



## LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Monday, August 10, 2015

7:00 P.M.

City of Lakewood

City Council Chambers

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

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### CALL TO ORDER

### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Proclamation recognizing Senator Steve O'Ban, Representatives Christine Kilduff and Dick Muri of Legislative District 28 and Senator Steve Conway and Representatives Steve Kirby and David Sawyer of Legislative District 29 for supporting the City of Lakewood's 2015-2017 Legislative Agenda.
- (3) 2. Overview of the 2015 Legislative Session.

### REPORTS BY THE CITY MANAGER

### ITEMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE AUGUST 17, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

1. Business Showcase- RMG Club at Oakbrook, *Mr. Michael Moore, CEO*
2. Vacating a portion of Bridgeport Way and Lakewood Drive right-of-way. – (Ordinance –Regular Agenda)
3. Vacating a portion of 100<sup>th</sup> Street SW right-of-way. – (Ordinance – Regular Agenda).

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4. Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the agreement, in the amount of \$20,000 for a total of \$60,000, for on-call engineering services. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)
5. Authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Town of Steilacoom relative to improvements on Steilacoom Boulevard from Puyallup Street to Phillips Road. – (Motion – Regular Agenda)

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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**City of Lakewood  
Government Relations Report  
2015 Legislative Session(s)**

Dear Lakewood City Council:

It has been a pleasure to represent the City of Lakewood in Olympia throughout the 2015 legislative session(s). We are pleased to report, this session was incredibly successful for the City of Lakewood. The City accomplished every item on its legislative agenda.

The Capital Budget allocated \$300,000 to the Springbrook Park Connector Project and the transportation revenue package included \$494 million allocated to I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvements and \$2 million toward the Point Defiance Bypass Rail Safety project. Additionally, the Operating Budget allocated \$462,000 to the Western State Hospital Community Policing program. This level of investment in the Lakewood community is unprecedented.

This success came only after the longest session in state history. This session lasted 178 days, including the regular 105-day session and three subsequent special sessions. Over this time, 2,895 bills were introduced, 375 of which passed into law. And, after many months, the Legislature adopted a \$37.45 billion Operating Budget, a \$3.9 billion Capital Budget, and a \$16.28 billion transportation revenue package. The report that follows outlines the many issues that we lobbied on behalf of Lakewood.

We would like to sincerely thank each member of the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> legislative delegations - all are dedicated to the Lakewood community.

Thank you!

Briahna Taylor

## Overview of the 2015 Legislative Session

In the weeks leading up to the 2015 legislative session, the Supreme Court held the Legislature in contempt for failing to develop a plan to fully fund education by 2018, as called for in the 2012 *McCleary* court decision. The Court stopped short of imposing sanctions on the Legislature, indicating that it would wait the duration of the 2015 session to allow the Legislature to act.

On January 12, 2015, the Legislature convened for a 105-day session – the first year of a two-year biennium – with the task of developing operating, capital and transportation budgets and addressing a number of policy issues. Having just elected new legislators in the 2014 November election, the Senate Majority Coalition Caucus (comprised of Republicans and one token Democrat) solidified their majority in the Senate (26-23). And, party margins in the House got much closer, with 51 Democrats and 47 Republicans.

The divided chambers, close margins, and contempt order on *McCleary* triggered early rumors about the likelihood of a special session. These rumors proved true when the Legislature adjourned after meeting for 103 days, with no agreement on the operating, capital, or transportation budgets. The Legislature went on to hold three subsequent special sessions, making it the longest session in state history.

Recognizing the challenges of the 2015 session and the failure of the state to address local government needs in recent sessions, there was an effort to establish a “local government caucus” – a group of legislators organized to ensure that cities and counties issues are given adequate consideration. The greatest success of this new local government caucus was that the Operating Budget restored liquor tax revenue distributions to the historical levels.

The Operating Budget funds all of the state agencies, including the state’s K-12 and higher education systems. In recent years, the economic recession reduced revenues and increased demand on this budget, leading to significant cuts. This year, a rebounding economy increased revenues, but the Court order and pressure to fully fund education presented challenges. The Governor’s proposed Operating Budget funded education through a new carbon tax, which Republicans immediately opposed. Democrats rallied around imposing a capital gains tax to fully fund education, while Republicans explained that, due to the increase in revenue from the economy, tax increases should not be needed. In the final days of June, an agreement was reached on a compromise Operating Budget, which increased revenue by eliminating tax preferences. The resulting budget was \$37.45 billion.

The Capital Budget funds brick-and-mortar construction projects. A dedicated percentage of the Operating Budget is used to repay bonds to fund these construction projects. Therefore, the overall size of the Capital Budget is dependent on the size of the Operating Budget. The Legislature chose not to adopt a supplemental Capital Budget in 2014, which resulted in a significant demand for Capital Budget funds in 2015. Once an agreement was reached on the Operating Budget, an agreement on the Capital Budget followed, with \$3.9 billion allocated projects throughout the state.

Additionally, early in the legislative session, there was discussion about passing a water infrastructure bond bill. While there were many iterations of the proposal, generally it imposed a per parcel fee to generate revenue to fund stormwater, flood mitigation, and water supply projects that currently rely on capital budget revenues. Due to opposition to the per parcel fee, the proposal did not advance out of the Senate. The two

chambers developed their respective capital budget proposals without including the larger water bond proposal.

The Legislature has struggled with how best to address state transportation needs since 2013. Once again, the Legislature attempted to adopt a revenue and reform package that invests in transportation projects throughout the state. Several weeks into session, the Senate released a transportation revenue proposal. This proposal included an 11.7 cent gas tax as well as some other fees. This would fund approximately \$13.7 billion in projects and maintenance statewide. The Senate package also included eight reforms:

- Senate Bill 5990 (Sales Tax Diversion)
- Senate Bill 5991 (Stormwater/MTCA)
- Senate Bill 5992 (Ferry Vessel Construction)
- Senate Bill 5993 (Prevailing Wage/Apprenticeship Labor issues)
- Senate Bill 5994 (Expedited Permitting for WSDOT Projects)
- Senate Bill 5995 (Adding the system goal of mobility to WSDOT priorities)
- Senate Bill 5996 (Permit streamlining)
- Senate Bill 5997 (WSDOT Design/Build Contracts Requirement)

After the Senate passed this package, the House released a corresponding proposal that also included an 11.7 cent gas tax increase and robust project list. The House also advanced several of the reforms. Ultimately, the House and Senate were not able to reach an agreement on the transportation package before the end of the regular session. House Democratic leadership shared openly that did not want to pass a transportation package until after education funding (i.e. the Operating Budget) has been addressed.

During the special sessions, transportation leaders formed a small negotiating group, consisting of two members from each caucus and a member of the Governor's staff. This group was able to reach an agreement in the final weeks of the 2015 legislative sessions on a transportation package that funds projects and programs across the State for the next 16 years, and includes 7 of the 8 reforms to change the way that transportation projects are done. These reforms include the application of practical design and design-build contracts, which will impact the cost and schedule for WSDOT projects. The bill also transfers \$518 million of state sales tax on transportation projects out of the state general fund, into the transportation budget. Additionally, the final package states that if the Governor imposes a low carbon fuel standard, all multimodal funding will be directed to road projects.

This package includes an 11.9 cent gas tax (phased 7 cents, followed by 4.9 cents) as well as a number of fees, and raises approximately \$16.3 billion over 16 years. Over \$10 billion is invested in projects throughout the state. Additionally, over the 16 years, \$1.2 billion is invested in WSDOT highway preservation (repaving WSDOT facilities, etc.) and the following programs are allocated funding:

- \$31 million for Freight Rail Projects
- \$63 million for Local Rail Projects
- \$123 million for the Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board
- \$70 million for the Transportation Improvement Board
- \$70 million for the County Road Administration Board
- \$75 million for a Bike/Pedestrian Grant Program
- \$56 million for a Safe Routes to School Grant Program
- \$106 million for a Complete Streets Grant Program (administered by TIB)
- \$300 million for WSDOT Fish culverts

In addition to funding these investments by the state, the package authorizes cities and counties increased Transportation Benefit District Authority, and Sound Transit is provided with local options tools.

Now that the session has ended, the Legislature will submit a report to the Supreme Court outlining their investments in education to address the *McCleary* decision. The Court will then indicate whether the Legislature is under compliance with the court order, or whether it is still in contempt and additional sanctions are needed (it's unclear what those sanctions would be). The Legislature began work on a property tax levy swap this session, but did not complete this work – it is likely that the Court will indicate that issue needs to be resolved during the special session. In other words – year one of a two-year biennium is reaching a close, but there is still much to do!

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### **City's Legislative Priorities**

The City adopted its legislative priorities prior to the beginning of the 2015 legislative session. GTHGA focused its efforts on those issues identified as priorities by the council. Our efforts on each legislative priority are outlined below:

#### **Transportation Funding: I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvements**

Leading up to the beginning of the 2015 session, WSDOT was in the process of developing an estimate on the amount of funding needed to improve the I-5 JBLM Corridor to relieve congestion. WSDOT conducted an alternatives analysis that culminated in an estimated cost of \$450 million to complete the first phase of the project. The city actively participated in the alternative analysis. Using this cost estimate, the city worked with its legislative delegation to advocate that the corridor be fully funded in any adopted transportation revenue package.

