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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

COUNCIL BRIEFING: LITERATURE REVIEW ON INEQUITIES IN ACCESS AND THE REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

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REPRODUCTIVE PARITY ACT

Substitute Senate Bill 6129, An act relating to improving access to reproductive health (Chapter 119, Laws of 2018)

Defined reproductive health

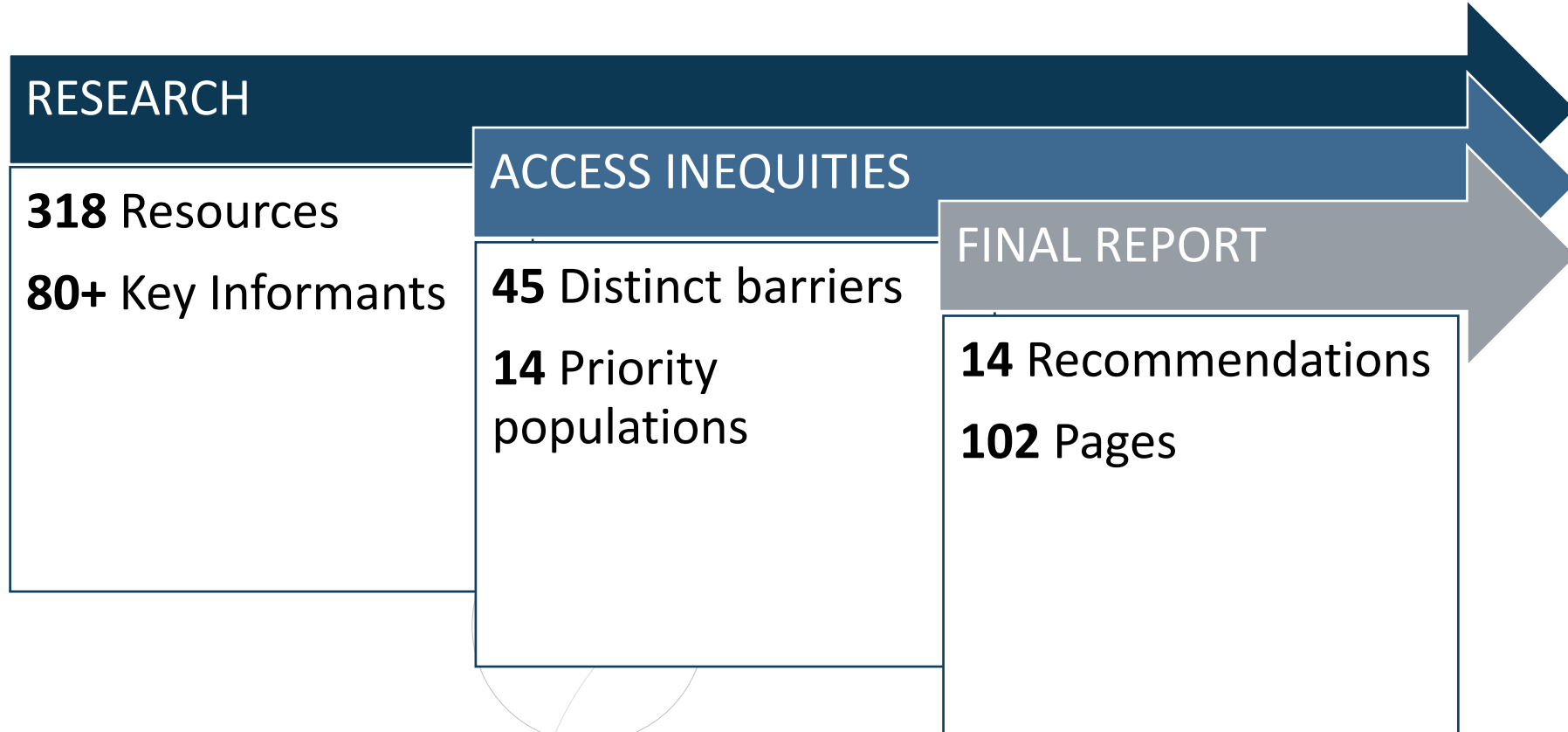
as the “care necessary to support the reproductive system, the capability to reproduce, and the **freedom and services necessary to decide if, when, and how often to do so**, which can include contraception, cancer and disease screenings, abortion, preconception, maternity, prenatal, and postpartum care.”

