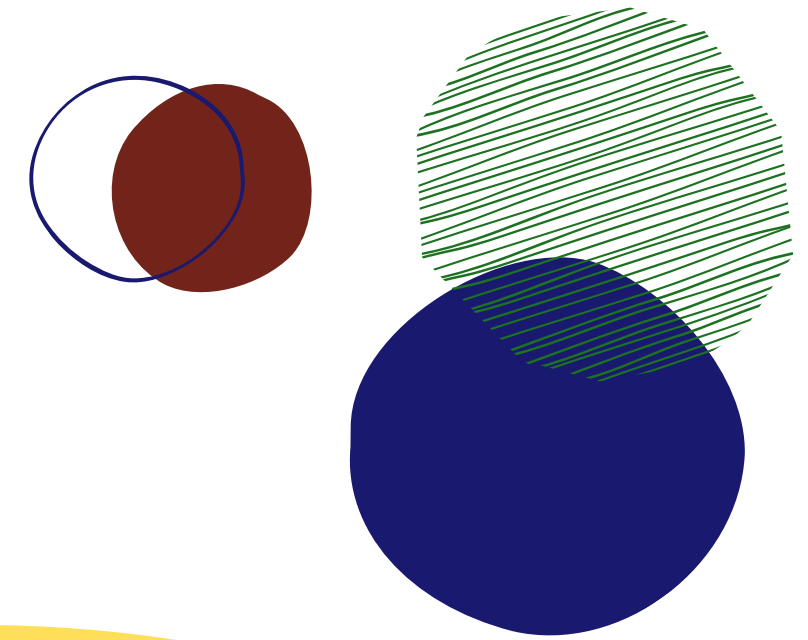
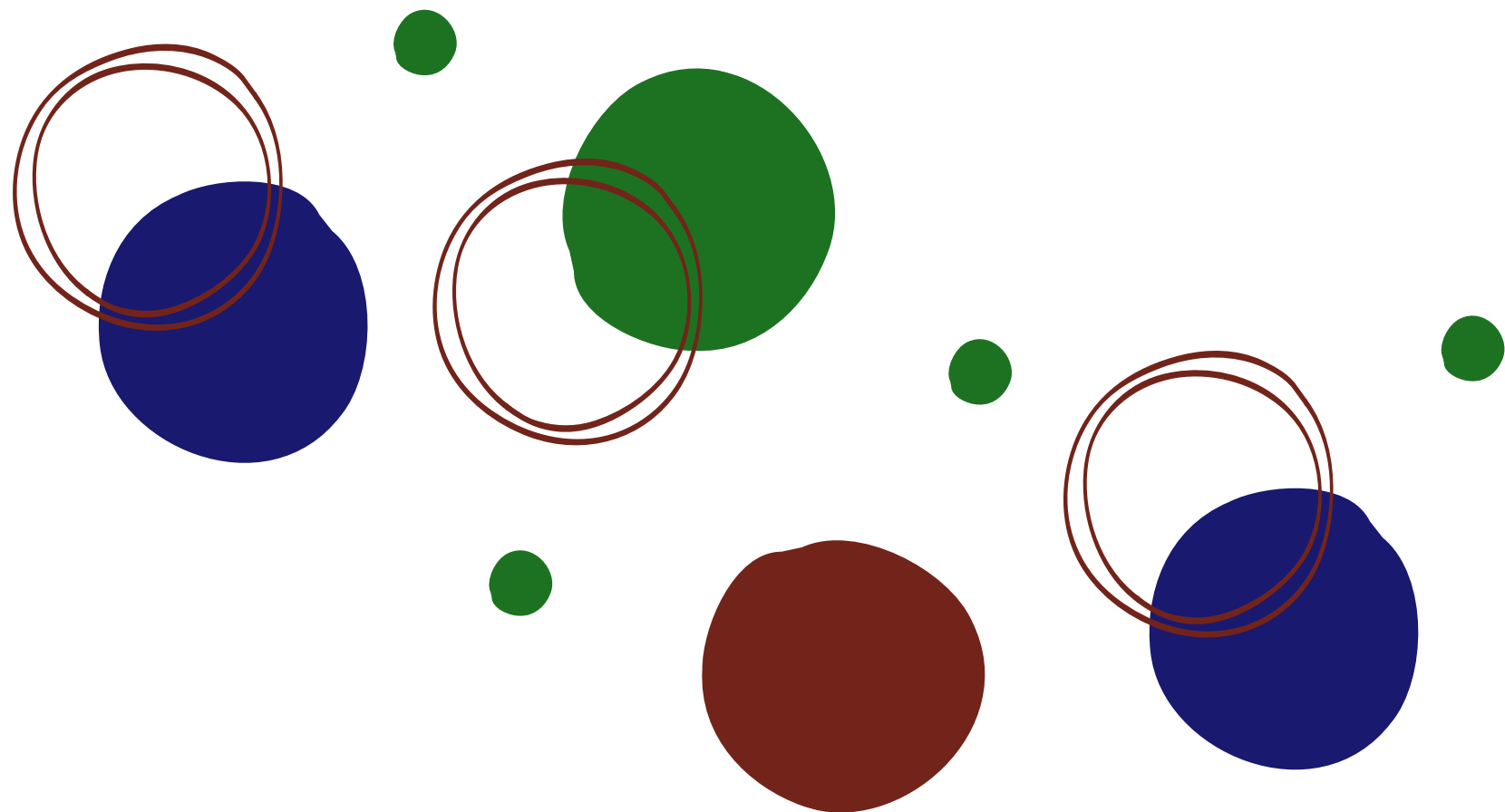


