



TRAUMA-INFORMED ADVOCACY SERIES

The Processes of Policymaking and Legislative Action



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WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN THIS MODULE

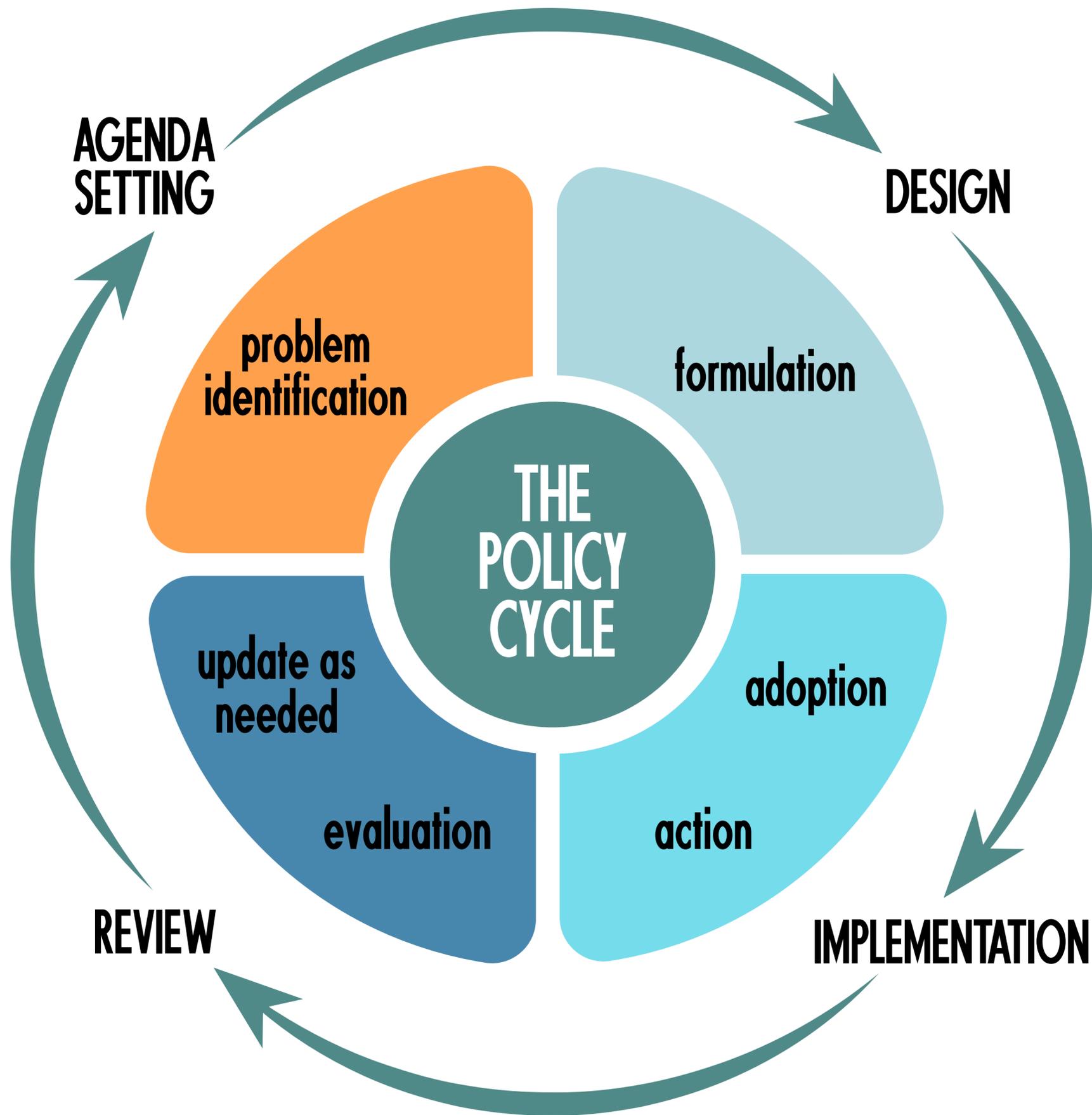