Required the Council to:

1. Conduct a **literature review** on disparities in **access to reproductive healthcare**, and
2. Propose **recommendations for the legislature** to eliminate/reduce identified inequities.



LITERATURE REVIEW BY THE NUMBERS

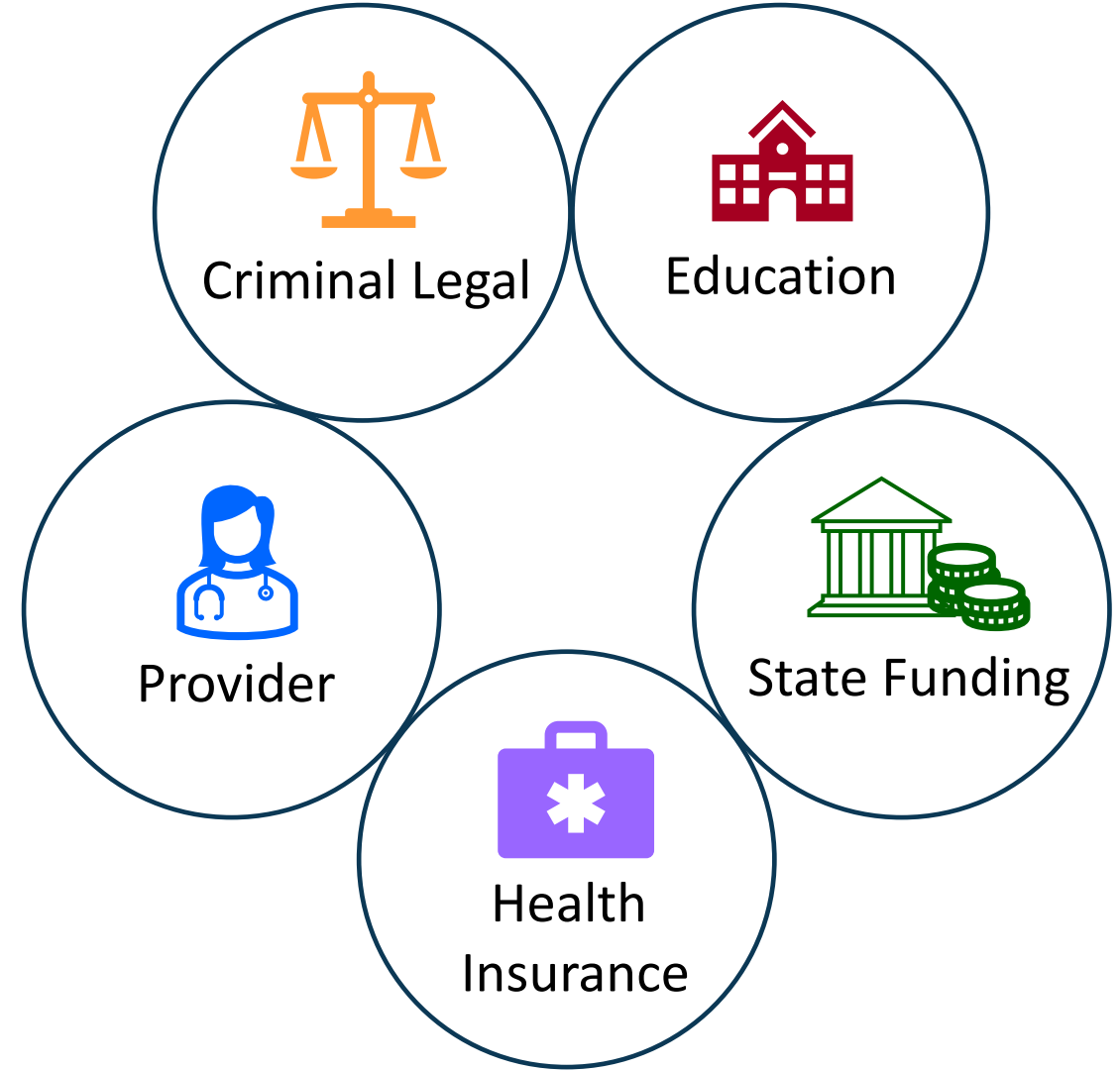


RECOMMENDATIONS

14 recommendations were:

Identified based on alignment between recommendations in published literature and those offered by WA state agencies and organizations.

Prioritized based on the likelihood they would address access barriers for multiple priority populations.





RECOMMENDATION STATUS UPDATE

Criminal Legal	Education	Provider	Health Insurance	State Funding
Recommendation 1 TBD	Recommendation 3 In Progress	Recommendation 5 TBD	Recommendation 7 Completed	Recommendation 11 Funding for FY 2021-23
Recommendation 2 Aligned Work Completed	Recommendation 4 TBD	Recommendation 6 Completed	Recommendation 8 TBD	Recommendation 12 Completed
			Recommendation 9 In Progress	Recommendation 13 TBD
			Recommendation 10 TBD	Recommendation 14 TBD



REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

Black women coined the phrase “Reproductive Justice” in 1994.

It encompasses the concepts of

