

Legislative Executive WorkFirst Poverty Reduction Oversight Task Force

October 1, 2018

Agenda

- Introductions and Welcome
- Overview of requirements of E3SHB 1482
- Background
 - Legislative Executive Workfirst Oversight Task Force
 - Governor Inslee's Interagency Poverty Reduction Workgroup
- Achieving the purpose

E3SHB 1482 - Overview

- Governance and Membership
- Key Requirements and Intent
- Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee
- Deliverable – Five year strategic plan by December 2019



E3SHB 1482 – Intent

- **Intergenerational Poverty** passes from parents to children



E3SHB 1482 – Requirements

The Task Force shall:

- Oversee operation of the **WorkFirst** program and **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families**
- Determine evidence-based outcome measures for the WorkFirst program
- Develop accountability measures for WorkFirst recipients and the state agencies
- Develop and monitor strategies to prevent and address adverse childhood experiences and reduce intergenerational poverty
- Seek input on best practices for poverty reduction
- Analyze available data and information regarding intergenerational poverty in the state and
- Recommend policy actions to the Governor and the legislature to effectively reduce intergenerational poverty and promote and encourage self-sufficiency

E3SHB 1482 – Advisory Committee

Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) created to assist the task force.

- Include diverse, statewide representation from public, nonprofit and for-profit entities.

Members appointed by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Secretary, with the approval of the task force.

- Appointed for a four year term
- Meet quarterly



Background: History of TANF oversight in Washington

- Originally an Executive managed block grant with oversight through TANF/WorkFirst SubCabinet
- Oversight transferred to Leg Exec WorkFirst Oversight Task Force in 2011 through ESSB 5921
 - Membership consisted of former WorkFirst SubCabinet and legislators
 - Much of the TANF/WorkFirst oversight in E3SHB 1482 is from that legislation

Background: Governor's Poverty Reduction Task Force

- Established Nov 2017 and co-led by DSHS, ESD and Commerce
- Broad Membership
- Consider poverty through a broad lens
 - Early learning / education
 - Post-secondary training and employment opportunities
 - Increasing economic assets within families and communities
 - Housing, health and well-being, and social capital

Background: Governor's Poverty Reduction Task Force

- Establish measurable set of goals
- Engage diverse stakeholder groups to validate goals and develop measures and strategies
- Collaborate with partners on intersection of poverty reduction efforts and recommend refinements to programs where appropriate
- Develop a 10-year strategic plan to reduce poverty (Sept. 2018)
- Report back to Governor, Legislature and Task Force Dec. 2019

Background: Governor's Poverty Reduction Task Force

- Work Completed to Date
 - Forming and Norming
 - Learning and Listening
 - Steering Committee
 - Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
 - Root Causes and Framework
- Draft Report highlights



Discussion Topics:

- Is there a nexus between the Task Force and the Poverty Reduction Work Group?
- Action steps to align the work moving forward.



Discussion Topics:

- Overview of Poverty Reduction (specifically IGP) nationally
- Data regarding low income in Washington State

