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Welcome Note

In this third installment of the 5248 Update Bulletin, we have provided information about the tasks and accomplishments underway for the 5248 Committee. See below for updates on the budget, fact finding and the upcoming SSB 5248 Committee Retreat.

Legislative Budget

The requested 5248 funding has been approved by both the House and the Senate. Please thank the leadership, senators and representatives involved in the budgeting process, as well as the Governor's budget and policy offices, for their support in securing funding for this important process next year.

Fact Finding Briefings

The staff is ready to arrange briefings, on the phone or in person, for each of the caucuses. These briefings will discuss the first drafts of the content analyses for each of the legislatively-mandated fact finding items. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss the drafts, begin to make use of the fact finding information, and receive comments in order to refine each of these write-ups. Watch your inbox for further information about the date and time for these conference calls.

Retreat Plans

The retreat is set for May 1 and 2 at the Talaris Conference Center in Seattle. The retreat will focus on a continued discussion of interests and some of the initial fact finding and GAP Analysis work. Hopefully the retreat will be a catalyst for determining the work for the summer and fall.

Reviewing Relevant Examples

Many of you will recall that the Counties, in their January 25 presentation, offered to bring forth some examples of critical areas programs. As we discussed in the fall, we are not bringing forth examples to suggest that any of them are "the answer", but to learn what we can about what has been tried and to see what tools and approaches seem more or less useful or applicable. By examining a variety of examples, we may identify some important and interesting variables and lessons that we can apply. We will, probably beginning with the May 29 meeting, start to examine the first of these. If you know of examples, not just in critical areas issues, but from which you believe the committee can learn, please pass that on to the staff or through your caucus coordinator. We will discuss at the retreat further ideas about what examples to review with the committee, hoping to come up with a balanced list that will be of interest to the committee.

Meeting Dates (attachment)

The list of meeting dates for the rest of the year is attached once again. If you haven't already, please be sure and place these dates on your calendar. The attached list is the same as the one you received earlier, except that April 24 and May 8 are cancelled. Too many people will be gone at the end of April, and there are already 3 committee days in May.

Upcoming Meetings

April 3: 1:00 - 3 pm
Caucus Coordinator Call

April 24: CANCELLED

May 1 - 2
Committee Retreat

May 7: 9:30 - 11 am
Caucus Coordinator Call

May 8: CANCELLED

May 29: 10:00 - 3 pm
Committee Meeting

June 5: 9:30 - 11 am
Caucus Coordinator Call

June 19: 10:00 - 3 pm
Committee Meeting

June 26: 10:00 - 3 pm
Committee Meeting