Reproductive Rights,

Social Justice,

& Human Rights

as a way of centering the lived experiences of Black women.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

Connects to other social justice issues:

- Economic justice
- Education
- Immigrant rights
- Environmental justice
- Sexual rights
- Globalization

Acknowledges structural and systemic barriers:

- Gendered, sexualized, and racialized power systems
- Systems of oppression affecting intersectional identities





ALIGNMENT WITH REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FRAMEWORK

Reproductive health is "the care necessary to support the reproductive system, the capability to reproduce, and

the freedom and services necessary to decide if, when, and how often to do so,

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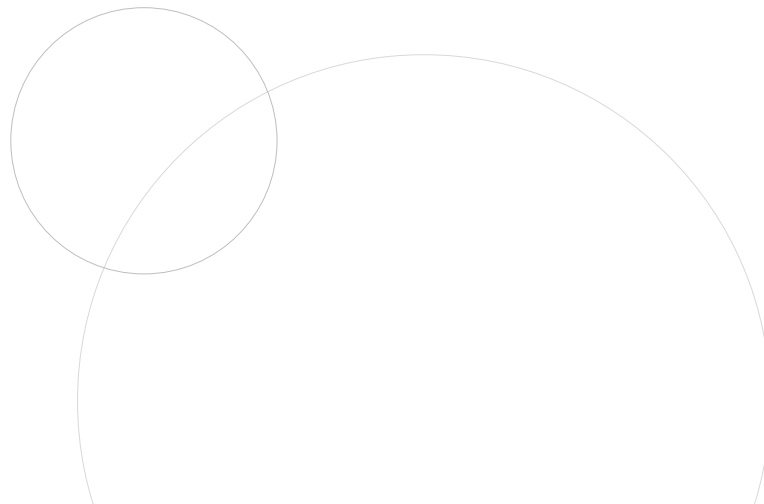
ACCESS



HUMAN RIGHT / CHOICE



REPRODUCTIVE SERVICES





QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION





MORE INFORMATION



Review the final [Report to the Legislature: Literature Review on Inequities in Reproductive Health Access Substitute Senate Bill 6219; Chapter 119, Laws of 2018. January 1, 2019.](#)

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