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
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
  o Forming and Norming
  o Learning and Listening
  o Steering Committee
  o Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
  o 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