



# Title 44, Legislative and Policy Issues Progress Report

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## I. Progress

- The Title 44, Legislative and Policy Issues Working Group is investigating current legislation and proposals to modify statutory authority, to identify legislative changes that will be needed regardless of a decision to adopt an “all-digital” strategy for the FDLP.
- The Working Group agreed on our scope, developed our report outline, and identified stakeholders to consult.
- We identified an approach to the work that takes into consideration the difficulties of exploring legislative implications for a proposed model(s) when the details of the model(s) will not emerge until much later in the process.
- We also came to consensus on how to interpret the Task Force’s agreed-upon definition of “all-digital.”

## II. Problems

- Understanding that we may not have enough information about what the “impact” Working Groups are evaluating and recommending until their report drafts are submitted, we have requested a slightly delayed timeframe to complete our report draft. This will allow us to take additional steps to incorporate issues we may not have surfaced through collaboration with the other Working Groups.
- If the “impact” Working Groups adopt substantially different interpretations of how an “all-digital” FDLP would function, there may be a range of potential implications on legislation.

## III. Plans

- We plan to explore requirements for access to agency public information across federal agencies, and requirements to distribute print content.
- As the “impact” Working Groups solidify their analyses, we will seek to identify specific policy issues that would need to be addressed to implement the proposed model(s).
- Many members of this Working Group are part of a second Working Group, so we will share updates on the priorities identified in the other Working Groups.
- We will work closely with the Strategic Implementation Working Group so that they have the information they need from our report.