

Legislative and Budget 101

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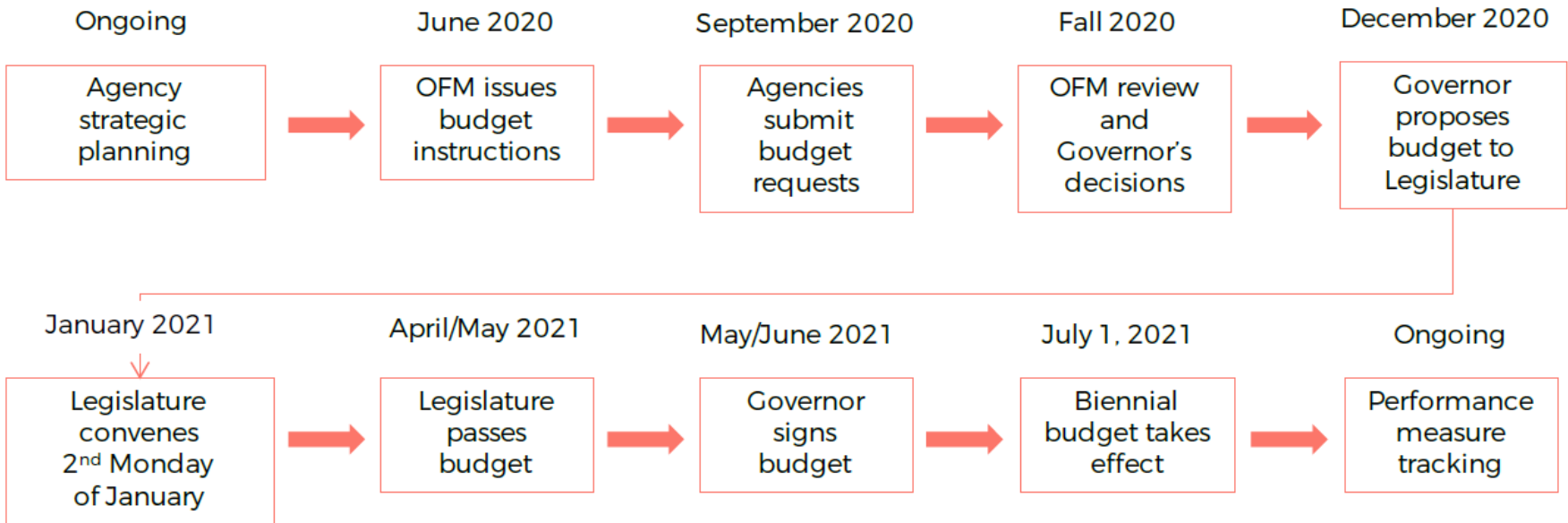
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Decision Package Process

- **What is a decision package?**
 - DPs are a key set of building blocks to construct a budget request
 - The DP is the place for the agency to make a persuasive case for any proposed changes (OFM relies on this when evaluating requests)
 - DPs organize and describe proposed cost changes
 - If an agency submits a proposed agency request legislation with a budget impact, a corresponding DP must be included in the agency budget submittal
- **Budget Proviso**
 - Language in the budget bills that places conditions and limitations on the use of appropriations
- **Office of Financial Management**
 - 2019-21 Biennial Budget Instructions
<https://ofm.wa.gov/budget/budget-instructions/operating-budget-and-strategic-plan-instructions/2019-21-biennium-operating-budget-instructions>

Budget Process Timeline



Legislative Budget Committees

- **House of Representatives**
 - Appropriations

- **Senate**
 - Ways & Means Committee

Items to Consider

- Advocating for yourselves
- Describe the clients you serve
- Where do your clients live?
- What would happen if you did not provide this service?

Resources

Washington State Legislative Information Center

<http://leg.wa.gov/LIC/Pages/Educational-Materials.aspx>

- Citizen's Guide to Effective Legislative Participation
- How a Bill becomes a Law
- How to testify at the Legislature
- Overview of the Legislative Process

A Citizen's Guide to the Washington State Budget

[http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/Documents/Publications/BudgetGuides/2019/2019%20Citizens%20Guide%20\(FINAL\)_website%20version.pdf](http://leg.wa.gov/Senate/Committees/WM/Documents/Publications/BudgetGuides/2019/2019%20Citizens%20Guide%20(FINAL)_website%20version.pdf)

Office of Financial Management Guide to Budget Process

<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/reports/budgetprocess.pdf>

Washington State Senate Guide to Lawmaking

<http://leg.wa.gov/LIC/Documents/InformationAndEducation/Guide%20to%20Lawmaking.pdf>

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