

Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues

The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues was established in the 2013-15 operating budget. Section 206 of the budget specifies the membership, responsibilities, and reporting requirements of the Committee.

Committee Leadership:

Co-chairs are to be selected at the Committee's first meeting from the members who are legislators.

Committee Membership:

- House of Representatives:
 - Rep. Harris, Rep. Jenkins, Rep. Johnson, Rep. Tharinger
- Senate:
 - Sen. Bailey, Sen. Darneille, Sen. Keiser
- Executive Branch:
 - Member from Office of the Governor (Jason McGill)
 - Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (Kevin Quigley)
 - Director of the Health Care Authority (Dorothy Teeter)
 - Director of Department of Retirement Systems (Marcie Frost)

Scope of Work:

Identify strategic actions to prepare for the aging of Washington's population by:

1. Establishing a profile of Washington's older population and population with disabilities and a projection of those populations through 2030;
2. Establishing an inventory of services and supports from health care and long-term services and supports;
3. Identifying budget and policy options to effectively use public resources to reduce the growth rate in state expenditures compared to current policies;
4. Identifying strategies to better serve the health care needs of the aging population and people with disabilities and promote healthy living;
5. Identifying options for financing mechanisms for long-term care services and supports to promote additional private responsibility to meet needs for services.
6. Identifying options to promote financial security in retirement, support people staying in the workforce, and expand the availability of workplace retirement savings plans; and
7. Identifying options to help communities adapt to the aging demographic in planning for housing, land use, and transportation.

Reports:

- Interim Report: December 10, 2013
- Final Report: December 10, 2014