**ESD proposals for the**

**2020 legislative session**



***July 2019***

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| **Summary** |
| ESD’s Executive Leadership Team has agreed to pursue several bills and decision packages during the 2020 legislative session, which will begin on Monday, January 13th and will last for 60 days.  |
| **Bills**  |
| **Economic Security for All study bill:*** Requires ESD to write an annual report and submit it to the Governor and the Legislature on November 1st from 2020 through 2022.
* The report will summarize the implementation and maintenance of the existing Economic Security for All program, including measurable success and recommendations for potential expansion.
* To write the report, we will hire an FTE who will work in LMEA and will be paid with funding that we will request from the state General Fund.

**Paid Family and Medical Leave technical correction bill**:* Makes technical corrections on topics such as:
	+ Conditional waivers.
	+ Providing notification to PFML benefit recipients who owe child support.
	+ Clarifying when people are not eligible for PFML because they have industrial insurance or unemployment insurance.

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| **Decision packages**  |

**Employment Services Administrative Account funding adjustment decision package:*** We are requesting a technical adjustment to our appropriation authority from the Employment Services Administrative Account for the 2019-21 biennium.
* This account is used to cover the cost for administering the unemployment insurance and workforce development programs where federal funds are insufficient.

**Living allowance increase for AmeriCorp volunteers decision package:*** We will request $4.8 million from the General Fund to increase the living allowance for AmeriCorps members who are serving through the Washington Service Corps (WSC).
* WSC AmeriCorp members provide important services such as assisting people who are in poverty, improving the environment, and serving on the front lines of the opioid epidemic.
* The current living allowance for WSC AmeriCorps members is 67% of the state minimum wage. This isn’t enough for the WSC AmeriCorps members to live on, particularly because the majority of them live in the Seattle area.

**Paid Family and Medical Leave funding adjustment decision package:*** Our current PFLM expenditure authority does not align with the project timeline and does not cover all of the required costs.
* To resolve this issue, we are requesting an expenditure authority adjustment so that we can adequately complete implementation and support program operations.
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