










## Eastside Human Services Forum: 2019 State Legislative Agenda and Results

Status	Agenda Item	Bill #	Key Components
<b>SUPPORT ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS AND HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING:</b>			
	Expand access to <b>flexible, accessible prevention and treatment</b> for opioid and other substance use disorders	<b>SB 5380</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase access to treatment services</li> <li>○ Promote coordination of services</li> <li>○ Strengthen partnerships between treatment providers and other community partners</li> <li>○ Expand prescription drug monitoring</li> <li>○ Support prevention services</li> </ul>
	Create <b>community-based capacity</b> to treat mental illness and drug dependency	<b>SB 5380</b>	See above
	Increase funding for the <b>2-1-1 Network</b> to provide better access to crisis support through faster service	<b>Budget</b>	One-time increase of \$1mil
	Provide a <b>Working Families Tax Credit</b>	No bill was tracked for this item	This should have stated we were looking for an expansion of this program.
<b>MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF AND ONE-TIME BY MAKING HOUSING MORE ACCESSIBLE, INCLUDING:</b>			
	Increase funding of the <b>Housing Essential Needs</b> program	<b>Budget</b>	The legislature provided \$14.5 million for HEN. The ask was for over \$60 million. The legislature has not raised HEN's budget since the program's creation in 2011.
	Continue to invest in the <b>Housing Trust Fund</b> and allow local communities to retain a portion of the state's sales tax to invest directly into affordable homes	<b>HB 1581 Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HB 1581 – Did not pass – created a construction sales tax for certain cities</li> <li>○ Legislature provided record investment of \$175 million in HTF</li> </ul>
	Implement <b>eviction reform</b> and require cause to terminate tenancy	<b>HB 1446 SB 5733 HB 1656 HB 1453 SB 5600</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HB 1446, SB 5733, HB 1656, and HB 1453 did not pass the legislature</li> <li>○ SB 5600 – Passed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 14-day notice</li> <li>▪ Standardizes information required to give tenants</li> <li>▪ \$ must apply to rent first, then fees</li> <li>▪ Gives judicial discretion in unlawful detainer proceedings and fee scheduling.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Provide funding for early diagnosis of <b>dementia</b> and for planning, capacity, infrastructure and supports	<b>Budget</b>	\$1.1 million dedicated for Dementia Action Collaborative
<b>SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, INCLUDING:</b>			
	Increase qualifying income threshold for the <b>property tax exemption and deferral programs for older adults and persons with disabilities</b>	<b>SB 5160</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For exemption, income threshold moved from being specific dollar amounts to being percentages of the county median household income (CMI)</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For deferral, \$45k threshold changed to 75% CMI.</li> <li>○ Applies to taxes levied for 2020 and beyond</li> </ul>
	Create a <b>Long-Term Care benefit</b> for seniors to help pay for long-term services and supports, and to assist older adults to remain in their homes and community as long as possible	<b>HB 1087</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ .58% payroll tax.</li> <li>○ Sets qualifications based on how long the resident has paid into the system and denotes beneficiary eligibility.</li> <li>○ Defines a benefit unit (\$100 currently) and sets a lifetime limit of 365 benefit units.</li> </ul>
<b>STRENGTHEN EARLY LEARNING, YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:</b>			
	Make childcare and early learning accessible to all, including programs such as <b>Home Visiting Services, ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program) and Working Connections Child Care</b>	<b><u>Home Visiting</u></b> <b>HB 1771</b> <b>SB 5683</b> <b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Home Visiting Increase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Neither SB 5683 nor HB 1771 passed the legislature</li> <li>● There was a budget increase provided to the overall Home Visiting program</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		<b><u>ECEAP</u></b> <b>SB 5437</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expansion of ECEAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SB 5437 Passed</li> <li>● Gives flexibility to serve up to 200% of Federal Poverty Level if slots are available</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		<b><u>Working Connections</u></b> <b><u>Child Care</u></b> <b>HB 1344</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working Connections Child Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HB 1344 passed</li> <li>● Creation of a childcare industry assessment and a childcare collaborative task force to develop a cost model that includes using the state median income rather than federal poverty level, evaluates recommendations for appropriate pay and considers increasing WCCC program eligibility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	End the practice of detaining youth for <b>non-criminal offenses</b> and revise the current <b>institutional education funding formula</b>	<b>SB 5290</b> <b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Institutional educational funding formula not fully revised and minimal additional dollars included in budget</li> <li>○ <b>SB 5290 – Passed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sets dates by which no youth may be placed in detention as a contempt sanction for Child in Need of Services, truancy, or At-Risk Youth</li> <li>● Confinement will be in a non-residential or residential program with intensive wraparound services</li> <li>● Confinement in most at-risk cases is limited to 72 non-weekend or non-holiday hours</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Enable barrier reduction funding for <b>educational re-engagement programs</b>	No bill was tracked for this item	
	Provide <b>wrap-around supports</b> for college students experiencing homelessness	<b>HB 1303</b>	Eliminates the requirement for full-time students pursuing certain certifications to work in order to receive subsidy benefits

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