Over the course of the legislative session, we coordinated for the entire legislative delegation to sign and submit a letter to the transportation committee chairs and ranking members requesting that the I-5 JBLM project receive full funding. The Mayor and City Council traveled to Olympia to reinforce this request with each member of the delegation. Midway through the legislative session, the House and Senate each released transportation revenue package proposals. The Senate allocated the full \$450 million, while the House allocated \$395 million. We followed up with House members to learn what improvements would not be made at this reduced level. We learned that the House had utilized an older cost-estimate, and that the intent was to allocate full funding for the project. When each proposal was heard in the transportation committees, Mayor Don Anderson, along with the Mayors of DuPont and Steilacoom, and representatives from the Lakewood Industrial Park testified to the importance of fully funding the I-5 JBLM Corridor.

The final transportation package includes \$494.4 million for the I-5 JBLM Corridor project. The amount is higher than the \$450 million requested because it reflects an adjustment for inflation. The \$494.4 million is spread out over multiple years: \$26 million is appropriated in 15-17, \$138.4 million is appropriated in 2017-19, \$165 million is appropriated in 2019-21, \$115 million is appropriated in 2021-23, and \$50 million is appropriated in 2023-25. Each biennium, we will need to continue to lobby for the project to ensure that funding continues to be allocated in accordance with this timeline. The following language is also included in the budget:

*It is the intent of the Legislature that for the I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvements Project, WSDOT shall actively pursue \$50 million in federal funds to pay for this project to supplant state funds in the future. \$50 million in Connecting Washington account funding must be held in unallotted status during the 2021-23 fiscal biennium. These funds may only be used after WSDOT has provided notice to the Office of Financial Management that it has exhausted all efforts to secure federal funds from the federal highway administration and the department of defense.*

Phase I of the project includes: 1) interchange reconfiguration at: Thorne Lane, Berkeley Street and Steilacoom-DuPont Rd; 2) bike/ pedestrian path; 3) Gravelly-Thorne Connector Road; and 4) Add 4<sup>th</sup> lane North and South (8 lane cross section).

In addition to the appropriation to the project, the transportation revenue package also allocated \$200,000 to WSDOT to conduct a feasibility study to extend HOV lanes from I-5 JBLM to S 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Springbrook Park Phase III, Neighborhood Connection**

In addition to applying for a WWRP grant, the City requested \$300,000 appropriation for the “Springbrook Park Connector” project, which builds a pedestrian bridge to allow more neighborhood access to the park.

Prior to the beginning of the legislative session, Sen. Conway toured the park with Mary Dodsworth and Briahna Taylor. At the beginning of the 2015 session, we assisted both Senator Steve Conway (D-Lakewood) and Rep. Steve Kirby (D-Lakewood) in submitting a capital budget request for the \$300,000 needed to complete this project. We coordinated with the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Legislative Delegations to submit a letter of support to the Capital Budget leadership.

When the proposed House Capital Budget was released it included the \$300,000 requested but no appropriation was included in the Senate version. Both budgets however, did include the WWRP grant. At that time, Senator Conway indicated he would work to ensure the final Capital budget included the \$300,000 for the connector project as well.

During the third special session, the House and Senate announced they reached a compromise on the Capital Budget. This negotiated proposal included \$300,000 allocated to Springbrook Park Connector. Additionally, \$193,950 was awarded via a WWRP Grant.

### **Point Defiance Bypass Rail Safety**

For the second session in a row, the City of Lakewood requested funding for Point Defiance Bypass Rail Safety Improvements, to prepare for passenger trains that are expected to begin running along I-5 in late 2015/early 2016.

Prior to the start of the 2015 session, we met with Rep. Judy Clibborn (D-Mercer Island), Chair of the House Transportation Committee, and discussed the need for rail improvements. She indicated interest in creating a separate account to meet the the rail safety needs throughout the state.

Shortly thereafter, we worked with city staff to draft a request letter that was signed by the legislative delegation and submitted to the chairs and ranking members of the transportation committees. In the letter, we requested \$4.6 million. In addition, Mayor Don Anderson, City Manager, John Caulfield and Councilmember Mary Moss traveled to Olympia to meet with the city’s legislative delegation and the House

Transportation Leadership, Rep. Judy Clibborn and Rep. Ed Orcutt. This meeting helped deliver the message about the need for funding for the Point Defiance Bypass Project.

We had follow up conversations with Rep. Judy Clibborn where she indicated in order for the rail safety improvements to receive funding, a transportation revenue package was needed. We provided Senator Steve O’Ban and Rep. Christine Kilduff with materials on the project to advocate for the funding. At their prompting, the city reduced the request from \$4.6 million to \$2 million. The transportation revenue package included \$2 million in funding for the safety improvements during the 2015-17 biennium.

### **Maintain Funding for the Western State Hospital Community Policing Program**

The City pursued legislation in the House and Senate to make the funding for the Western State Hospital Community Policing program permanent.

In the Senate, Senator Steve O’Ban and Senator Steve Conway both sponsored [Senate Bill 5261](#). The bill was referred to the Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee, which Senator Steve O’Ban chairs. For the committee hearing, Mayor Don Anderson and Assistant Chief Mike Zaro traveled to Olympia to testify on the legislation. The public hearing went very well and no opposition was expressed. The committee adopted a small amendment, making a wording change, and passed the bill to the Senate Ways & Means Committee.

In the House, Rep. Christine Kilduff, Rep. Dick Muri, Rep. David Sawyer, and Rep. Steve Kirby sponsored [House Bill 1756](#). It was referred to the House Public Safety Committee. Again, Mayor Don Anderson and Assistant Chief Mike Zaro traveled to Olympia to testify on the bill. The committee later amended the bill to make the same technical changes as were made to the Senate version of the bill. The bill was then voted out of committee on a party-line vote (Republicans voting against the bill) and was referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

When city representatives were in Olympia for meetings with the city’s legislative delegations they requested these bills be scheduled for a hearing. Neither bill met the fiscal committee cutoff deadline, and died. We began working with the legislative delegation to ensure the program was funded in the biennial budget via a budget proviso. Rep. Christine Kilduff and Senator Steve O’Ban submitted letters to their respective budget leadership requesting that funds for the program be included in the biennial budget.

The final Operating Budget included specific appropriation language providing \$231,000 in 2016 and \$231,000 in 2017 for a community partnership between Western State Hospital and the City of Lakewood to support community policing efforts. We will need to continue to seek funding for this program each biennium.

### **Legislative Policy Manual**

In addition to the city’s top legislative agenda item, there are a number of other issues that we worked on that would impact the city. Many of these were included in the Legislative Policy Manual. Many times these issues are advanced in collaboration with the Association of Washington Cities. Below are detailed descriptions of those issues and a chart outlining all of the bills tracked this year:

### ***Community, Economic Development, Transportation and Infrastructure***

#### **Annexation**

Pierce County advanced legislation that sought to annex unincorporated islands. [House Bill 2112](#), sponsored by [Rep. Ross Hunter](#), would have required cities and town to annex unincorporated islands within the next 10

years. It also required cities and counties to enter into join agreements around the annexation of these islands. This legislation was heard in the House Local Government Committee, but did not otherwise advance. The city indicated to Pierce County that we would be happy to discuss the issue of annexation over the interim, but that we were not supportive of the requirement for annexation to take place within the next ten years.

### **Public Works Assistance Account**

In recent sessions, the Legislature has swept the Public Works Assistance Account into the state general fund. This session continued that trend. Roughly \$70 million was swept out of the account into the state general fund, resulting in no new loans being issued. The Legislature did allocate capital budget grants to many of the projects that would have received a loan under the Public Works Assistance Account. This decision is a strong signal that the program is not likely to continue in future years. Moving forward, there will be more discussion on how best to fund local infrastructure needs.

### **Local Transportation Funding**

Within the transportation revenue package, cities requested that a portion of revenue raised be dedicated to the local level. The adopted State Transportation Package includes a distribution for cities and counties annually beginning 2016 through 2031. The City is scheduled to receive a total of \$2,538,960 between 2016 and 2031. In 2016 and 2017 the City will receive \$79,344 per year. In 2018-2031, the City will receive \$170,022 per year.

One of the challenges facing cities is the lack of a dedicated transportation revenue source. The state and counties each have revenue streams dedicated to transportation. This session, there were several proposals introduced to give local governments additional tools to generate transportation funding:

- [House Bill 1757](#), sponsored by [Rep. Jake Fey](#) (D- Tacoma), increases transportation benefit district (TBD) councilmanic vehicle license fee authority from \$20 to \$50 and allows a city council to serve as the TBD board without creating a separate entity.
- [House Bill 1593](#), sponsored by [Rep. Joan McBride](#) (D- Kirkland) and its companion [Senate Bill 5813](#), sponsored by [Sen. Annette Cleveland](#) (D- Vancouver), was broader than House Bill 1757 and included provisions establishing a menu of tools for cities to address transportation:
  - Transportation Utility: This bill would allow cities to adopt a voter-approved transportation utility, similar to previous proposals introduced to establish a street maintenance utility.
  - TBD Vehicle License Authority: Increases TBD councilmanic vehicle license fee authority from \$20 to \$50 (same as House Bill 1757).
  - TBD Sales Tax Option: A transportation benefit district that is outside Sound Transit's boundaries is authorized to assess a .2% sales and use tax increase councilmanically, rather than with voter approval.
  - TBD Administrative Streamlining: Allows a city council to serve as the TBD board without creating a separate entity.

Ultimately, neither of these proposals passed. However, the final transportation package includes authority for transportation benefit districts to go from \$20 up to \$50. Cities wishing to use this authority must have a \$20 vehicle license fee in place for 24 months before increasing it to \$40. The \$40 vehicle license fee must be in place for 24 months before it is increased to \$50. There is also language that allows a TBD and city to "merge" or consolidate.