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# Updates: Council Redesign Proposal

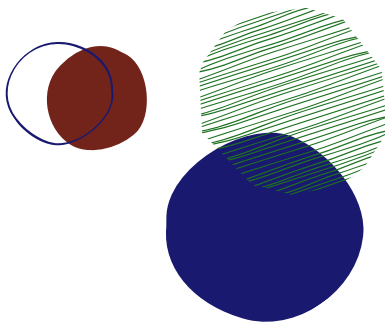
September 18, 2024



Revised 9/15/24

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.





# Results of the 2024 Legislative Session

- New funding for Council operations
- [House Bill 2346](#) (Updating the governor's interagency coordinating council health disparities)
  - Would have updated the Council's name ("Governor's Council for Health Justice and Equity"), purpose, membership, reporting requirements, etc.
  - Passed out of the House State Government & Tribal Relations Committee
  - Stalled in the legislative process and did not pass the legislature





# 2025 Agency Request Legislation (ARL)

- Submitted placeholder ARL package by 9/13/24 deadline
  - Revised draft bill
  - Agency fiscal notes
- Placeholder ARL package is included in [today's meeting materials.](#)

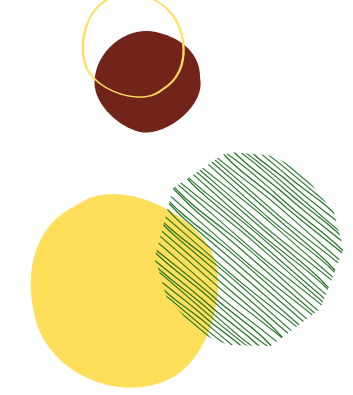




# 2025 Agency Request Legislation (ARL)

- In addition to the proposed changes in HB 2346 (2024 session), the placeholder 2025 ARL includes:
  - Add the WA State Women’s Commission to Council membership
  - Add the Governor’s Committee on Disability Issues & Employment to Council membership
  - Shift reporting deadlines for proposed items
    - Statewide vision for health and wellbeing due by October 31, 2027
    - Submit updates and policy recommendations until 2039, beginning October 31, 2029





# 2024 – 2025 Landscape

- Changes to legislature and legislative committee membership
- Governor and agency leadership transitions
- Considerations, challenges, opportunities



# Possible Next Steps

- Consider a vote on the 2025 ARL package, including draft bill
- Be responsive to Governor's Office and OFM
- Navigate fast deadlines for further bill review and fiscal notes
- Support Council staff with outreach and education



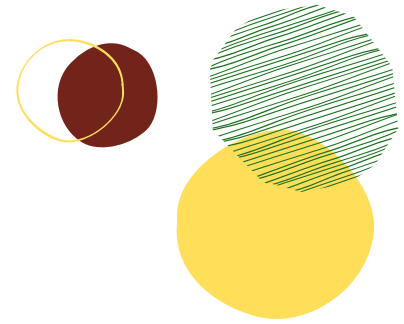




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