most vulnerable citizens, give victims the support they need, and restore trust in law enforcement to build strong communities where Washingtonians can live, work, and raise their families.*

## RAPE KITS

### Testing and tracking every rape kit

#### **Ensuring all rape kits are tested / HB 2530 –**

Thousands of rape kits are untested in Washington. Last year we passed a law to require that every rape kit be submitted for lab testing within 30 days of collection. This legislation will put in place a system for both law enforcement and victims to track rape kits. The bill also provides a grant to reinvestigate cases up to five years old where kits weren't submitted for forensic testing. Delay would be a further injustice to victims.



## DEBTOR'S PRISON SYSTEM

### When offenders can't pay, victims don't get justice

**Ending the Debtor's Prison system / HB 1390 –** Criminal offenders, on top of their jail time, usually need to pay back court fines and fees, as well as restitution to their victims. Unfortunately, most can't afford the court fines and fees due to the high interest rate charged, accruing even when they're behind bars. Unjust fees and high interest result in an unfair system that keeps offenders from paying off their fines and paying their victims' restitution. This bill will lower or eliminate that interest rate so offenders can focus on paying back their victims.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

### Addressing repeat domestic violence

**Domestic violence recidivism / HB 1632 –** One in four women will be a victim of domestic violence in her lifetime. Victims come from every socio-economic class, race, religion and sexual orientation. We can do better. Repeat domestic violence offenders wreak untold damage on their victims, children, and their community. Our legislation will crack down on those offenders with better accountability and supervision, and will increase the penalties for their crimes.

## PROTECTING SENIORS

### Protecting our aging population from abuse

**Vulnerable adults / HB 1499** – Our aging population is at greater risk of abuse, both from physical neglect by caregivers and theft from fraud and undue influence. Older people who are abused, neglected, or financially exploited are three times more likely to die prematurely. This bill will better protect the elderly by increasing penalties for criminal mistreatment and theft from vulnerable adults, as well as make it easier to bring charges and secure criminal convictions. We need to make sure that older adults and the vulnerable among us aren't being taken advantage of or abused by people entrusted with their care.



## BETTER POLICING STANDARDS

### Reinforcing trust for safer communities

**Law enforcement body cameras/ HB 2362** – Finding the right balance between evolving technology and government transparency presents a challenge to our law enforcement and corrections officers. This bill would require law enforcement agencies that use body cameras to adopt policies on their use and clarifies when a body camera recording may, and may not, be disclosed under the Public Records Act.