the policy cycle



nuances related to
developing and implementing policy



how a bill
becomes a law

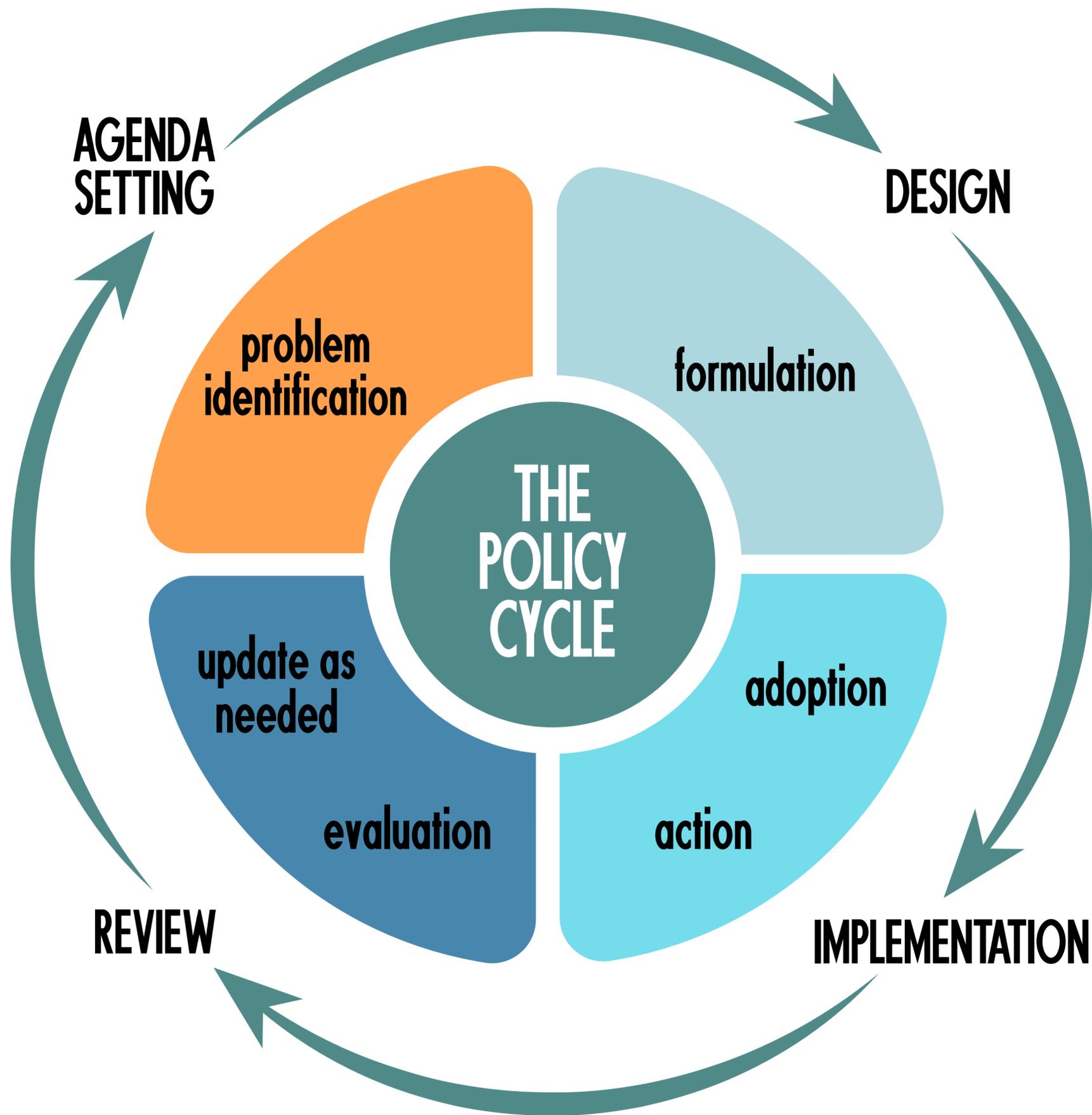


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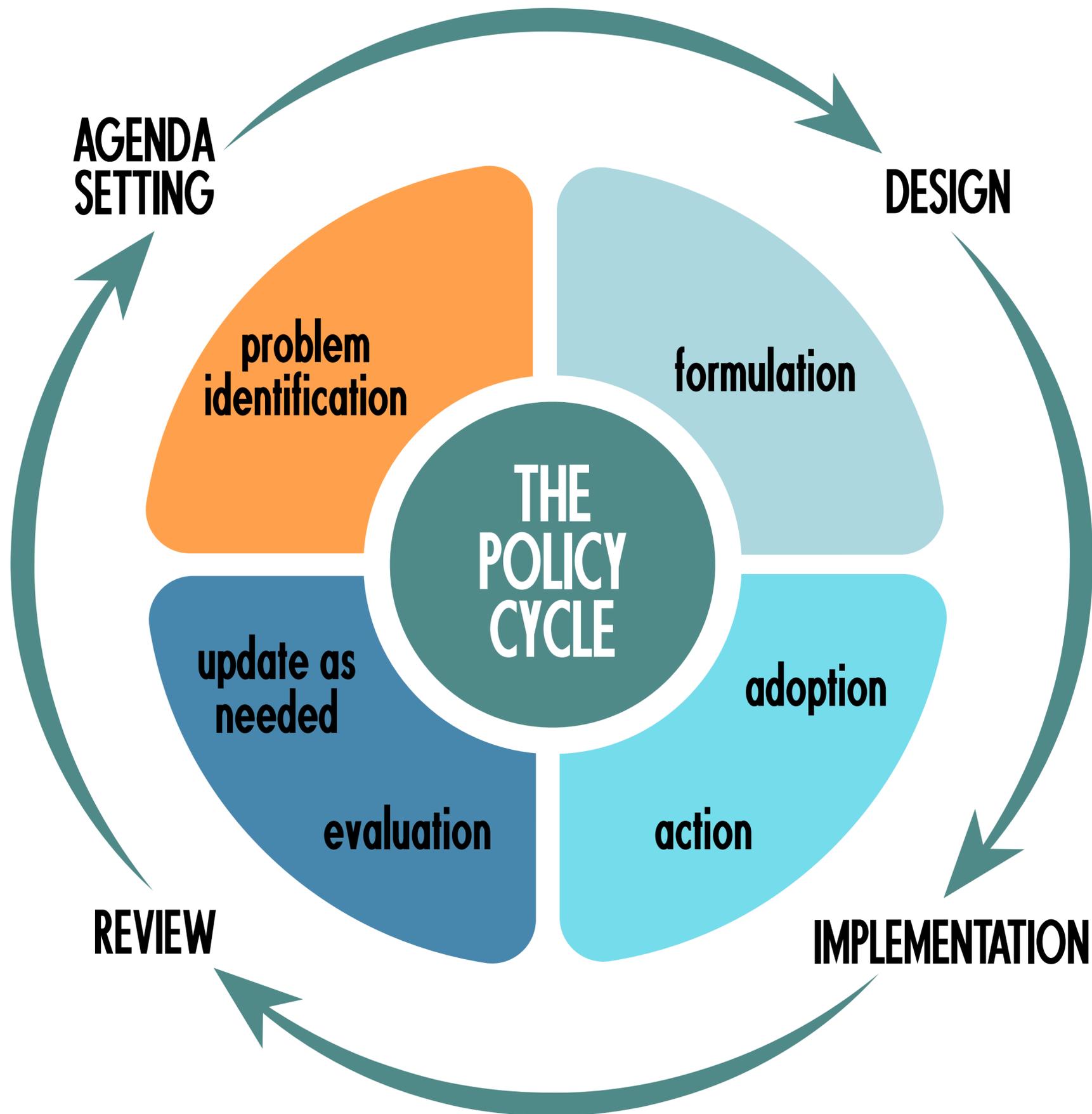


