GUIDANCE TO THE EJ TASK FORCE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019
Lakewood, WA

David Mendoza & Victor Rodriguez
Task Force Co-Chairs
“...to recommend strategies for incorporating environmental justice principles into future State agency actions across Washington”

ESHB 1109, section 221, subsection 48

TASK FORCE CREATION

- Created through a proviso in the state’s 2019-2021 operating budget

- State general funds:
  - $300,000 (FY20)
  - $90,000 (FY21)
HEALTH DISPARITIES COUNCIL (HDC)

- Created through legislation in 2006 (2SSB 6197).
- 17 members:
  - 14 from state agencies, boards, and commissions
  - 3 selected by the Governor
- Identify priorities and create recommendations for the Governor and Legislature.
- Eliminate health disparities by race/ethnicity and gender.
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TASK FORCE GOAL

To improve health outcomes, especially within communities that are most severely and frequently impacted by environmental health hazards in the state.
PATHWAY TO ACHIEVING THIS GOAL
The Task Force will work diligently to center the voices of those who belong to communities that are most impacted by environmental justice issues throughout its work.
PURPOSE

To recommend strategies for incorporating environmental justice principles into future State agency actions across Washington
RESPONSIBILITIES

This Task Force will produce a final report due to the legislature and Governor by October 31, 2020.

The final report must include:

1. Guidance for State agencies about how to use the Washington Environmental Health Disparity Map to identify highly impacted communities.
2. Best practices for increasing meaningful and inclusive community engagement.
3. Recommendations for establishing measurable goals for reducing environmental health disparities and ways in which state agencies may focus their work towards meeting those goals.
4. Model policies that prioritize highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations.
Both subcommittees to research & identify **measurable goals & model policies** for state agencies to reduce environmental health disparities & advancing a healthy environment for all

*(Required report study areas 3 & 4)*
Task Force Timeline

September Meeting
Lakewood

November Meeting
Yakima

January Meeting
Vancouver

March/April Meeting
Spokane

TBD May Meeting
NW WA

June Meeting
Tacoma

August Meeting
Seattle

Legislative Session

1st draft of report

Finalize recs & approve content

Final Report Due October 31, 2020
THANK YOU

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