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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

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TO: Agency Directors

FROM: Drew Shirk, Executive Director
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Updated:

SUBJECT: 2023 Agency Request Legislation

On behalf of Governor Inslee and the entire Executive Team, I want to thank you and your staff for your excellent work during the 2022 virtual legislative session.

It is time to begin work on 2023 agency request legislation, which is due on **Friday, September 16, 2022**. **Only requests submitted through the new Bill Enrollment & Agency Requests System (BEARS), including all [required elements](#), will be considered** (see page 2). Proposed agency request legislation may be forwarded to the Legislature only after being approved through this process.

After approval, each agency is responsible for securing legislative sponsors. We want to provide timely responses to allow you sufficient time to manage your request bills in advance of the legislative session. We will only authorize bills outside this timeline on a case-by-case basis with prior approval, so please make sure you **submit by the due date**! Bills without completed fiscal notes and stakeholder feedback will not be considered.

As always, agencies are encouraged to focus on legislation that promotes the Governor's priorities and advances proposals that are well-developed, timely and important. Policy and spending items must be fully vetted with stakeholders, OFM and the Governor's Policy Office. This is also a good time to develop agency request proposals that reduce non-priority programs, reports, task forces and outdated statutes so you can focus on strategic priorities.

You will note that there is a new requirement for "Equity Considerations" this is intended to incorporate your agency considerations of the equity impacts of your agency request legislation. We will be sending additional information concerning this in the near future.

Please make time to start discussing agency request proposals with your contacts in the Governor's Policy Office and the OFM Budget Division. If you have questions concerning the process, don't hesitate to call me.

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Agency Request Legislation – 2023 Legislative Session

REQUIRED ELEMENTS CHECKLIST

Legislative proposals will not be reviewed until a complete package is received in the Bill Enrollment & Agency Requests System (BEARS).

Agency heads must review and approve each legislative proposal prior to submittal. Proposals requiring commission or advisory committee endorsements should be presented well in advance to ensure submittals meet the deadline.

The following information must be entered in the Stakeholders page. Include position titles, agency names, entity names, phone numbers or email and any other pertinent information as indicated.

- ☐ All state and local government agencies affected by the proposed bill, their positions, and each agency's representative (and contact information) who may speak to the issue(s).
- ☐ Stakeholder work is required prior to submittal. Proposals without adequate stakeholder work and analysis will be rejected. Stakeholders (e.g., constituent group, legislators, tribal governments) must be entered into the system. Provide contact person name, entity name, their position, and any concerns.

The following information must be entered in the Agency Contacts page. Include position titles, agency names, entity names, phone numbers and any other pertinent information as indicated.

- ☐ Names, titles, and phone numbers for subject matter experts in your agency who are available to answer policy and fiscal impact questions related to the proposed bill.
- ☐ The agency's Assistant Attorney General who reviewed the proposed bill draft.

The following information must be entered in the Required Elements page. Please respond to all questions within the application and do not embed within any attachment unless indicated to do so. The questions can be reviewed on the following page.

- ☐ All questions that indicate as being required for submittal have responses entered within the system
- ☐ All questions that are applicable to your request have responses entered within the system



1. **Provide a statement that explains why your agency needs the bill.** *(Required before submittal.)*
Include in your statement what problem the bill is designed to correct.
2. **Is this bill tied to the Governor's priority or priorities?** *(Required before submittal.)*
3. **If the response to the prior question was "Yes," please indicate which Governor's priority or priorities.** *(Required before submittal.)*
4. **Provide a summary of major provisions.** *(Required before submittal.)*
5. **Provide changes to the current law.** *(Required before submittal.)*
6. **Irrespective of whether a bill has a fiscal impact, attach a completed fiscal note from each of the affected state agency(s), including local government.** *(Required before submittal.)*
Coordinate with Department of Commerce.
7. **Will the fiscal impact of this proposed legislation exceed \$50,000?** *(Required before submittal.)*
8. **If the legislative is tied to a budget request, please provide the agency's budget decision package code and title for reference.** *(Required before submittal.)*
Option: Attach a copy of the Decision Package
9. **Please attach the official Code Reviser draft of the proposed legislation containing a Z-draft number, and ensure it matches the Z-draft number provided on the field within the Agency Request Information screen.** *(Required before submittal.)*
If revisions are made during the review process, add the updated copy to the Attachments section within your agency request.
10. **Review the submittal requirements and confirm the following was included in your list of Agency Contacts:** *(Required before submittal.)*
 - ☐ At least one or more subject matter experts available to answer policy and fiscal impact questions related to the proposed bill.
 - ☐ For any state or local government agencies affected by the proposed bill one or more agency representatives who may speak to the issue(s) has been provided.
 - ☐ The agency's Assistant Attorney General who reviewed the proposed bill draft.
11. **Did you provide adequate stakeholder information within the stakeholder's section?** *(Required before submittal.)*
Proposals without adequate stakeholder work and analysis will be rejected. Stakeholders (e.g., constituent groups, legislators, tribal governments) must be entered into the system.

12. Does this proposal require commission or advisory committee endorsements? *(Required before submittal.)*

If your answer to this question is yes, then the proposal should be presented well in advance to ensure submittals meet the deadline.

13. Complete the equity considerations for each piece of agency request legislation.

The equity considerations are still in progress and will be available for download within BEARS when the new application goes live this June. This needs to be downloaded, completed, and uploaded as an attachment.

14. Did your agency head review and approve this legislative proposal? *(Required before submittal.)*

Optionally provide any supporting documentation for this confirmation.

Provide any additional information about this proposed bill. *(Respond if applicable.)*