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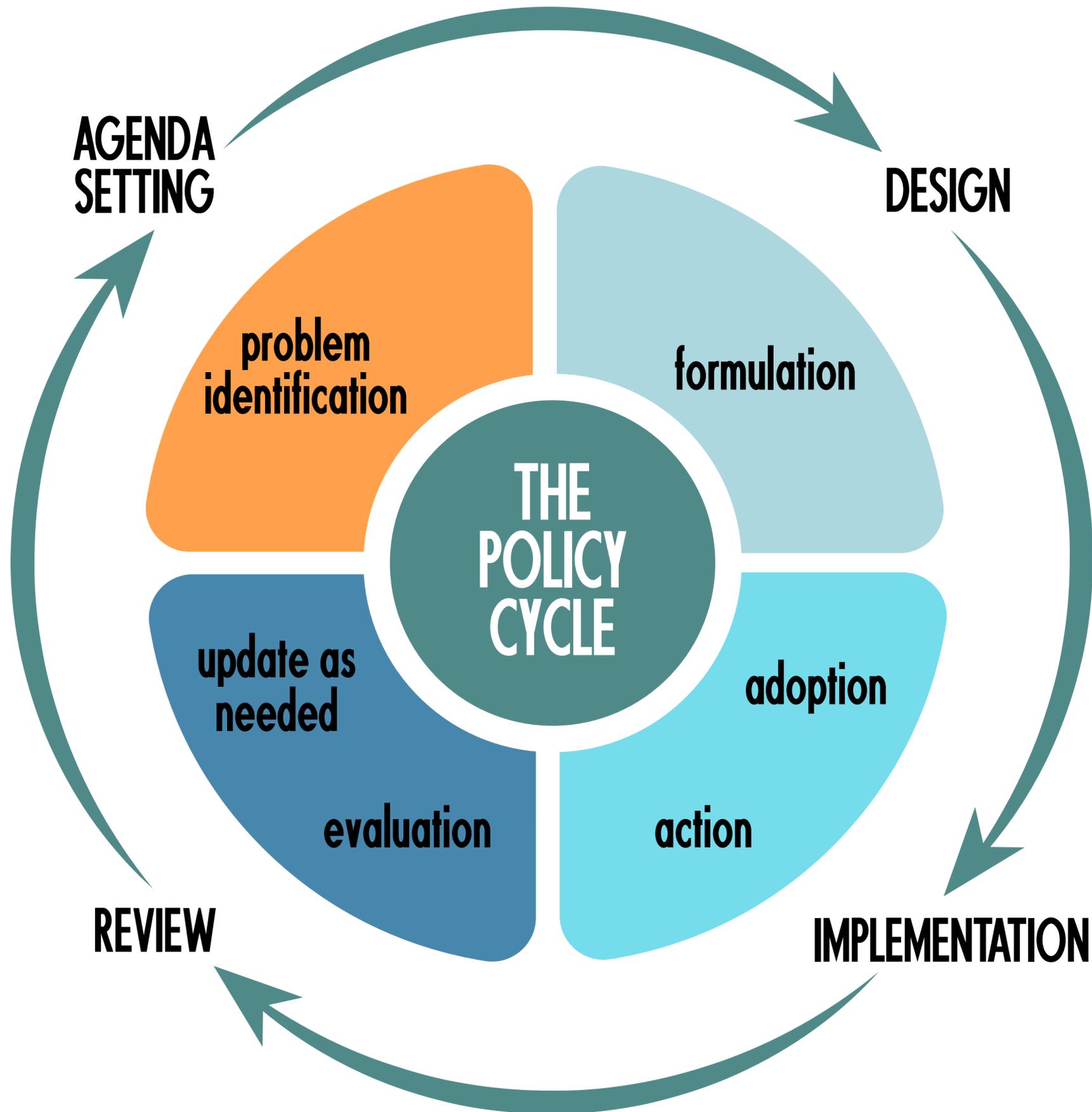


