



Updates: Council Redesign Proposal



January 30, 2024



The Health Disparities Council is recommending updates to our statute (RCW [43.20.270-280](#)), the law that directs our work, to incorporate 17 years of work and learning addressing health disparities in Washington State.



Foundational Truths



- Racism is a public health crisis.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and magnified the human cost of health inequities
- Climate change affects us all, exacerbates inequities, and must be addressed through a racial equity and intersectional lens.
- We are interconnected.
- There are many dimensions to health and wellbeing.
- Community holds inherent power.



REDESIGN PROPOSAL

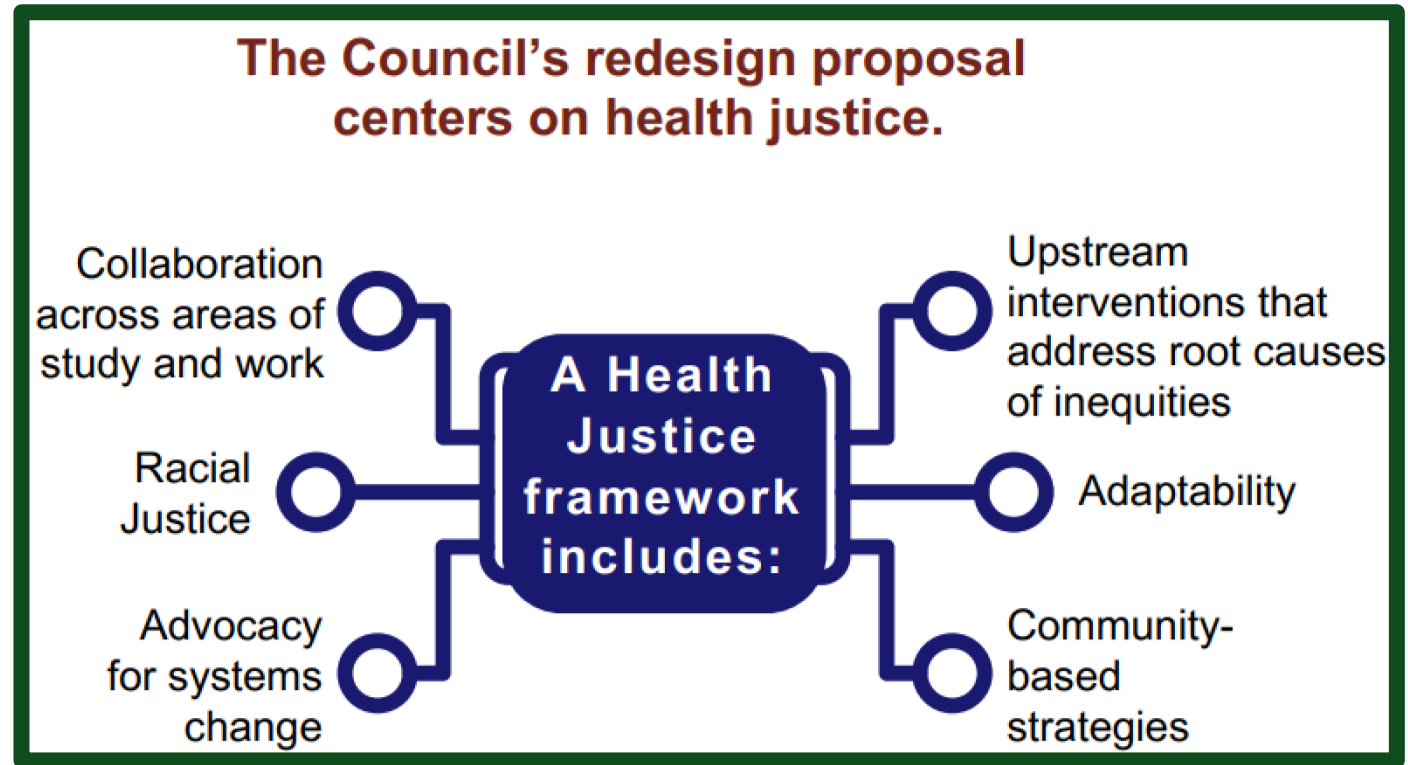
2 COMPONENTS

STATUTORY: request legislation

Update the Council's name, membership, and responsibilities by revising our authority in state law (RCW).

BUDGETARY: decision package

Dedicate adequate funding for Council operations through the State Operating Budget.

