

Second Substitute House Bill 2008 Project Update

Spring 2023

DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration is continuing work to meet 2SHB 2008's implementation date of July 1, 2025. The project team is using GovDelivery to provide regular updates on the work being done.

Recent accomplishments:

- Nationwide recruiting for the project psychologist has been completed and the position has been accepted. Roles and responsibilities include leading the research for revised eligibility criteria.
- We continue collaborating with the National Association of State Directors of Disability Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as part of the research into potential options to replace cognitive eligibility criteria.
- We have utilized the DDA House Bill 2008 Survey results to complete the analysis of gaps in DDA systems and services.

Next steps for summer:

- We will continue to research alternatives to cognitive testing.
- We will implement the communications plan to begin collecting feedback from both internal and external stakeholders.
- We will use the GovDelivery system to send updates on our work and progress.

The 2SHB 2008 project continues in the development stage. Stakeholder listening sessions are planned for late 2023.

More GovDelivery updates will follow. We appreciate the opportunity to keep you updated as we continue this exciting and important work!