

Washington State Criminal Sentencing Legislative Task Force

Guiding Principles for Recommendations

- Based on evidence & data
- Recognizes and plans for costs and fiscal impacts at all levels
- Considers impacts across the whole sentencing system
- Promotes and improves public safety
- Considers past/present disparities and promotes equitable outcomes for all communities
- Considers and contributes to healthy communities
- Improves the effectiveness of the system
- Reduces complexities and errors in the system
- Supports accountability and successful reintegration into the community
- Allows for flexibility – not “one size fits all”