



2020 Supplemental Budget Decision Package

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Agency Recommendation Summary

In 2017, the HIV Planning Steering Committee, facilitated by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), recommended actions the state should take to update and modernize state statutes. DOH requests changes in state law to remove HIV/AIDS exceptionalism, reduce negative HIV stigma, and eliminate barriers to routine HIV testing. A one-time appropriation is needed to cover the costs of stakeholder engagement and rule-making.

Fiscal Summary

Dollars in Thousands

Operating Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Fund 001 - 1	\$0	\$51	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$0	\$51	\$0	\$0
Biennial Totals		\$51		\$0
Object of Expenditure	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Obj. A	\$0	\$31	\$0	\$0
Obj. B	\$0	\$11	\$0	\$0
Obj. G	\$0	\$6	\$0	\$0
Obj. T	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$0

Package Description

In 2014, Governor Inslee issued a proclamation to End AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) in Washington by 2020. The proclamation tasked the HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) Planning Steering Group (HPSG), facilitated by the Department of Health (DOH), to draft recommendations focused on reducing new HIV diagnoses by 50 percent and decreasing HIV-related health disparities.

In the spring 2017, DOH began engaging with partners and the community on the HPSG recommendation for legislative action, which include:

- Updating and modernizing Washington’s laws;
- Ending HIV/AIDS exceptionalism;
- Reducing HIV stigma;
- Decriminalizing HIV exposure; and
- Removing barriers to routine HIV testing.

Based upon the recommendations of the HPSG, DOH submitted an agency request legislation for consideration for the 2020 legislative session.

Upon anticipated enactment of the request legislation, the Board will need financial resources to update the state’s communicable disease rules to assure consistency with the legislation’s requirements, engage in significant stakeholder outreach, and complete a significant analysis.

Assumptions and Calculations

Expansion or alteration of a current program or service:

This request is not associated with the expansion or alteration of a current program.

Detailed assumptions and calculations:

The Board will need financial resources to update the state’s communicable disease rules to assure consistency with the legislation’s requirements. Given the complexity of the these rules and the many diverse interest groups that may be affected by the rule (such as HIV, patient rights, and consumer advocacy groups, health care providers and facilities, law enforcement, prosecutors, local health officials, and state agencies), the Board anticipates significant stakeholder outreach and engagement will be needed. In addition staff is needed complete a significant analysis.

One time costs in fiscal year 2021 will include \$46,000 for staff time for rulemaking and 40 hours of Attorney General’s Office time for \$5,000. The total cost in fiscal year 2021 is \$51,000.

Workforce Assumptions:

See attached Financial Calculator.

Strategic and Performance Outcomes

Strategic framework:

This proposal is tied to Results Washington Goal 4: Healthy and Safe Communities

Performance outcomes:

This proposal eliminates HIV/AIDS exceptionalism, improves access to preventive care, ensures the efficacy of health orders for the control of STDs, and modernizes the control of STDs and blood-borne pathogens.

Other Collateral Connections

Intergovernmental:

Governmental entities maybe affected by the rule, including some health care providers and facilities, law enforcement, prosecutors, local health officials, and other state agencies.

Stakeholder response:

Many diverse non-governmental interest groups may be affected by the rule, including such as HIV, patient rights, and consumer advocacy groups and some health care providers and facilities.

The HPSG includes individuals from within a variety of health care service sector and those having personal or professional expertise. DOH does not anticipate opposition to this proposal.

Legal or administrative mandates:

While this proposal is not directly driven by any legal or administrative mandate, it is based on recommendations of the HPSG, which is a steering group created through a legislative-mandate.

Changes from current law:

Based upon the recommendations of the HPSG, DOH submitted an agency request legislation for consideration for the 2020 legislative session which will make changes in state law which include:

- Updating and modernizing Washington's laws;
- Ending HIV/AIDS exceptionalism;
- Reducing HIV stigma;
- Decriminalizing HIV exposure; and
- Removing barriers to routine HIV testing.

State workforce impacts:

This request does not impact existing collective bargaining.

State facilities impacts:

This request does not impact state facilities and workplace needs.

Puget Sound recovery:

This request is not related to Puget Sound recovery efforts.

Reference Documents

- PL B2 Communicable Disease Modernization-FNCAL.xlsm

IT Addendum

Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?

No

