

Legislative Update

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Agenda



- Agency Request Legislation (ARL)
- Decision Packages (DP)
- Fiscal Note 101
- Community Legislative Summit:
November 4th, 2019



Submitted Agency Request Legislation List

Topic	Brief Summary
Reports improvement	Includes early learning and juvenile rehabilitation reports, goal of increasing transparency and usefulness of data presented, while reducing staff effort.
Six Month Trial Return Home	Substitutes requirement for six month trial return with “until the court determines there is no longer the need for continued intervention. Casework supervision by the department shall not exceed six months unless authorized by the court.”
Early Achievers and ECEAP providers remedial activities	Clarifying language for early learning providers participating in our quality rating improvement program to ensure maintenance of subsidy eligibility during certain rating activities.
Child abuse prevention federal requirements	Expands protections related to civil and criminal liability related to medical evaluations and consultations that are performed in good faith and without gross negligence.
Child care and foster care licensing improvements	Clarifying language to improve efficiency, reduce confusion, and limit liability of the agency.
Technical Corrections	Correcting a few remaining oversights in the creation of DCYF



Submitted Decision Package List – Early Learning

Topic	Brief Summary	FTE's and Funding Requested
ECEAP Special Needs Rate	Creation of a special needs rate add on for ECEAP slots.	\$997,000
WCCC Rate Restructure	Moves WCCC rates to a monthly rate more in line with private pay child care.	Placeholder – Could be almost cost neutral
Standards Alignment Support	Provides financial support to providers coming into alignment with new child care rules.	\$3 million
Center QI Awards & NSHB	Expands quality improvement and non-standard hours bonus to licensed child care centers.	\$722,000
Provider Professional Development	Provides scholarships and other supports for providers to come into alignment with state and federal education and competencies requirements	Placeholder



Submitted Decision Package List – Child Welfare

Topic	Brief Summary	FTE's and Funding Requested
Achieving Safe & Stable Placements	A number of investments to address youth who stay in hotels and experience significant placement disruptions.	6 FTE's and \$6.74 million
Reducing Caseloads	Adding additional staff to reduce caseloads in CFWS.	20 FTE's and \$2.74 million
Timeliness of Home Studies	Additional staff to increase the speed of home studies, especially for kin.	17.5 FTE's and \$1.952 million
Background Checks	Additional staff to review cases where a provider or placement has a criminal history but could be cleared for work or placement	15 FTE and \$1.939 million
Increased AGO	The AGO is asking for additional funding to address AAG caseloads	\$3.8 million
Improve Parent Child Visits	Increases the rate paid for parent child visitation services to ensure that parents and children can visit each other regularly.	3 FTE's and \$17.472 million
Waiver Shortfall	DCYF closed out it's Title IV-E waiver on September 31 st , 2019. As part of reconciling expenditures, DCYF discovered a significant shortfall in funding for increases to staffing and other costs that occurred during the waiver.	\$25 million
FPAWS Settlement	A placeholder for possible increases to the Level 1 Foster Parent payments	Placeholder
Intake Efficiencies	Funding is requested to build an online portal for mandatory reporters, lessening the workload and call volume on child abuse intake lines	\$281,000

Submitted Decision Package List – Juvenile Rehab

Topic	Brief Summary	FTE's and Funding Requested
JR to 25	Additional resources and staff to implement JR to 25.	61.5 FTE's and \$10.266 million
Safe and Therapeutic Environment	Additional staff to ensure JR's youth and staff are safe and in a therapeutic environment.	24.7 FTE's and \$3.249 million

Submitted Decision Package List – Program Support

Topic	Brief Summary	FTE's and Funding Requested
Agency Infrastructure	Additional staff necessary to administer DCYF back office functions including HR and fiscal supports.	23 FTE's and \$2.8 million
IT Infrastructure	Funding is needed to get DCYF on a unified IT network, which eliminates risk for sharing highly confidential information and improves business processes.	\$4.5 million
Tribal Investments	Additional positions within DCYF to review child welfare cases for ICW compliance, increase work with tribes around juvenile justice issues	3 FTE and \$409,000
Agency Performance Improvement	Additional staff and resources to continue work on performance based contracting and develop QA/CQI practices inside DCYF	8 FTE and \$1.5 million
Adolescent Programs	Adding two staff to the newly formed Adolescent Programs Division to ensure the development of a strategic approach to adolescent issues across DCYF and the State	2.0 FTE and \$343,000

