

Economic Opportunity and Poverty Reduction Task Force
Proposed Sub-Committee Topics

Housing and Utilities (Representative Sara Gagliardi & Representative Daniel Kagan)

- Rental Assistance
- Foreclosure Assistance
- Home ownership Assistance
- Increasing Affordable Housing Spots
- Section 8 Vouchers
- Public Housing
- Homelessness Prevention
- Housing First Model
- Housing for individuals with criminal convictions
- Tenant's Rights
- Colorado Outreach
- Energy Assistance
- LEAP
- Excel Payment Plan
- Water Assistance
- Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Programs
- Phone and Internet Assistance
- TOD Housing
- Inclusionary Zoning

**Job Creation, Sustainable Income, Work Supports and Economic Development
(Representative Mark Waller)**

- Workforce Development
- Education and Job Skills Training
- Post-Secondary Training
- Trades Training
- Child Care
- Transportation
- Economic Development Tools
- Micro Enterprise
- Individual Development Accounts (IDA's)
- Small Business Owners
- Financial Stability
- Increasing Family Assets
- Wages and Labor Standards
- Unemployment Insurance
- Fiscal Policy (EITC, etc.)
- Community Agriculture/Food Security

**Access to and Coordination of Public Benefits and Non-Profit/Faith-Based Assistance
(Senator Betty Boyd)**

- TANF*
- SSI and SSDI
- Aid to the Needy Disabled
- Food Stamps*
- Access to small business loans
- Cliff Effect
- Other Food Benefits
- Medical-Related Assistance (Medicaid, CHP+)
- Veterans Benefits
- Income Tax Assistance Programs
- Financial Literacy Programs
- Pay Day Lending Awareness
- Old Age Pension
- Infrastructure/Integration
- Access to documentation
- Services for children with undocumented parents

Scope of the Problem and Metrics of Poverty in Colorado (Senator Paula Sandoval)

- Culture of Poverty
- Economic Costs of Poverty
- Geography
- Demographics
- Definitions
- Causes of Poverty
- Trends (State, Regional, National)
- Linkages
- Income Gap--Shrinking Middle Class

Poverty and Education (Senator Evie Hudak)

- School Readiness
- Achievement Gap
- Family Literacy
- Behavioral Problems
- ESL
- Attendance
- Homelessness
- After school programming
- Remedial education
- Early Childhood Development

Populations to be Considered by Each Committee:

Seniors, Disabled, Communities of Color, Women, Children, Single Parents, GLBT, Immigrants and Refugees, Individuals affected by Domestic Violence, Veterans, Individuals transitioning from the Criminal Justice System, Individuals affected by Mental Health Issues, Geographies (Rural, Urban, Mountain, etc.)

Issues to be reported on to the Task Force, on an ongoing Basis:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Stimulus Dollars
- Early Childhood Commission
- Best Practices
- Lessons from other States