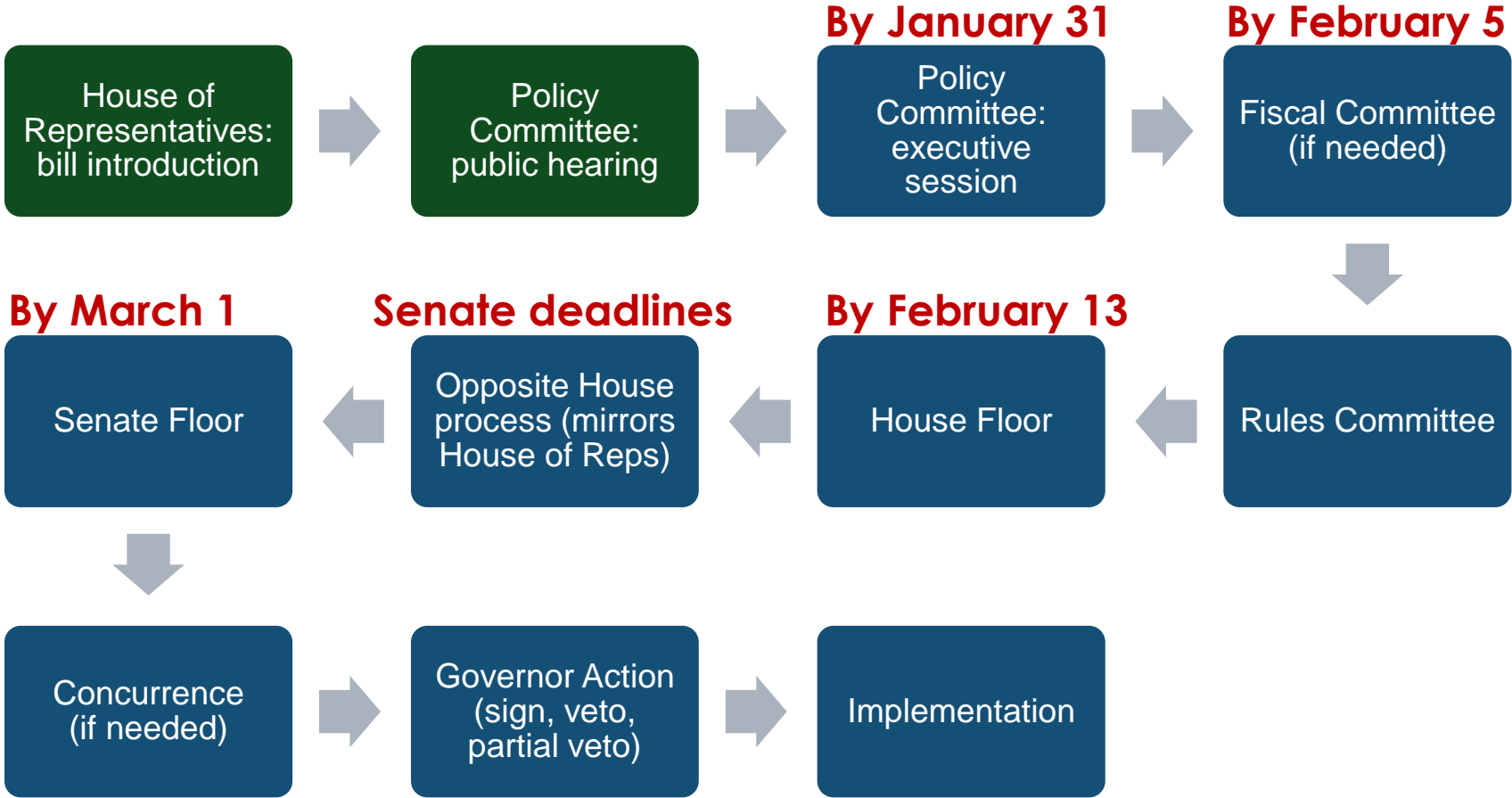




UPDATES

- Launched the [Council Redesign webpage](#).
- Published the [January 2024 State Action Plan Update](#) report.
- **Request legislation (bill)**
 - Revised and approved by the Governor's Office.
 - Introduced in the House of Representatives as [House Bill 2346](#).
 - [Public Hearing](#) on January 23.
 - [Executive Session](#) (vote) on January 26.
- **Decision package (fiscal request)**
 - Incorporated at 60% (approx. \$1.1m/year) in Governor's proposed budget.
 - State supplemental operating budget expected by the end of March 2024.

2024 Legislative Process for HB 2346



Possible effective date: June 5, 2024
(90 days after the end of session)



Governor's 2024 Proposed Budget

- We may receive funding before the bill would go into effect (if passed).

COUNCIL BASE OPERATING FUNDS (unconfirmed)

- FY 2024 (use June 30, 2024): **\$56,825**
 - 0.34 FTE staff beginning in April 2024
- FY 2025 (July 2024 – June 2025): **\$1,106,616**
 - Council Manager + 4.5 FTE staff
 - Meetings/forums
 - Language access
 - Additional goods and services (training; AV equipment; AAG)
- FY 2026 & 2027: **\$1,195,547 per year**
 - Council Manager + 5.0 FTE staff
 - Funds to support meetings, engagement, language access, etc.



Possible Outcomes from Legislative Session

Request Legislation (statutory changes)

		Request Legislation (statutory changes)	
		Adopted	Not Adopted
Funding Request	Adopted	OUTCOME 1: Updated statute Additional funding	OUTCOME 2: Current statute Additional funding
	Not Adopted	OUTCOME 3: Updated statute No/little additional funding	OUTCOME 4: Current statute No/little additional funding

Note: We cannot be certain of the exact statutory changes / funding amount until the end of legislative session.

DISCUSSION

- Questions?
- Share observations, successes, challenges
- How can we continue / improve coordination through session?





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THANK YOU



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