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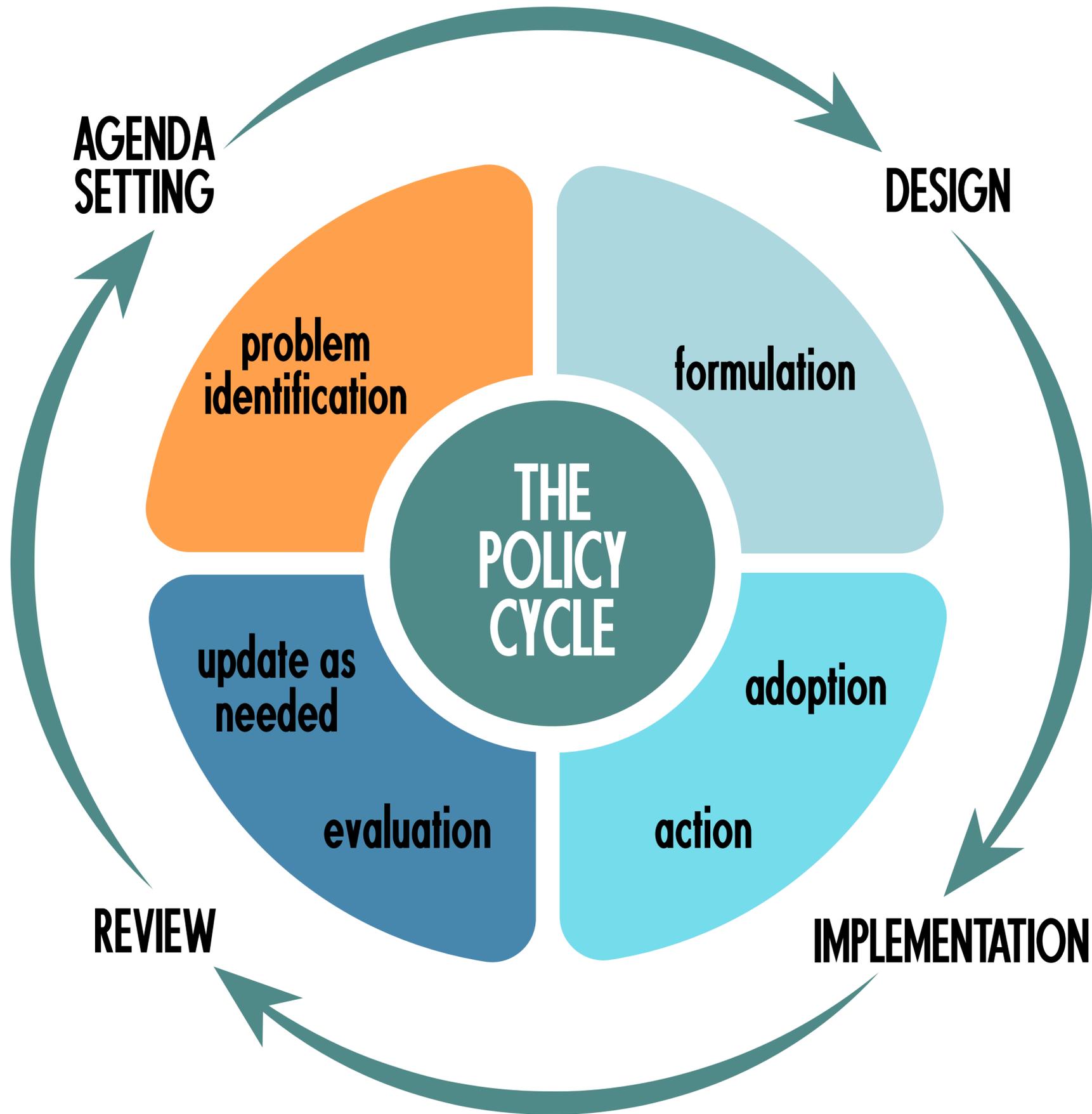


