

City of Tacoma Legislative Update

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**City Council Study Session
January 31, 2017**



Agenda

- **Status of city bills of interest**
- **Calendar**



City bills of interest

- **Commercial office incentives (HB1495):** Local tax incentive for commercial office space. Hearing held, substitute developed, executive action scheduled this week.
- **Leasehold tax exemption (HB1114):** Restores exemption for Tacoma Dome, Seattle Center. Hearing held.

City bills of interest

- Document recording fees (HB1570, SB5254): Permanent surcharge, increase to \$90 (HB). Extend surcharge 8 years, adds more docs, no increase (SB). SB also has multiple GMA amendments. Hearings held.
- Abandoned homes: bill coming to address *Nationstar* decision on abandoned homes. Cities, banks, housing advocates working.

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- **Ban the box (HB1298):** Statewide implementation of ban-the-box. Hearing held.
- **Preempt local minimum wage & sick leave outside King Co (SB5530):** Sets \$9.53 wage retroactive outside King Co. Applies new sick and safe leave rules outside of King Co. I-1433 passed 57%. 2/3 vote required to amend in first 2 years.

City bills of interest

- **State investment of municipal pension systems (SB5116): Tacoma, Seattle & Spokane may elect to allow WSIB to manage municipal pension investments. Voluntary but permanent. Cities have responded.**
- **Pierce County annexations (SB5215/HB1681) 1/10th sales tax credit for annexations over 1,500. Hearing this week.**

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- PRA amendments (HB1594 & HB1595): 1594 requires training of records officers & AGO/local govt. work on best practices, establishes grants for local govt. & a study of a statewide open records portal & mediation between agencies & requestors. 1595 allows fees for electronic records & complex requests, bans “bot” requests.

Calendar

- **February 17: policy committee cutoff**
- **February 24: fiscal committee cutoff**
- **March 8: house of origin passage**
- **April 23: 105th day**



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