

Joint Task Force on Education Funding Committee Assignment

- Make recommendations for how the Legislature can meet the requirements of ESHB 2261 and SHB 2776.
- Develop a proposal for a reliable and dependable funding mechanism to support basic education programs.
- May recommend multiple options, but must recommend one preferred alternative.
- Consider the 2012 QEC recommendations for the Bilingual funding formula and make recommendations.
- Report due December 31, 2012.

Possible subjects to consider

- Phase-in schedule for funding four program enhancements identified in HB2776 (*equal increments or other?*)
 - Maintenance, supplies & operating costs (MSOC),
 - Pupil transportation enhancement,
 - K-3 class-size reduction,
 - Full-day kindergarten phase in;
- Recommendation(s) on when & how to phase in other HB 2261 enhancements:
 - 24 credits for high-school graduation,
 - 1,080 hours of instruction for grades 7-12;
- Recommendation(s) on changes to bilingual funding formula? If so, cost implications?
- Other possible recommendations in addition to the above basic-education enhancements to consider? If so, cost implications?
- Recommendation(s) on paying for the new costs:
 - Additional revenue?
 - Budget reductions?
 - Combination?