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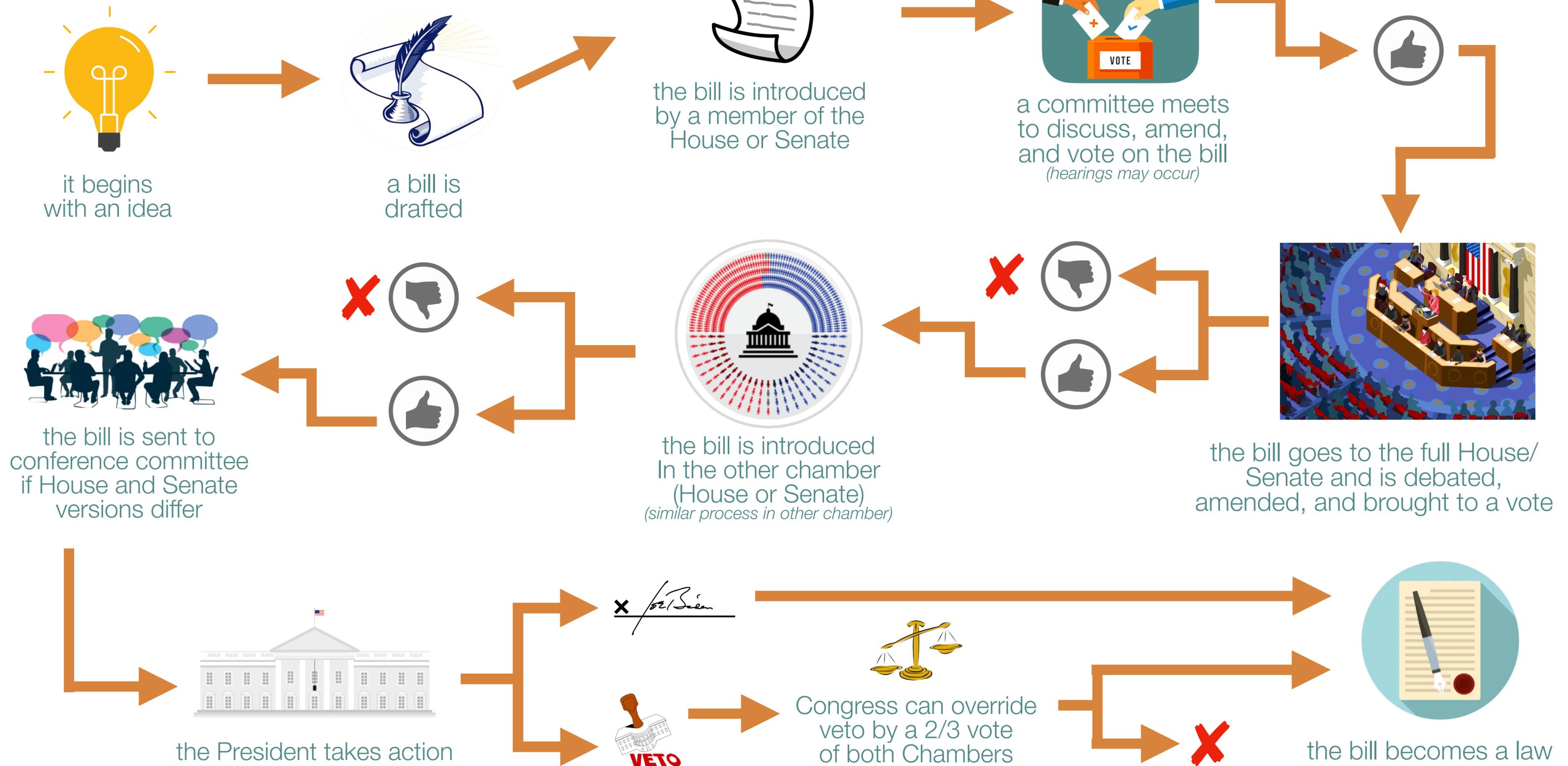
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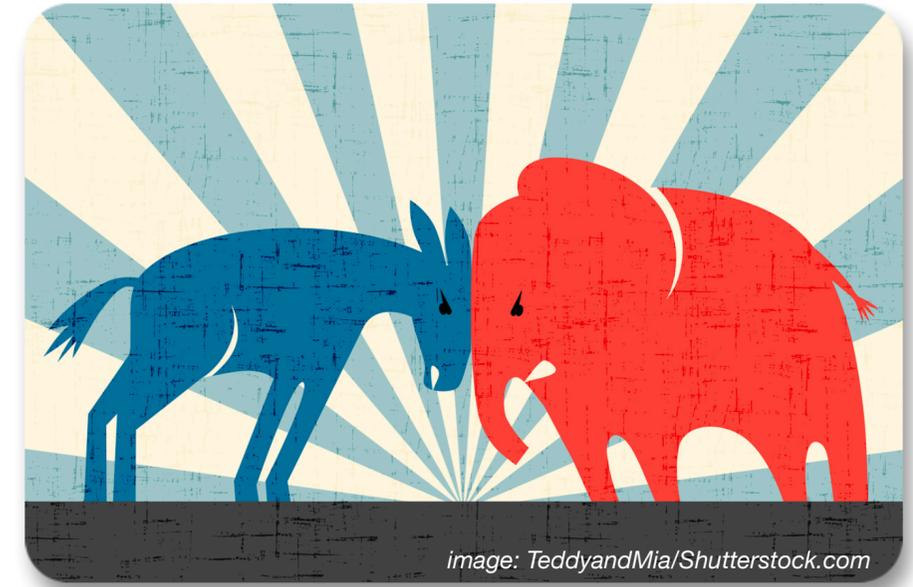
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THE FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