## **SR 167/SR 509 Puget Sound Gateway Project**

The City of Lakewood expressed support for the full funding of State Route 167. The final budget allocated \$1.875 billion to the Puget Sound Gateway project, which includes State Route 167 and State Route 509. Most funding for the project is allocated between 2019 and 2029, and because both projects are included in the same budget item, funds can be allocated flexibly between projects. WSDOT will be providing more detail on how this exact timing looks moving forward.

## **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Projects**

The transportation package included funding for a number of pedestrian and bicycle safety projects across the state. Of the twenty-two projects funded, Lakewood received \$2,640,000 for the Gravelly Lake Non-Motorized Trail project and \$2,000,000 for the Lake city Business District Sidewalks project. In addition, a WWRP grant awarded \$250,000 for Waughop Lake Trail at Fort Steilacoom Park.

## ***Finance***

### **State-Shared Revenues**

#### ***Liquor Revenue Sharing***

Local shared revenue for liquor comes from two different sources: Liquor Excise Tax and Liquor Profits. The excise taxes are collected on each sale of liquor to the consumer, while the profit account is collected by the Liquor Control Board for licenses, etc. Liquor tax revenues are funded in the Operating Budget, while liquor profit revenues are statutorily capped at 2011 amounts. Historically, liquor tax revenues are distributed 50% to the state, and 50% to the local level. In recent sessions, the Legislature has swept the local portion of the funds into the state general fund. This session, we advocated restoring the historical revenue sharing relationship.

When the House released its proposed Operating Budget, it included \$49.4 million in funding for liquor tax distributions to cities/counties- this amount reflected the historic local distribution. Shortly after the House, the Senate released an Operating Budget proposal that included approximately \$23 million for liquor tax - the same distribution level that was received in 2013-2015. The final Operating Budget fully funds liquor profits (\$98.9 million) and restores liquor excise taxes to historical levels (\$50.1 million). Lakewood is expected to receive \$1,026,690 in profits during the 2015-2017 biennium, and \$509,711 in liquor taxes.

In addition to ensuring liquor revenues were funded the budget, we worked with the local government caucus to advance legislation to remove the 2011 cap on liquor profit revenues. [House Bill 1517](#), sponsored by [Rep. Chris Reykdal](#) (D- Olympia), and [Senate Bill 5896](#), sponsored by [Sen. Karen Fraser](#) (D- Olympia) would have provided a share of the overall amount of revenue collected on liquor. Unfortunately, neither bill made it out of committee this session. However, the concept of these bills *was* included in House Bill 2156 during special session (see below). We will continue to work to advance this issue.

#### ***Streamlined Sales Tax (SST) Mitigation***

GTHGA has been active on behalf of the City in the coalition of several local governments across the State to preserve the Streamlined Sales Tax mitigation program. This account was created as a compromise between local governments and the State to make cities whole for revenue loss associated with sales tax sourcing changes. In the past several years there have been conversations in Olympia that this fund could be used to help balance the Operating Budget.

Prior to the legislative session, GTHGA participated in a number of meetings between cities across the State and budget leaders from the Legislature and the Governor's office. During session, meetings were held with a number of key legislators asking them to keep this account intact. Both Operating Budget proposals this session proposed full funding of the SST Mitigation Program at \$47.7 million, and the final Operating Budget maintained this agreement. Lakewood is expected to receive \$192,116 in the upcoming biennium for mitigation.

## ***Public Safety***

### **Traffic Enforcement Cameras**

There were multiple bills introduced that would have threatened the city's ability to operate its photo enforcement traffic program. [House Bill 1688](#), sponsored by [Rep. Elizabeth Scott](#) (R- Monroe), would prohibit the use of any traffic safety cameras (red light, railroad crossing, or speed cameras) in Washington State. This bill was never scheduled for a hearing. [House Bill 1332](#), sponsored by [Rep. Cary Condotta](#) (R- East Wenatchee) 1) required that all traffic signals that have a red light camera have a yellow light interval of at least 4 seconds; and 2) placed the maximum fine amount for traffic safety cameras at \$25 statewide. While there was a public hearing on this bill, it did not advance. [House Bill 1087](#), sponsored by [Rep. Dean Takko](#) (D- Longview), would require all speed cameras in school zones to have flashing yellow beacons on whenever the camera is in operation, as well as specific signage to warn drivers that a camera is present. This bill passed the House, but did not pass the Senate.

### **Expansion of "Fair Share" to Special Commitment Center Offenders**

[House Bill 1668](#), sponsored by [Rep. Christine Kilduff](#) (D- University Place) and [Senate Bill 5099](#), sponsored by [Sen. Jeanne Darneille](#), relates to conditional release of sexually violent predators outside their county of origin. Before authorizing the conditional release of a person who is committed as a sexually violent predator, the court would be required to consider whether it would be appropriate for the conditional release to occur in the person's county of origin (the county that ordered them to be committed). This would require them to be sent back to their county of origin unless deemed inappropriate when considering: court issued protection orders, victim safety concerns, availability of appropriate treatment or facilities, negative influences on the person, or location of family or other people/organizations that may offer support to the person. This would not apply to conditional releases directly to a secure community transition facility. While neither of these bills passed in the form in which they were introduced, the language of these bills was included in [House Bill 1059](#), which passed and was signed by the Governor.

### **Policy Body Cameras**

Two competing bills were introduced this session related to law enforcement's use of body cameras. Neither proposal passed out of the House. This will be an issue that is revisited in the 2016 legislative session.

- [House Bill 1910](#), sponsored by [Rep. Cindy Ryu](#) (D- Shoreline), brought by the ACLU, would require that cameras be operated at all times while the officer is on duty. All recordings of use of force, and any recordings requested by someone involved in a contact with police, would have to be "flagged" and retained as evidence – these would not be subject to public disclosure. All recordings not "flagged" would have to be kept for at least 60 days, and any recordings used as evidence are required to be kept for the duration of the investigation or 3 years; whichever is longer.
- [House Bill 1917](#), sponsored by [Rep. Drew Hansen](#) (D- Bainbridge Island), brought by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, focused on amending the Public Records Act. This approach

would exempt all recordings (video or sound) made by uniformed law enforcement or corrections officers from being considered a public record unless the request is made by a person directly involved in the incident recorded and public disclosure outweighs privacy interests. It would also allow the agency responding to the request to require the requester to pay the costs of redacting the recording prior to disclosure. In committee, this bill was amended to only apply to jurisdictions with body cameras in place on the effective date of the bill. It also allows a person not involved in the incident to request the video or sound recording with a court order.

## **General Government**

### **Public Records & Open Meetings**

This session, a number of bills were introduced that addressed the need to reform the Public Records Act. The primary proposal was [House Bill 1684](#), sponsored by [Rep. Dean Takko](#) (D- Longview), which allows local governments to adopt fees for public records requests, including a method that could be used to charge for labor as well as electronic records.

This bill was supported by local governments across the State, and both cities and school districts worked heavily on the legislation. However, concerns were raised by print media and open government, who generally oppose this type of legislation. The bill was ultimately voted out of committee but was never brought to the House Floor for a vote this session.

However, the bill did spur a conversation that resulted in a budget proviso being included in the final Operating Budget. The proviso language is below:

*The legislature recognizes that changing technology has resulted in requests for electronic copies of records without corresponding changes in how the public records act allows for agencies to charge for those copies. The legislature recognizes the difficulty individual agencies face in determining the actual cost of providing both paper and electronic copies and finds it would be beneficial to agencies subject to the public records act, as well as requestors, to develop a standard and reasonable cost agencies may charge to provide records in either paper or electronic format. The state auditor shall, in consultation with the state chief information officer and attorney general, develop a methodology and conduct a study to establish an accurate cost estimate for providing paper and electronic copies of records in response to requests under the public records act. The state auditor shall also consult with local government agencies in developing and conducting the study. The state auditor shall report the results of this study to the legislature no later than December 31, 2015.*

## **Miscellaneous Legislative Items**

### **Building 26 at Western State Hospital**

Midway through the legislative session, Sen. Steve Conway, in response to a constituent, expressed an interest in securing capital funding to convert Building 26 at Western State Hospital into a veteran's facilities. The City had a number of concerns with doing this. The City participated in multiple meetings with Sen. Steve Conway, Rep. Brad Klippert and other many others to express those concerns. The final capital budget did include an allocation of \$600,000 for a "Veterans Helping Veterans" facility - \$150,000 can be used to identify a site for the facility that would *not* be on the Western State Hospital campus.

### **Fort Steilacoom Barn Removal**

Late in the legislative session, Rep. Dick Muri and Sen. Steve O'ban requested \$100,000 in state capital funding to remove a fallen barn at Fort Steilacoom. In February, 2014, following a snow storm and during an overnight

windstorm, an empty barn at the park collapsed. The City contacted the State to find out how we can work together to remove their building (since they are the property owner). The State’s interpretation of the lease (created in 1970 and inherited by the city in early 2014) was that the City was responsible for removing and disposing of the debris and material. City appropriated funds to test and remove the construction debris. Testing showed the material is considered to be hazardous waste and the estimated cost to dispose is \$100,000. Unfortunately, the city was not successful in securing state funding to remove the barn debris. However, the City Council did appropriate City funds as part of a recent budget amendment process for the debris to be removed, which is expected to occur later this fall.

**Changes at Western State Hospital**

The City monitors the investments that the state makes at Western State Hospital. Below is an outline of some of the appropriations included in the final operating and capital budgets related to Western State Hospital:

- 60 additional competency restoration beds are funded at Western State Hospital, and capital investments to accommodate these additional beds.
- Funding is provided for a new 30-day civil ward at Western State Hospital to hold admissions from community psychiatric inpatient facilities.
- Funding is provided for additional staff for the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team
- \$29 million is allocated to the Western State Hospital New Kitchen and Commissary Building

**Bill Status Report**

The bill report below tracks all bills introduced that would impact the City of Lakewood. Because this is only the first year of a two year biennium, these bills can still be under consideration throughout the 2016 session.

