Washington State Long-Term Care
OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2026

1. Maintain Legislative Funding for **the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program**.
   - **Thank you** for maintaining the general state funds awarded to the LTCOP!
   - The program is working with the Department of Commerce on a proposal to increase ombudsman visits to **adult family homes,** which have grown in number (doubling) over the last fifteen years to over 5,400 homes across the state.

2. Maintain state funding for the Office of Civil Legal Aid's program to help long-term care residents who are facing **evictions**! This funding provides free legal services to vulnerable adults who are involuntarily being kicked-out of their long-term care homes.

3. **SB 5280-** Protects individuals and increases public safety by limiting crypto currency kiosks transactions to $2,000. Older vulnerable adults are susceptible to fraud and money scams. This legislation provides an extra layer of protection to members of the community.

4. **SB 6070**- Supporting the recovery of missing persons. The bill does several things, but of main importance to the population of long-term care residents is the **PURPLE** Alert which addresses a person who is believed to be in danger due to a specified condition or circumstance, and who is a person with a developmental disability, a vulnerable adult, or a person who has been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease or other age-related dementia.

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