**ESD proposals for the**

**2020 legislative session**

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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.  |  | | --- | | **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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