**High Priority**

| Bill #                              | Short Description  | Status         | Sponsor   | Priority | Position |
|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <u>HB 1517</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5896)  | Concerning the distribution of liquor revenues to local jurisdictions.                         | H Approps      | Reykdal   | High     | Support  |
| <u>HB 1756</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5261)  | Concerning community policing at and around western state hospital.                            | H Approps      | Kilduff   | High     | Support  |
| <u>SB 5099</u><br>(Dead) (SHB 1668) | Restricting conditional releases of sexually violent predators outside their county of origin. | S Rules X      | Darneille | High     | Support  |
| <u>SB 5261</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1756)  | Concerning community policing at and around western state hospital.                            | S Ways & Means | O'Ban     | High     | Support  |

**Gen. Gov/ Finance**

| Bill #         | Short Description                       | Status      | Sponsor  | Priority   | Position |
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| <u>HB 1018</u> | Preventing breed-based dog regulations. | H Judiciary | Appleton | Monitoring |          |

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| (Dead)  |  |                  |          |            |         |
| <u>HB 1205</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5370)            | Concerning the payment of interim attorneys' fees to nongovernment parties under certain claims.   | H Judiciary      | Shea     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1370</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5313)            | Increasing the total amount of tax credits allowed under the Washington main street program.   | H Finance        | Wylie    | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1383</u><br>(Dead)                      | This legislation is the latest iteration of tax increment financing. It is accompanied with a constitutional amendment.  | H Comm Dev, Hous | Springer | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1458</u><br>(Dead) (Inactive) (SB 5494) | Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.   | H Rules C        | Orwall   | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1517</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5896)            | Concerning the distribution of liquor revenues to local jurisdictions.   | H Approps        | Reykdal  | High       | Support |
| <u>E2SHB 1546</u><br>(SB 5086)                | Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.   | C 202 L 15       | Reykdal  | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1550</u>                                | Simplifying the taxation of amusement, recreation, and physical fitness services.  | C 169 L 15       | Carlyle  | Monitoring | Support |
| <u>HB 1661</u><br>(Dead)                      | Restoring resources to the capital budget.   | H Approps        | Pike     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1702</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5914)            | Addressing local authority in the regulation of fireworks.   | H Rules C        | Moscoso  | Monitoring |         |
| <u>ESHB 1745</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5668)          | Enacting the Washington voting rights act.   | H Rules 3C       | Moscoso  | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1789</u><br>(Dead)                      | Granting counties and cities greater flexibility with real estate excise tax proceeds.   | H Local Govt     | Springer | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1815</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5767)            | Revising local government treasury practices and procedures.   | H Rules R        | Wylie    | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1843</u><br>(Dead)                      | Creating a residential energy efficiency incentive pilot program.  | H Rules R        | Morris   | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1938</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5916)            | Enacting the tourism marketing act.  | H Finance        | Appleton | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1992</u><br>(Dead)                      | Restoring resources to the capital budget.   | H Approps        | Stanford | Monitoring |         |
| <u>EHB 2084</u><br>(Dead)                     | Imposing fines, withholding taxes, and other measures to encourage local jurisdictions to timely file state-required reports. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Allowing the state treasurer to withhold taxes to encourage local jurisdictions to timely file financial reports.) | H Rules 3C       | Hunter   | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 2097</u>                                | Revising the authority to charge fees in   | H Judiciary      | Kirby    | Monitoring |         |

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| (Dead)                                   | courts of limited jurisdiction.   |                  |           |            |  |
| <u>HB 2102</u><br>(Dead)                 | Allowing expansion of public facilities districts formed before July 31, 2002.  | H Finance        | Appleton  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>EHB 2122</u><br>(Dead)                | Concerning real estate as it concerns the local government authority in the use of real estate excise tax revenues and regulating real estate transactions.   | C 10 L 15 E2     | McBride   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2153</u><br>(Dead)                 | Relating to improving the ability of cities and counties to keep pace with service delivery demands through revenue reforms.  | H Finance        | Reykdal   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2154</u><br>(Dead)                 | Relating to providing revenue flexibility, assistance, and options to cities and counties to promote fiscal sustainability.   | H Finance        | Reykdal   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2155</u><br>(Dead)                 | Relating to local government finance.   | H Finance        | Reykdal   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESHB 2156</u><br>(Dead)               | Promoting the fiscal sustainability of cities and counties.   | H Rules 3C       | Reykdal   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2157</u><br>(Dead)                 | Relating to improving the fiscal health of local governments to ensure the continued provision of vital public services and high quality of life in Washington communities.                                     | H Finance        | Carlyle   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2158</u><br>(Dead)                 | Relating to modifying taxing authority of special purpose taxing districts.   | H Finance        | Carlyle   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2255</u>                           | Modifying 1% Property Tax Limit   | H Finance        | Haler     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2258</u>                           | Requiring a study to evaluate the impact of the property tax levy limitation on cities, counties, special purpose districts, and property owners.   | H Finance        | Haler     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HJR 4202</u><br>(Dead)                | Providing for community redevelopment financing in apportionment districts.   | H Comm Dev, Hous | Springer  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5086</u><br>(Dead)<br>(E2SHB 1546) | Concerning dual credit opportunities provided by Washington state's public institutions of higher education.  | S EL/K-12        | Litzow    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5096</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1116)       | Concerning the supplemental capital budget.   | S Ways & Means   | Honeyford | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5109</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1648)       | Concerning infrastructure financing for local governments.  | S Ways & Means   | Brown     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5191</u><br>(Dead)                 | Prohibiting the state of Washington and its political subdivisions from adopting and developing environmental and developmental policies that infringe or restrict private property rights without due process. | S Law & Justice  | Benton    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5313</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1370)       | Increasing the total amount of tax credits allowed under the Washington main street program.  | S Ways & Means   | Warnick   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5370</u>                           | Concerning the payment of interim   | S Ways &         | Dansel    | Monitoring |  |

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| (Dead) (HB 1205)                                 | attorneys' fees to nongovernment parties under certain claims.   | Means             |           |            |  |
| <u>ESSB 5477</u><br>(Dead)                       | Requiring substances intended for use in a vapor product to satisfy child-resistant effectiveness standards, adopting warning standards, and prohibiting the use of vapor products in schools. | S Rules 3         | Dammeier  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5494</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive) (HB 1458) | Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.   | S Commerce and L  | Miloscia  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5511</u><br>(Dead)                         | Reducing the frequency of local sales and use tax changes.   | S Rules 3         | Braun     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5525</u><br>(Dead)                         | Concerning property taxation.  | S Ways & Means    | Sheldon   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5585</u><br>(Dead)                         | Granting counties and cities greater flexibility with real estate excise tax proceeds.   | S Rules X         | Dansel    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5664</u><br>(Dead)                         | Promoting efficiency in the procurement of interpreter services.   | S Commerce and La | Jayapal   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5668</u><br>(Dead) (ESHB 1745)             | Enacting the Washington voting rights act.   | S Rules X         | Habib     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SSB 5694</u><br>(Dead)                        | Allowing assessments for nuisance abatement in cities and towns.   | S Rules 3         | Padden    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5767</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1815)               | Revising local government treasury practices and procedures.   | S Rules X         | Cleveland | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5811</u><br>(Dead)                         | Concerning a property tax exemption for certain property owned by an Indian tribe that is used for economic development purposes.  | S Trade & Econom  | Pearson   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5866</u><br>(Dead)                         | Providing that counties are not required to distribute to the cities within the county certain county sales and use tax proceeds.  | S GovtOp&Sec      | Honeyford | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5896</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1517)               | Concerning the distribution of liquor revenues to local jurisdictions.   | S Ways & Means    | Fraser    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5914</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1702)               | Addressing local authority in the regulation of fireworks.   | S Rules 3         | Benton    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5916</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1938)               | Enacting the tourism marketing act.  | S Rules 2         | Brown     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 6129</u>                                   | District-based elections   | S GovtOp&Sec      | Roach     | Monitoring |  |

### Human Services

| Bill # | Short Description | Status | Sponsor | Priority | Position |
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| <u>HB 1107</u><br>(Dead) (SSB 5463) | This legislation authorizes counties to impose a sales tax or property tax increase to fund cultural access programs, with voter approval. If a county does not utilize the authority after two years, any city within that county may do so. This bill was integrated in to House Bill 2263, which passed into law. | H Rules C    | Springer  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2049</u><br>(Dead)            | Supporting the development of affordable housing in urban areas.   | H Cap Budget | Santos    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5244</u><br>(Dead)            | Disposing tax foreclosed property to cities for affordable housing purposes.   | S Rules X    | Darneille | Monitoring |  |

### **Labor**

| <b>Bill #</b>                      | <b>Short Description</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Position</b> |
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| <u>HB 1455</u><br>(Dead)           | Permitting local governments to opt out of prevailing wage requirements.  | H Labor       | Pike           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1934</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5332) | Regulating local employment laws and contracts.   | H Labor       | Manweller      | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>SB 5332</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1934) | Regulating local employment laws and contracts.   | S Rules X     | Braun          | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>SB 5602</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1773) | Prohibiting public entities from giving or loaning public funds to bargaining unit representatives for nongovernment functions. | S Rules X     | Warnick        | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>SB 6126</u>                     | Addressing collective bargaining.   | S Rules 2     | Braun          | Monitoring      |                 |

