

Legislative Equity Assessment Proposed Options

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ECONorthwest, (Consultants hired by OFM)

- During the 2021 legislative session, House Bill 1264 was introduced, which would have required the development and use of Equity Impact Statements during future legislative sessions in a phased-in approach.
- The bill was later converted into a budget proviso that was reflected in Chapter 334, Laws of 2021, Sec 113, the budget proviso funding this project.

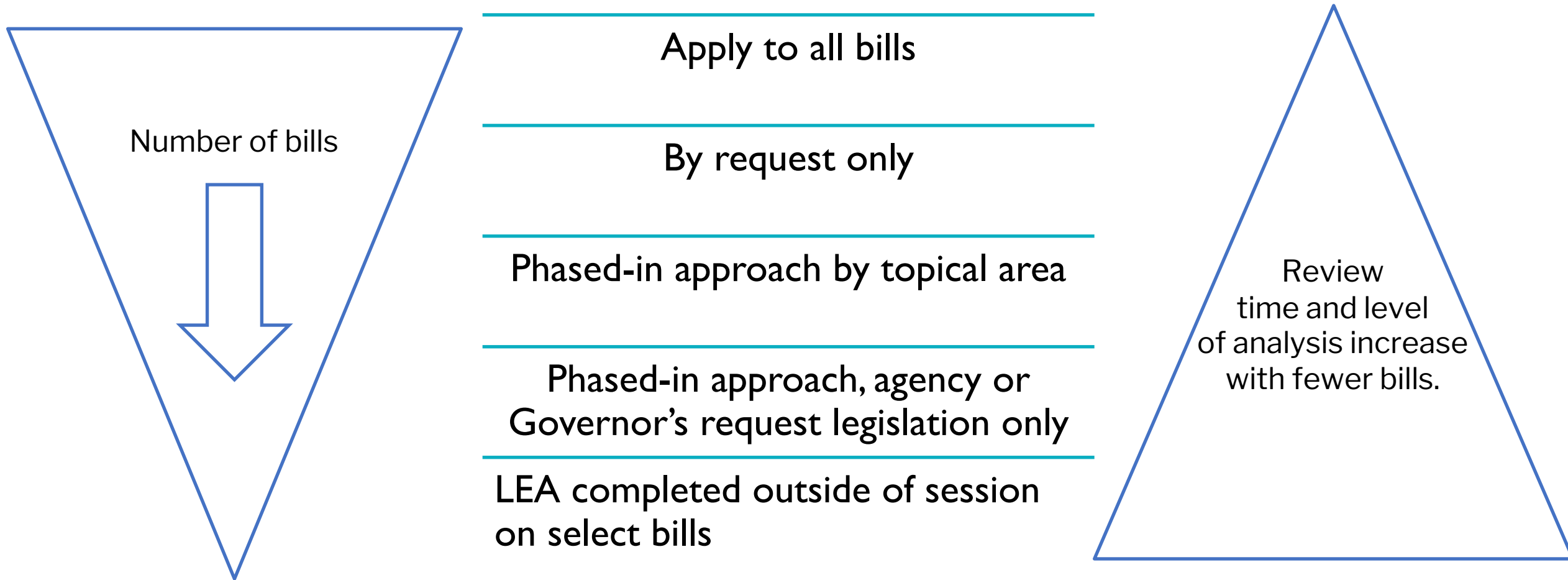
Questions to be Answered

- How and when is a request for an LEA initiated?
- Who will conduct the LEA?
- Who is responsible for coordinating the LEA process?
- Who will review submitted LEAs for accuracy and completeness?
- How will issues/concerns/complaints about the LEA be addressed/handled?
- What is the recommended timeframe for completing an LEA on proposed legislation?

What other states are doing

State/ Jurisdiction	Request -Based System	Who Re- quests?	Limited # Reports	Who Completes Report?	Focus on Racial Equity	Focus on Broader Equity	Criminal Justice Bills Only	All Bills/ Policies
CO	X	Multiple	20	Legislative Council Staff		X		X
CT	X	One		General Assembly Office of Legis- lative Research	X		X	
FL				FSU College of Criminology and Criminal Justice	X		X	
IA				Legislative Services Agency		X	X	
ME	X	One		Still in pilot stage.	X			X
MD	X	One		Bowie State Uni. and Uni. of Balti- more Schaefer Center	X		X	
MN				Sentencing Guidelines Commission		X	X	
NJ	X	One		Office of Legislative Services	X		X	
OR	X	One		Criminal Justice Commission	X		X	
VA	X	Multiple	6	Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission*	X		X	

Efficiency vs. Depth of analysis



Option A(s): LEA Coordinated and Conducted by Non-partisan Legislative Staff

Timing: Before Policy Committee Hearing.

Training: Office of Equity/DES

Who decides
whether bill gets
an LEA?

All Bills,
Request Options,
Screen by topic area

Who coordinates
the process?

Non-partisan
legislative staff,
assigned to a
committee

Who conducts
the assessment?

Non-partisan
legislative staff,
assigned to a
committee

Option B(s): LEA Coordinated by OFM, Conducted by Agencies

Timing: Before Policy Committee Hearing

Training: Office of Equity/DES.

Who decides
whether bill gets
an LEA?

All Bills,
Request Options,
Screen by topic area

Who coordinates
the process?

The Office of
Financial
Management

Who conducts
the assessment?

The appropriate
agency(s), with
assistance

Coordination

This means that upon receiving the LEA request, an OFM analyst reads the associated bill to determine which agencies should prepare the LEA report.

Lead Agency

OFM designates a lead agency and sends the request to the assigned agencies via Fiscal Note System software or a similar. If there are two or more agencies involved, the lead agency is responsible for coordinating shared assumptions among the agencies. And analyst trained by the Office of Equity or Department of Enterprise Services reviews the completed LEA.

Review

After the agencies approve the equity report internally, they release and transmit the note to OFM for review. The review will note the use of the approved format, accuracy, reasonableness, and completeness.

Answer the following questions using available data, relevant research, or literature, and/or engagement information gathered throughout the process of completing the EIS. Use charts, tables, or graphs as needed.

- How may the provisions of the proposed legislation positively or negatively affect the populations most likely to be impacted by the bill? Please be clear about the positive or negative impacts and estimate the type and magnitude of the probable impacts.
- Provide a review of the relevant research or literature available on the equity impacts of this proposed legislation.

METHODOLOGY

Clearly cite data sources (qualitative or quantitative) used in the evaluation of this bill, the limitations of these sources and the methodology used.

SOURCES

Include all data sources, literature review, or background research citations.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS (REQUIRED FOR AGENCY REQUEST BILLS)

Please explain how you have engaged with potentially impacted community members, tribal nations, and others. What is the history of this issue in the community?