Governor Inslee’s Poverty Reduction Workgroup &
Taskforce on WorkFirst & Poverty Reduction

Proposed Working Relationship

**Governor’s Poverty Reduction Workgroup**
(Taskforce Advisory Committee)

- **PURPOSE**
  “Use data, research, and the voice of those affected to examine the root causes of poverty in communities across the state, how poverty manifests itself in the lives of our citizens, the effects of intergenerational poverty and how we, as a state, can aid individuals and families in exiting poverty.”
  - Governor’s Directive
  - November 2017

- **ROLES**
  Prepares recommendations for Governor Inslee
  Serves in an advisory capacity to Taskforce on situational and intergenerational poverty

- **DELIVERABLES**
  10-year comprehensive strategic plan to reduce poverty due December 1, 2019
  - Areas of focus:
    - Early education
    - Post-secondary success & careers
    - Economic stability, assets, & wealth
    - Health and well-being
    - Social capital

**Legislative-Executive Taskforce on WorkFirst and Poverty Reduction**

- **PURPOSE**
  “Policy and program development to address intergenerational poverty and to develop specific strategies to provide families the support they need to overcome a history of poverty.”
  - HB 1482
  - Signed into law March 2018

- **ROLES**
  Vets recommendations from Governor’s workgroup
  Develops legislation when appropriate and needed

- **DELIVERABLES**
  5-year strategic plan to reduce poverty due December 1, 2019
  - Areas of focus:
    - WorkFirst program; poverty and its relationship to outcomes related to education, health care, employment, child welfare, and other related areas
HB 1482 Intergenerational Advisory Committee

HB 1482 states that the Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee is created to assist the Taskforce. The bill states “the advisory committee must include diverse, statewide representation from public, nonprofit, and for-profit entities. The committee membership must reflect regional, racial, and cultural diversity to adequately represent the needs of all children and families in the state.”

Comparison of Governor’s Poverty Reduction Workgroup Membership with Requirements for Intergenerational Advisory Committee Under HB 1482

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