### **Marijuana**

| <b>Bill #</b>  | <b>Short Description</b>  | <b>Status</b>    | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Position</b> |
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| <u>HB 1165</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)               | Concerning the establishment of a dedicated local jurisdiction marijuana fund and the distribution of a specified percentage of marijuana excise tax revenues to local jurisdictions. | H Commerce & Gam | Condotta       | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1335</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)               | Permitting cities, towns, and counties to reduce the buffer between recreational marijuana businesses and various entities.   | H Commerce & Gam | Condotta       | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1359</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive) (SB 5402)     | Ensuring safe, responsible, and legal acquisition of marijuana by adults.   | H Commerce & Gam | Moscoso        | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1360</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)<br>(SSB 5398) | Concerning marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products in public.  | H Commerce & Gam | Moscoso        | Monitoring      |                 |

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| <u>HB 1411</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Concerning the siting of marijuana facilities.  | H Commerce & Gam  | Moscoso  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1412</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Concerning municipalities prohibiting the operation of recreational marijuana production, processing, and retail facilities within their jurisdictional boundaries. | H Commerce & Gami | Moscoso  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1413</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Revising licensing regulations pertaining to the buffer distances required between recreational marijuana businesses and specified public and private facilities.   | H Commerce & Gam  | Moscoso  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1438</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Permitting cities, towns, and counties to prohibit the production, processing, and sale of marijuana under Initiative Measure No. 502 only by public vote.          | H Commerce & Gam  | Sawyer   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1461</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Relating to marijuana.  | H Commerce & Gami | Hurst    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1650</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Clarifying provisions regarding the seizure and disposition of marijuana and processed marijuana products by state and local law enforcement agencies.              | H Commerce & Gam  | Hurst    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1698</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Concerning medical cannabis.  | H Commerce & Gam  | Appleton | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1766</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Concerning medical marijuana.   | H HC/Wellness     | Cody     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1776</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Clarifying transportation and delivery services for licensed marijuana producers, marijuana processors, and marijuana retailers.                                    | H Commerce & Gam  | Condotta | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1907</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Restricting the operation of state licensed marijuana producers, marijuana processors, or marijuana retailers within one thousand feet of a religious facility.     | H Commerce & Gami | Klippert | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2008</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Concerning comprehensive marijuana tax reform to ensure a well regulated and taxed marijuana market in Washington.  | H Finance         | Carlyle  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2058</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)     | Concerning the medical use of cannabis.   | H Commerce & Gam  | Moscoso  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>2E2SHB 2136</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive) | Concerning comprehensive marijuana market reforms to ensure a well-regulated and taxed marijuana market in Washington state.  | C 4 L 15 E2       | Carlyle  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5002</u><br>(Dead)                   | Concerning traffic infractions for marijuana, marijuana-based substances, or marijuana-infused substances.  | S Rules X         | Rivers   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>2SSB 5052</u>                           | Establishing the cannabis patient   | C 70 L 15         | Rivers   | Monitoring |  |

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| <u>SB 5130</u><br>(Dead)                         | Restricting marijuana producer and processor businesses from being located in certain residential and rural areas.           | S Ways & Means   | Pearson     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SSB 5398</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1360)              | Concerning marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products in public.   | S Rules 3        | Rivers      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5402</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1359)               | Ensuring safe, responsible, and legal acquisition of marijuana by adults.  | S Rules X        | Conway      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5417</u><br>(Dead)                         | Concerning local government marijuana policies.  | S Ways & Means   | Rivers      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5450</u><br>(Dead)                         | Expanding the restrictions on locating marijuana businesses.   | S Ways & Means   | O'Ban       | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5461</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)           | Vacating marijuana convictions.  | S Law & Justice  | Ranker      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5467</u><br>(Dead)                         | Providing a single point of excise taxation on sales of recreational marijuana.  | S Ways & Means   | Hatfield    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5493</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive) (HB 1753) | Distinguishing cannabis health and beauty aids from marijuana.   | S Rules X        | Kohl-Welles | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5519</u><br>(Dead)                         | Enacting the comprehensive marijuana reform act.   | S Ways & Means   | Kohl-Welles | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5572</u><br>(Dead)<br>(Inactive)           | Concerning the sales, distribution, and delivery of marijuana.   | S Commerce and L | Kohl-Welles | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 6136</u>                                   | Concerning comprehensive marijuana market reforms to ensure a well-regulated and taxed marijuana market in Washington state. | S Ways & Means   | Rivers      | Monitoring |  |

### **Planning**

| <b>Bill #</b>            | <b>Short Description</b>   | <b>Status</b>    | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Position</b> |
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| <u>HB 1056</u><br>(Dead) | Provides that, if a parcel of public land is one-quarter of a square mile or less in size, is adjacent to a body of public water, and is or can be used to access the body of public water, the governmental entity that has jurisdiction of the land must provide adequate public parking for persons using the land to access the water. The City opposed this legislation. It was introduced to address an issue in Benton County. That issue was otherwise addressed, and this legislation died. | H State Governme | Haler          | Medium          | Oppose          |

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| <u>EHB 1123</u><br>(Dead)           | Regulating the minimum dimensions of habitable spaces in single-family residential areas.  | H Rules 3C    | Blake      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1158</u><br>(Dead)            | Granting local governments the authority to make challenges related to growth management planning subject to direct review in superior court.  | H Local Govt  | Pike       | Monitoring | Support |
| <u>HB 1214</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5168)  | Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.  | H Local Govt  | Scott      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1215</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5169)  | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.   | H Local Govt  | Scott      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1216</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5170)  | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.  | H Local Govt  | Scott      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1250</u><br>(Dead) (SSB 5138) | This legislation was developed by the Office of Financial Management. The bill requires OFM to be notified if there are changes in boundaries through annexations, etc. AWC requested some technical amendments to the bill that were integrated. The bill did not pass. | H Rules C     | Holy       | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1306</u><br>(Dead)            | Concerning the management of state-owned aquatic lands by cities for the purposes of operating a publicly owned marina.  | H Environment | Hayes      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1373</u><br>(Dead)            | Repealing growth management planning requirements in chapter 36.70A RCW.   | H Local Govt  | Taylor     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1394</u><br>(Dead) (ESB 5921) | This legislation stems from the Kirkland Potala case, and would make changes to the vested rights doctrine. Cities and counties generally opposed the bill, but we did not take specific action.   | H Judiciary   | Takko      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SHB 1576</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5864) | Concerning sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.  | H Rules 3C    | Fitzgibbon | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1587</u><br>(Dead)            | Creating a cause of action for persons who are adversely affected by the judicial review of a decision made under the state environmental policy act.  | H Environment | Taylor     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1588</u><br>(Dead)            | Establishing categorical exemptions in the state environmental policy act for development proposals that are consistent with locally adopted land use and shoreline regulations.   | H Environment | Taylor     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1629</u><br>(Dead)            | Prohibiting conversion of agricultural lands to wetlands or fish habitat under the   | H Local Govt  | Scott      | Monitoring |         |

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|                                     | shoreline management act.  |                   |            |            |  |
| <u>HB 1630</u><br>(Dead)            | Prohibiting conversion of agricultural lands to wetlands or fish habitat under the growth management act and the shoreline management act.   | H Local Govt      | Scott      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1848</u><br>(Dead)            | Requiring voter approval for direct petition annexations.  | H Local Govt      | Schmick    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>E2SHB 1850</u><br>(Dead)         | Exempting certain department of transportation actions from local review or permit processes under the shoreline management act.   | H Rules 3C        | Hayes      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SHB 1851</u>                     | Creating an expedited permitting and contracting process for bridges owned by local governments that are deemed structurally deficient.  | C 144 L 15        | Hayes      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 1997</u><br>(Dead)            | Authorizing the creation and use of community facilities districts in limited areas of more intensive rural development.   | H Rules R         | Tharinger  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2036</u><br>(Dead)            | Improving permit and approval efficiencies under the shoreline management act.   | H Gen Govt & Inf  | Fitzgibbon | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2038</u><br>(Dead)            | Prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development.  | H Judiciary       | Holy       | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2046</u><br>(Dead)            | Adding a definition of streams to the shoreline management act.  | H Rules 3C        | Dent       | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2062</u><br>(Dead)            | Increasing certainty and predictability in the land use permit process.  | H Judiciary       | Takko      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>HB 2112</u><br>(Dead)            | Addressing annexation of islands of unincorporated territory in areas subject to boundary review.  | H Local Govt      | Hunter     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5044</u><br>(Dead)            | Concerning mitigation measures for shoreline development.  | S Rules X         | Brown      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SSB 5138</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1250) | Concerning notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments under Titles 35 and 35A RCW. | S Rules 3         | Roach      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5139</u>                      | Concerning building code standards for certain buildings four or more stories high.  | C 226 L 15        | Roach      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5168</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1214)  | Addressing the definition of agricultural lands under the shoreline management act.  | S Ag/Water/RurEc  | Warnick    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5169</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1215)  | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act.   | S Ag/Water/RurEc  | Warnick    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5170</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1216)  | Restricting the conversion of agricultural land to other uses under the growth management act and shoreline management act.  | S Ag/Water/RurEcD | Warnick    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5189</u><br>(Dead)            | Concerning eminent domain.   | S Rules X         | Benton     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5200</u>                      | Modifying legislators' participation on  | S                 | Benton     | Monitoring |  |