What advocates (sometimes) think we do



What program staff think we do



What the public thinks we do



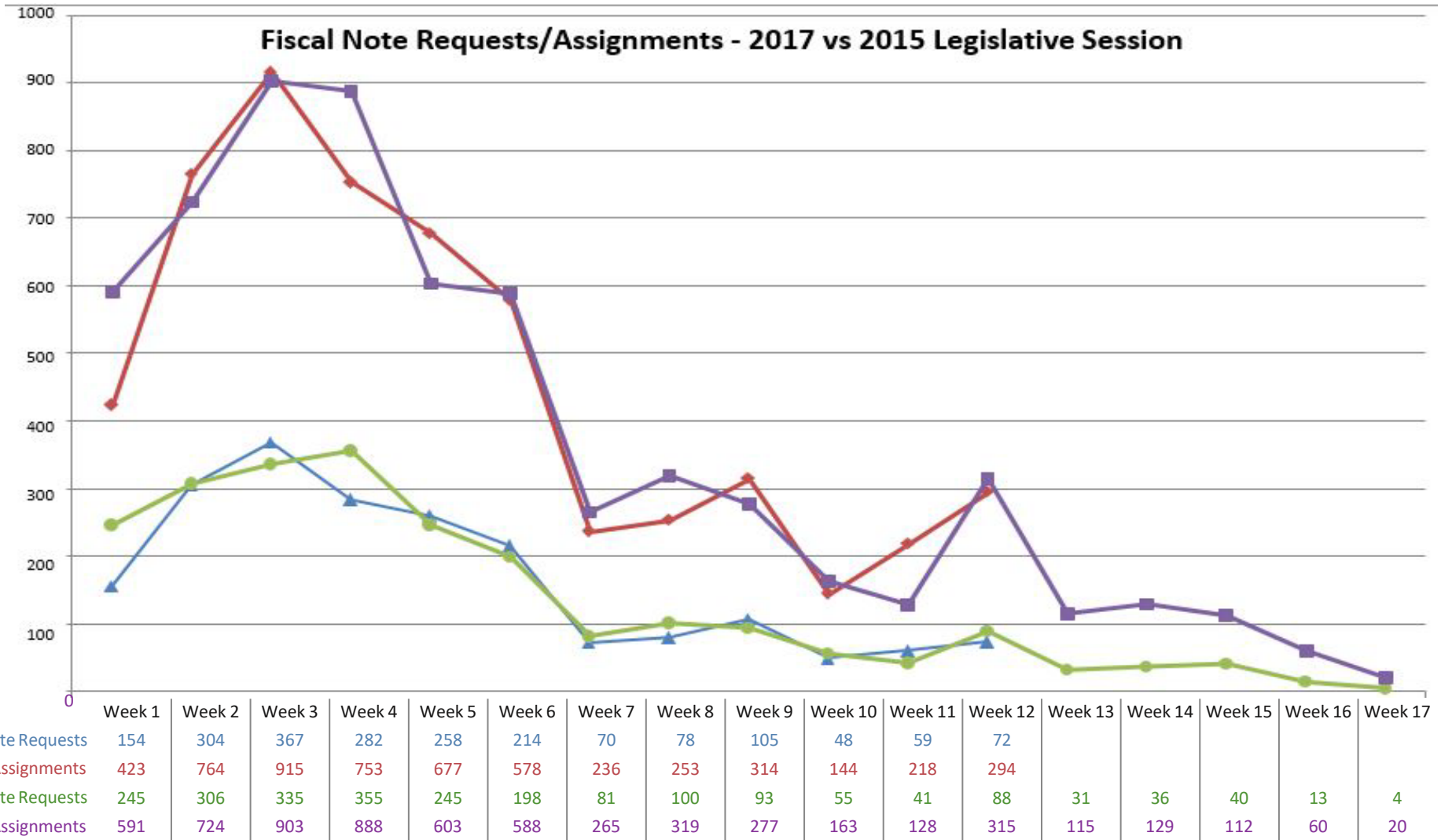
What we actually do



Fiscal Note Process

- 1) Legislative staff write a bill or policy proposal
- 2) The Office of Financial Management (OFM) sends fiscal note assignment to DCYF budget team
- 3) DCYF budget team asks DCYF program staff to make a fiscal impact estimate that identifies everything necessary in order to successfully implement the policy
- 4) DCYF budget team makes fiscal calculations, writes fiscal note, and submits to OFM
- 5) Legislative staff revise bill language, whole process begins again

Fiscal notes should be completed within 72 hours
or 24 hours before a hearing.



Fiscal Note Guidance

- State and share your assumptions
- Base your assumptions on facts
- What is the new cost associated with the bill? Fiscal notes are incremental.
- Be objective and factual
- Respond to the bill as written



Questions DCYF asks about a fiscal note:

1. Why does this bill have fiscal impact? What is it trying to do? Is this new work? Is it asking for current work to be done with more people or differently?
2. Who's your target population? How many of them are there? What is an objective source for a population estimate?
3. If the service or the target population is new, what do you think the rate at which people will enter or use the service?
4. Who's going to do the work? Is this state employees? How many and what kinds? Is this contracted work? How much will you need to pay to get the work done?



Examples:

Student Parents (HB 1303)

- 47,041 parents attend tech and community colleges
- DCYF discounted for student parents who are served through other programs
- 43,067 potentially need child care
- Calculated how many are income eligible (90% of 1 parent and 48% OF 2 parent households)
- Only assumptions were around how many would use the benefit
- Apply the known Working Connections per capita costs

Examples:

Homelessness:

- Point in Time count in 2018 identified 5,880 families as homeless in Washington
- Homeless data is collected in this count by sheltered and unsheltered and by households with minors, without and only minors
- PIT count for all homeless youth without a parent was 286
- OSPI also collects homelessness data for K-12 students using a different definition. In the 2017-2018 school year, they report over 40,365 students as homeless
- Depending on the definition and assumptions, one could end up with very different costs.

DCYF Community Legislative Summit

Monday, November 4, 2019
Lacey Community Center
6729 Pacific Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Session #1 – Early Learning	8:30am-10:00am
Session #2 – Family Supports & Adolescent Services	10:30am-12:00pm
Session #3 – Child Welfare	1:00pm-2:30pm
Session #4 – Juvenile Rehabilitation	3:00pm-4:30pm

Please RSVP (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BTBYYTW>) to reserve your spot today



Thank you!

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