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Subject: Human Service Issue Paper - Call for NEW Legislative/Budget Initiatives or Policy Positions
Attachments: 2024 GA legis proposal--instructions and submission forms for state initiatives or positions.docx
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Laura,

The 2024 legislative efforts will begin with a consideration of new legislative and budget initiatives, and new policy positions for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Here is a list of items the ASSB could submit for consideration by the Board of Supervisors.

- A new legislative initiative asks the board to consider a new bill or resolution for a priority issue. The included forms ask us to provide one paragraph, two at the most summarizing why a law needs to be changed or enacted, the issues involved and the impact on Fairfax County. There is an opportunity to add additional background information on a separate form.
- The budget initiative form requests information on why additional funding is required for the County; the impact of receiving or not receiving the funding; the number of citizens it would affect and any other relevant information. This form also requires using a separate sheet for additional information.
- A new policy statement form also requires concise language; would list pros and cons for the issue; mention any previous study or action on the issue and describe the impact on Fairfax County.

As you contemplate submitting initiatives and/or positions, please review the Human Service related items from [the 2023 state legislative program](#) online. Submissions from BAC's must be endorsed by the full entity and should not be proposals by individual group members. The ASSB should not feel obligated to submit a new legislative or budget initiative or policy position unless there is a particularly important need.

The specific instructions, if the ASSB chooses to make a request, are attached. Requests must be finalized for review by the DFS Director no later than **July 26**. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions.

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