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| (Dead)                              | regional transportation planning organization transportation policy boards.  | Transportation |           |            |  |
| <u>SB 5363</u><br>(Dead)            | Prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development.  | S Rules 3      | Padden    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5604</u><br>(Dead)            | Addressing the review and evaluation of countywide planning policies under the growth management act.  | S Rules X      | Liias     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5809</u><br>(Dead)            | Requiring the provision of comprehensive information in writing to real property owners during negotiations for the acquisition of the property by government agencies.                  | S Rules X      | Benton    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5832</u><br>(Dead)            | Modifying time limitations for certain plat approvals.   | S Rules X      | Angel     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5869</u><br>(Dead)            | Concerning restrictions on the location of manufactured/mobile homes.  | S Rules X      | Sheldon   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESB 5921</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1394) | Preserving the common law interpretation and application of the vested rights doctrine. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Increasing certainty and predictability in the land use permit process.) | S Rules 3      | Honeyford | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5985</u><br>(Dead)            | Extending the date for allowing certain counties and cities to not plan under the growth management act.   | S Rules X      | Dansel    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESJR 8204</u><br>(Dead)          | Amending the Constitution to allow the state to guarantee debt issued on behalf of a political subdivision for essential public infrastructure.  | S Rules 3      | Keiser    | Monitoring |  |

**Police/ Fire/ Corrections**

| Bill #                     | Short Description   | Status      | Sponsor  | Priority   | Position |
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| <u>HB 1028</u><br>(Dead)   | Requiring cities and counties to provide security for their courts.   | H Judiciary | Appleton | Monitoring |          |
| <u>EHB 1087</u><br>(Dead)  | Requires a flashing yellow beacon to be located and signage to be placed in school speed zones where automated traffic safety cameras are installed. GTHGA expressed concerns on this legislation because it would have resulted in added costs. We presented an amendment that would state that the flashing beacon present to notify drivers that they are entering a school zone meets the requirement for a flashing beacon if a school speed camera is present. This amendment was accepted by the sponsor of the bill, but the bill did not pass. | H Rules 3C  | Takko    | Medium     | Concerns |
| <u>ESHB 1093</u><br>(Dead) | Concerning unmanned aircraft.   | H Rules 3C  | Morris   | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1332</u><br>(Dead)   | Modifying yellow light intervals and monetary penalties related to automated traffic safety cameras.  | H Trans     | Condotta | Monitoring |          |

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| <u>SHB 1382</u><br>(SSB 5455)        | Addressing the delivery of basic firefighter training and testing.                                  | C 43 L 15       | Griffey   | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1558</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5041)   | Concerning seizure and forfeiture of property for patronizing a prostitute.                         | H Public Safety | Muri      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1606</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5537)   | Establishing regional fire protection service authorities within the boundaries of regional cities. | H Finance       | McBride   | Monitoring |         |
| <u>ESHB 1639</u><br>(Dead)           | Concerning technology-enhanced government surveillance.   | H Rules 3C      | Taylor    | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SHB 1668</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5099)  | Restricting conditional releases of sexually violent predators outside their county of origin.      | H Rules 3C      | Kilduff   | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1688</u><br>(Dead)             | Eliminating the use of automated traffic safety cameras.  | H Trans         | Scott     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1723</u><br>(Dead)             | Allowing booking photographs and electronic images at jails to be open to the public.               | H Rules R       | Hayes     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1756</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5261)   | Concerning community policing at and around western state hospital.                                 | H Approps       | Kilduff   | High       | Support |
| <u>HB 1885</u><br>(Dead) (2SSB 5755) | Addressing and mitigating the impacts of property crimes in Washington state.                       | H Rules R       | Klippert  | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1910</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5732)   | Encouraging effective oversight of law enforcement conduct.   | H Judiciary     | Ryu       | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1917</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers.           | H Rules C       | Hansen    | Monitoring |         |
| <u>HB 1951</u><br>(Dead)             | Clarifying the authority of local law enforcement agencies to use unmarked vehicles.                | H Rules C       | Pike      | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SHB 2085</u><br>(Dead)            | Providing alternatives for penalties stemming from traffic infractions.                             | H Rules 3C      | Goodman   | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 5041</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1558)   | Concerning seizure and forfeiture of property for patronizing a prostitute.                         | S Rules X       | O'Ban     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 5099</u><br>(Dead) (SHB 1668)  | Restricting conditional releases of sexually violent predators outside their county of origin.      | S Rules X       | Darneille | High       | Support |
| <u>SB 5261</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1756)   | Concerning community policing at and around western state hospital.                                 | S Ways & Means  | O'Ban     | High       | Support |
| <u>SSB 5455</u><br>(Dead) (SHB 1382) | Addressing the delivery of basic firefighter training and testing.                                  | S Rules 3       | Rivers    | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 5482</u>                       | Addressing the disclosure of global positioning system data by law enforcement officers.            | C 91 L 15       | Roach     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 5499</u><br>(Dead)             | Allowing the filing of a special allegation of a nefarious drone enterprise.                        | S Rules 3       | Roach     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 5537</u>                       | Establishing regional fire protection service   | S Rules X       | Habib     | Monitoring |         |

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| (Dead) (HB 1606)                     | authorities within the boundaries of regional cities.                                    |                 |          |            |  |
| <u>SB 5732</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1910)   | Encouraging effective oversight of law enforcement conduct.                              | S Law & Justice | Jayapal  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>2SSB 5755</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1885) | Addressing and mitigating the impacts of property crimes in Washington state.            | S Rules 3       | Hargrove | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5955</u><br>(Dead)             | Reimbursing the criminal justice training commission for basic law enforcement training. | S Ways & Means  | Braun    | Monitoring |  |

**Public Records**

| Bill #                               | Short Description   | Status           | Sponsor     | Priority   | Position |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| <u>HB 1086</u><br>(Dead)             | Establishing a cost recovery mechanism for public records sought for commercial purposes.                                     | H Approps        | Moeller     | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1189</u><br>(Dead)             | Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records. | H Rules 3C       | Hunt        | Monitoring |          |
| <u>ESHB 1349</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5678) | Concerning public records requests for the purpose of obtaining exempted employment and licensing information.                | H Rules 3C       | Hunt        | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1374</u><br>(Dead)             | Requiring disclosure of specified contract information by state and local agencies.   | H Judiciary      | Taylor      | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1684</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests.                           | H Rules R        | Takko       | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1691</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.   | H State Governme | Van De Wege | Monitoring |          |
| <u>ESHB 1980</u><br>(SB 6020)        | Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee.   | C 224 L 15       | Springer    | Monitoring |          |
| <u>SB 5482</u>                       | Addressing the disclosure of global positioning system data by law enforcement officers.                                      | C 91 L 15        | Roach       | Monitoring |          |
| <u>SB 5533</u><br>(Dead)             | Establishing charges for providing electronic data under the public records act.  | S GovtOp&StSec   | Hobbs       | Monitoring |          |
| <u>SB 5678</u><br>(Dead) (ESHB 1349) | Concerning requesting public records for the purpose of obtaining exempted information relating to employment and licensing.  | S Rules X        | Pearson     | Monitoring |          |
| <u>SB 6014</u><br>(Dead)             | Changing remedies for actions under the public records act.   | S GovtOp&Sec     | Honeyford   | Monitoring |          |
| <u>SB 6020</u><br>(Dead) (ESHB 1980) | Implementing recommendations of the sunshine committee.   | S GovtOp&Sec     | Chase       | Monitoring |          |

**Public Works**

| <b>Bill #</b>                          | <b>Short Description</b>  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Position</b> |
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| <u>HB 1057</u><br>(Dead)               | Modifying authority regarding where mopeds may be operated.   | H Trans       | Haler          | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1079</u><br>(Dead) (SSB 5348)    | Allowing public agencies to enter into contracts providing for the joint utilization of architectural or engineering services.  | H Rules X     | Kochmar        | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1102</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5055)     | Requires a local government to install a sewer system within any public right-of-way in order to extend service to a property owner if the local health officer denies an application to install an on-site sewage system for an existing single-family residence that would be otherwise approved except for a law, regulation, or ordinance requiring connection to a public sewer system. Lakewood expressed opposition to this legislation. We worked with the sponsor on more palatable language, which was captured in another bill because the title of this legislature would not accommodate that more palatable language. | H Local Govt  | Takko          | Medium          | Oppose          |
| <u>HB 1133</u><br>(Dead)               | Authorizing counties to impose a public utility tax.  | H Local Govt  | Tharinger      | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1180</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5128)     | Concerning dedicated funding sources for high capacity transportation service.  | H Finance     | Fey            | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1399</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5345)     | Annually adjusting the limit on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state and local toxics control accounts to correct for inflation.   | H Approps     | Hudgins        | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>ESHB 1417</u><br>(Dead) (ESSB 5048) | Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.  | H Rules 3C    | Takko          | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>ESHB 1449</u><br>(SB 5087)          | Concerning oil transportation safety.   | C 274 L 15    | Farrell        | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>EHB 1513</u><br>(Dead)              | Concerning local infrastructure project areas.  | H Rules 3C    | Springer       | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1515</u><br>(Dead) (ESSB 5623)   | Modifying the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic.   | H Trans       | MacEwen        | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>HB 1572</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5444)     | Establishing an electric vehicle infrastructure bank.   | H Trans       | Clibborn       | Monitoring      |                 |