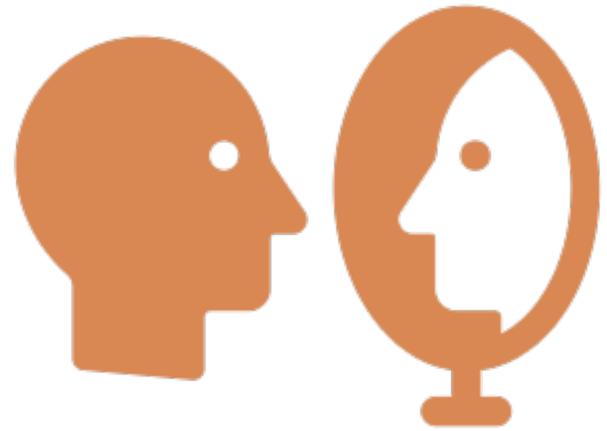


LEGISLATIVE COMPLEXITIES

- Many actors are involved
- Partisan control can impact action
- Timing is important
- High levels of uncertainty/ambiguity
- A broader system generally sets the parameters for action



- Money matters
- Issues compete for attention
- Few bills that are introduced become law



REFLECTION POINT:

What else would be helpful for you to know to inform your advocacy efforts?

“

Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.

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– **Warren Buffett**
*Businessperson and
Philanthropist*