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| <u>HB 1593</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5813)   | Concerning local transportation options.  | H Trans        | McBride    | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1648</u><br>(Dead) (SB 5109)   | Concerning infrastructure financing for local governments.  | H Finance      | Walsh      | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1711</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning criteria for bidders on public works contracts.  | H Rules R      | Senn       | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1715</u><br>(Dead)             | Protecting Puget Sound through funding and implementing local on-site sewage program management plans.  | H Rules C      | Peterson   | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1751</u><br>(Dead) (ESSB 5343) | Concerning parking impact mitigation from regional transit authority facility construction.   | H Trans        | Santos     | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1757</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning local transportation options.  | H Rules R      | Fey        | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1817</u>                       | Providing liability immunity for local jurisdictions when wheeled all-terrain vehicles are operated on public roadways.   | C 160 L 15     | Shea       | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1911</u><br>(Dead) (SSB 5795)  | Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.   | H Rules C      | Fitzgibbon | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 1959</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning public works.  | H Cap Budget   | Dunshee    | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 2010</u><br>(Dead) (ESB 5871)  | Creating appeal procedures for single-family homeowners with failing septic systems required to connect to public sewer systems.  | H Rules 3C     | Takko      | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HB 2029</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning population-based representation on the governing body of public transportation benefit areas.  | H Trans        | Fey        | Monitoring |          |
| <u>HJR 4205</u><br>(Dead)            | Requiring all revenues from any state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects. | H Approps      | Pike       | Monitoring |          |
| <u>SSB 5022</u><br>(Dead)            | Providing fee immunity for certain city, town, and county water facilities.   | S Rules 3      | Angel      | Monitoring |          |
| <u>ESSB 5048</u><br>(ESHB 1417)      | Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.  | C 172 L 15     | Chase      | Monitoring |          |
| <u>SB 5055</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1102)   | Concerning a local government installing a public sewage system within the public right-of-way under certain circumstances.   | S GovtOp&StSec | Angel      | Monitoring | Concerns |

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| <u>E2SSB 5057</u><br>(Dead)          | Concerning the safe transport of hazardous materials.   | S Rules 3        | Ericksen  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5087</u><br>(Dead) (ESHB 1449) | Concerning oil transportation safety.   | S Energy, Enviro | Rolfes    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESB 5111</u><br>(Dead)            | Concerning projects of statewide significance for economic development and transportation.  | S Rules 3        | Brown     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5128</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1180)   | Concerning dedicated funding sources for high capacity transportation service.  | S Transportation | Liias     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5314</u>                       | Modifying the use of local storm water charges paid by the department of transportation.  | C 231 L 15       | Benton    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESSB 5343</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1751) | Concerning parking impact mitigation from regional transit authority facility construction.   | S Rules 3        | Hasegawa  | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5345</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1399)   | Annually adjusting the limit on distribution of hazardous substance tax revenues to the state and local toxics control accounts to correct for inflation. | S Ways & Means   | Keiser    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5356</u><br>(Dead)             | Concerning a fishing line or monofilament recycling pilot program.  | S Ways & Means   | Mullet    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SSB 5411</u><br>(Dead)            | Providing liability immunity for local jurisdictions when wheeled all-terrain vehicles are operated on public roadways.                                   | S Rules 3        | Roach     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SSB 5438</u>                      | Allowing bicycles and mopeds to stop and proceed through traffic control signals under certain conditions.  | C 32 L 15        | King      | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5444</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1572)   | Establishing an electric vehicle infrastructure bank.   | S Transportation | Hobbs     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5446</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1929)   | Requiring incentives for electric vehicle readiness in buildings.   | S Rules X        | Hobbs     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESSB 5550</u>                     | Regulating providers of commercial transportation services.   | C 236 L 15       | Habib     | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESSB 5623</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1515) | Modifying the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for traffic.   | S Rules 3        | Sheldon   | Monitoring |  |
| <u>ESB 5624</u><br>(Dead)            | Concerning financing essential public infrastructure.   | S Rules 3        | Keiser    | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SB 5628</u><br>(Dead)             | Providing for storm water, flood control, and water supply infrastructure in the state.   | S Ways & Means   | Honeyford | Monitoring |  |
| <u>SSB 5795</u> (HB 1911)            | Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.                     | C 96 L 15        | Roach     | Monitoring |  |

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| <u>SB 5813</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1593) | Concerning local transportation options.  | S Transportation | Cleveland | Monitoring |         |
| <u>ESSB 5820</u><br>(Dead)         | Concerning the sale of certain department of transportation surplus property.   | C 13 L 15 E3     | King      | Monitoring | Support |
| <u>SB 5834</u><br>(Dead)           | Concerning oil transportation safety.   | S Energy, Enviro | Ranker    | Monitoring |         |
| <u>ESB 5871</u> (HB 2010)          | Creating appeal procedures for single-family homeowners with failing septic systems required to connect to public sewer systems.            | C 297 L 15       | Angel     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 5882</u><br>(Dead)           | Concerning education and training for building officials.   | S Commerce and L | Liias     | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 5902</u><br>(Dead)           | Concerning the sale of department of transportation surplus property.   | S Transportation | Benton    | Monitoring |         |
| <u>SB 6115</u>                     | Limiting tax imposed by a city or town on a water distribution business, a sewerage system business, or water and sewerage system business. | S GovtOp&Sec     | Chase     | Monitoring |         |

***Transportation Revenue***

| <b>Bill #</b>                      | <b>Short Description</b>   | <b>Status</b>    | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Position</b> |
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| <u>SB 5358</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1300) | Concerning transportation revenue.   | S Transportation | Liias          | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>SB 5359</u><br>(Dead) (HB 1297) | Making 2013-2015 supplemental transportation appropriations.   | S Transportation | Hobbs          | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>2ESSB 5987</u><br>(Dead)        | Concerning transportation revenue.   | C 44 L 15 E3     | King           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>2ESSB 5988</u><br>(Dead)        | Concerning additive transportation funding and appropriations.   | C 43 L 15 E3     | King           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>ESSB 5989</u><br>(Dead)         | Authorizing bonds for transportation funding.  | C 45 L 15 E3     | King           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>ESSB 5990</u><br>(Dead)         | Transferring certain state sales and use taxes collected on transportation projects to the connecting Washington account.                        | S Rules 3        | King           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>ESSB 5991</u><br>(Dead)         | Concerning activities at the department of transportation funded by the environmental legacy stewardship account.                                | S Rules 3        | King           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>2ESSB 5992</u><br>(Dead)        | Modifying certain requirements for ferry vessel construction.  | C 14 L 15 E3     | King           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>2ESB 5993</u><br>(Dead)         | Concerning public works contracts and projects.  | C 40 L 15 E3     | King           | Monitoring      |                 |
| <u>2ESSB 5994</u><br>(Dead)        | Concerning permits for state transportation corridor projects.<br>(REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Concerning permits for state transportation projects.) | C 15 L 15 E3     | King           | Monitoring      |                 |

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| <u>2ESB 5995</u><br>(Dead)  | Modifying the transportation system policy goal of mobility.       | C 16 L 15 E3 | King | Monitoring |  |
| <u>2ESSB 5996</u><br>(Dead) | Concerning Washington state department of transportation projects. | C 17 L 15 E3 | King | Monitoring |  |
| <u>2ESSB 5997</u><br>(Dead) | Concerning transportation project delivery.                        | C 18 L 15 E3 | King | Monitoring |  |

**Water**

| <b>Bill #</b>            | <b>Short Description</b>                             | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Priority</b> | <b>Position</b> |
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| <u>HB 1292</u><br>(Dead) | Providing fee immunity for certain water facilities. | H<br>Judiciary | Young          | Monitoring      |                 |



## 2015-2017 Biennial Legislative Agenda

### **Transportation Funding: I-5 JBLM Corridor Improvements**

Lakewood requests that the state adopt a transportation revenue package that includes full funding for improvements to the Joint Base Lewis McChord I-5 Corridor (I-5/Mounts Rd Interchange on the south to the I-5/Bridgeport Interchange on the north) to relieve congestion and allow for the future economic development of the City of Lakewood and the surrounding communities. The City also requests that a transportation revenue package include a direct distribution of funding to cities for local street maintenance and operations.

### **Capital Funding Request: Springbrook Park Phase III, Neighborhood Connection**

Springbrook is one of the most economically disadvantaged areas in Lakewood. It is located in the southeast corner of Lakewood just outside the Joint Base Lewis McChord Field gate and is isolated from the remainder of Lakewood by I-5 and Clover Creek. Aside from this project, there are no open spaces, or community centers in this area. Lakewood requests \$300,000 for Springbrook Park Phase III. This phase will include a small open space coupled with a 175-foot pedestrian bridge over Clover Creek near Springbrook Park to allow this geographically isolated area to easily access Springbrook Park.

### **Point Defiance Bypass Rail Safety**

The Point Defiance Bypass Project will re-route passenger trains through south Tacoma, Lakewood, and DuPont at the cost of \$89 million. Once completed, the project will bring a total of seven daily round trip passenger trains through Lakewood intersections, with an average crossing time of 7 seconds per intersection, 45 seconds total with guard rails, and a maximum speed of 79 mph. This routing bifurcates the community and negatively affects residents and businesses by generating additional traffic congestion, increasing noise and vibrations, and impacting economic development. Lakewood requests \$4.6 million be appropriated to WSDOT-Rail to fund rail safety improvements in Lakewood.

### **Maintain Funding for the Western State Hospital Community Policing Program**

The 2013-15 State Operating Budget contains \$462,000 for a highly effective neighborhood policing team to respond to hundreds of calls for police service at Western State Hospital. The City of Lakewood requests that this funding remain included in the budget, and that it be re-appropriated in the 2015-17 Operating Budget. The City also requests that the funding amount appropriated to the community policing program be re-assessed if Western State Hospital expands.



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### COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

#### **I-5 JBLM Corridor**

The City supports full funding of improvements to the I-5 Joint Base Lewis McChord Corridor to relieve congestion and allow for future economic development of Lakewood and the surrounding region.

#### **South Sound Military & Communities Partnership & Joint Base Lewis McChord**

The City is a strong partner with Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) and a participant in the South Sound Military Communities Partnership (SSMCP). JBLM is an employment hub for the City of Lakewood. The SSMCP is a primary point of coordination for military-related issues that affects the region as a whole to include workforce development to provide opportunities for those military personnel leaving the service each year, transportation and infrastructure, education, and healthcare and wellness. The City of Lakewood supports the ongoing efforts of the SSMCP and supports policy decisions that assist JBLM. The City also believes in a strong commitment from the State in support of military affairs, such as the Washington Military Alliance (WMA), to include financial assistance in support of local advocacy agencies such as SSMCP.

#### **Economic Development Tools**

The City supports programs that may be developed to assist local governments in improvement of neighborhood residential and commercial area rehabilitation, through tax incentives, grants, loans and other programs. The City also supports legislation that provides economic development tools that the City may use if it so chooses. This legislation includes, but is not limited to: the multi-family housing tax incentive, tax increment financing, lodging tax, the Main Street Act (a series of small tax incentives for neighborhood business districts), complete streets grant program, community facility financing, shared state revenue for construction of convention and special event centers, additional shared state revenue for urban renewal and other public facility improvements, and innovative approaches to property tax assessment that reduces the current incentive to allow property to remain blighted.

#### **Annexation**

The City believes that annexation laws should encourage the logical development and expansion of the City to provide for a healthy and growing local economy and efficient services. The law should also facilitate and ease the annexation of unincorporated islands adjacent to City limits. The City supports legislation that will further modify state annexation laws to reduce the administrative process of annexation and further encourage and incentivize annexation of existing unincorporated islands. A recent model that provides a temporary shift in sales tax revenue to incentivize very large annexations needs modification to recognize that most annexations involve far fewer than 10,000 people.



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### **Boundary Review Board**

Boundary Review Boards are a quasi-judicial administrative body empowered to make decisions on such issues as incorporations, annexations, extensions of utilities, etc. by cities, towns, and special purpose districts. These Boards can approve, deny, or modify a proposal. Decisions are appealable to the Pierce County Superior Court. Because most issues are appealed to the Superior Court the City of Lakewood believes the Boundary Review Boards are duplicative and supports legislation that results in their elimination.

### **Local Authority for Land Use and Planning**

Local governments must maintain final decision making authority on local zoning, land use, and planning, including local zoning and regulation of house-banked card rooms and other businesses. Specifically, the City opposes any effort by either the State Legislature or Congress to preempt local land use or taxation authority.

### **Public Works Assistance Account**

The City supports reforming the Public Works Assistance Account by restoring its revenue sources, streamlining its processes, and allowing the Public Works Board to expand uses for its loan program and make other modernizations.

### **Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry**

The City of Lakewood is in need of state assistance to improve, maintain and expand its local park system and the open space areas of the City. The City supports ongoing funding for the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) and the Youth Athletic Fund (YAF).

If the WWRP program is fully funded with \$95 million in the 2015-17 Capital Budget, the City will receive \$193,950 in funding for Phase II of Springbrook Park (Acquisition and Development), and \$250,000 in funding for Waughop Lake Trail at Fort Steilacoom Park.

If the YAF fund is fully funded to \$12 million, the City will have the chance to compete for these funds (e.g., lighting or turf upgrades at Fort Steilacoom Park) in a competitive grant process. Maximum grant award is \$250,000.

### **Fort Steilacoom Park: Transfer of Ownership**

Fort Steilacoom Park is currently owned by the state (DSHS), and leased to the City of Lakewood. The current lease will be up for renewal in approximately 11 years. In the meantime, an extension has been requested for grant application purposes. The City would like to transfer ownership from the State to the City, which would require legislative authorization. The City of Chehalis accomplished a similar ownership transfer for Stan Hedwall Park in the 2013-15 state budget. The City is currently exploring with DSHS and the Department of Enterprise Services whether a similar ownership transfer is possible for Fort Steilacoom Park. We have also reached out to Pierce College since their campus grounds are also leased from the State. As these conversations progress, the City is supportive of any needed legislative authorization.



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### **Local Transportation Funding**

The City supports a local funding component in future state transportation packages, and requests that cities be provided with a dedicated transportation revenue stream. Both the state and the county have dedicated transportation revenue streams; the gas tax and the county road levy, respectively. Cities lack a dedicated transportation revenue stream to maintain and operate local streets. As a result, city roads remain in disrepair; general fund dollars are taken from other important services to repair roads; or a combination thereof. A dedicated transportation fund source would improve roads and help make cities more financially sustainable.

### **SR 167/SR 509 Puget Sound Gateway Project**

The City of Lakewood supports completing State Route 167 by adding the remaining six miles between Puyallup (SR-161) and Tacoma (SR-509) originally envisioned in the highway's design 30 years ago.

### **Capital Funding Request: Towne Green**

During the 2014 legislative session, the City requested \$500,000 for the Lakewood Towne Green, which was proposed to be included as part of a development project at the Towne Center. The 2014 House Proposed Capital Budget proposal included \$250,000 for the Towne Green, but a final capital budget was not adopted. It's now uncertain whether the project is ripe for receiving funding because progress with the developer is moving slower than anticipated. The City expects to pursue this funding request once an agreement is reached with our developer partner.

### **Limiting Additional Freight on Point Defiance Bypass (Lakeview Rail Line)**

With the development of the Point Defiance Bypass project in support of Amtrak passenger rail coupled with increasing demands on freight rail, there is concern that the Point Defiance Bypass project could eventually lead to carrying increased freight traffic in addition to new passenger rail. The City opposes increased freight traffic along this corridor that is above and beyond the activity already in place and does not have a destination point within Lakewood.

## **FINANCE**

### **State-Shared Revenues**

The City supports restoration and continued appropriation of committed state shared funds, such as Liquor Excise Taxes and Profits, Streamlined Sales Tax Mitigation, City-County Assistance Account, Municipal Criminal Justice Account, Annexation Sales Tax Credit, and public health funding. Support legislation that provides cities with tax revenue from the sale of marijuana.



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### **Fiscal Home Rule (alternative to State-Shared Revenues)**

The city recognizes that it is increasingly difficult for the state to continue its historic role of providing state-shared revenues to the local level. The city will evaluate fiscal home rule proposals as they are introduced.

### **General Fund Revenue**

The City supports legislation that will increase, expand, or favorably restructure its revenue-raising ability. In consideration of the continued growth in demand for services that exceed revenue growth and inflation, the City supports the following revenue options:

- Give local governments increased local option flexibility in all areas of taxing authority.
- Eliminate remaining non-supplanting language and restrictions on use of certain revenues in local option tax authority. This language excessively limits City Council discretion regarding funding priorities.

### **Unfunded Mandates & Other State & Federal Budget Impacts**

Mandates from the Federal and State governments are rarely accompanied with adequate new revenues or taxing authority, but instead force the City to reduce funding levels for other services. The City opposes efforts by Congress and the State Legislature to balance budgets by shifting responsibilities to cities.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **Authority to Appoint Municipal Court Judges**

The City supports cities' ability to appoint a municipal court judge and to maintain courts and supports further technical and financial assistance for the administration of municipal courts.

### **Traffic Enforcement Cameras**

The Legislature has authorized local government to use traffic enforcement cameras in limited situations, including red light enforcement at certain intersections and speed control in school zones. Traffic enforcement cameras have proven to be a success in reducing instances of speeding and violation of traffic signals. The City supports the use of traffic enforcement cameras. The City also supports legislation allowing images from traffic enforcement cameras to be used by law enforcement in criminal cases if there is probable cause.

### **Jail and Court Costs**

The City supports legislative proposals that reduce jail and court costs, and maintain the City's flexibility in providing jail and court services. The City supports additional funding for local grants through the Office of Public Defense, and clarifying local authority to set standards for public defenders. The City also supports maintaining the flexibility to select the most appropriate manner in which to provide jail services.



# CITY OF LAKEWOOD

## LEGISLATIVE POLICY MANUAL

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### **Expansion of “Fair Share” to Special Commitment Center Offenders**

The City supports legislation expanding the current “fair share” law, which requires Department of Corrections to send prisoners/offenders back to their county of origin when they are released from the Special Commitment Center run by the Department of Social and Health Services. Currently, a disproportionate number of those being released from the Special Commitment Center are residing in Pierce County. Since the beginning of 2012, 41 detainees have been released, and 15 of them are in Pierce County.

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

### **Public Records & Open Meetings**

The City respects the right of the public to have access to legitimate public records and documents. The City believes its ability to recover the costs of searching for, gathering and reviewing requested documents is also in the public’s interest. The City supports reasonable reforms to the public records act. The City opposes requiring the recording of executive sessions or other restrictions on legitimate uses of executive sessions.

### **Regulating Enhanced Service Facilities**

In 2013, legislation passed allowing adult family homes to transition to enhanced service facilities (ESFs). Because of the City’s proximity to Western State Hospital, it has a significant number of adult family homes that under this new law could be transitioned into ESFs. For example, the neighborhood of Oakbrook, directly north of Western State Hospital, has 26 adult family homes. ESFs are intended to serve those that have greater needs than those in an adult family home. The City is concerned that ESFs should not be located in residential areas in the same manner as adult family homes. This last interim, DSHS completed rulemaking on the regulations that Enhanced Service Facilities must follow. The City supports legislative changes that impose greater regulation on ESFs than is included in the adopted rules.