

City of Tacoma Legislative Update

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**City Council Study Session
February 21, 2017**



Agenda

- Status of city bills of interest
- Calendar



City bills of interest

- **Commercial office incentives (HB1495):** Local tax incentive for commercial office space. Policy committee passed; in Finance.
- **Leasehold tax exemption (HB1114):** Restores exemption for Tacoma Dome, Seattle Center. Hearing held; awaiting executive action.

City bills of interest

- Document recording fees (HB1570, SB5254):
 - HB: Permanent surcharge, increase to \$90.
 - Extend surcharge 8 years, adds more docs, no increase, multiple GMA amendments.

Policy committees passed; SB in W&M, HB in Appropriations.

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- **End non-supplant (HB2006):** Eliminate non-supplant rule in certain local revenues. In Appropriations.
- **LeMay Tax Break (HB1577):** Extends sales tax break on LeMay Museum 5 more years. Hearing held, in Finance.
- **Use of deadly force (HB1529/SB5073):** Implements recommendations of police use of force study. SB passed policy committee, in W&M.

City bills of interest

- **Ban the box (HB1298/SB5312):**
Statewide implementation of ban-the-box. Policy & fiscal hearings held, HB in Appropriations, SB in Rules.
- **SEPA Planned Actions (HB1740):**
Extends authority to use planned actions in TOD areas. Tacoma Dome area extended to 18 years. Passed policy committee, in Appropriations.

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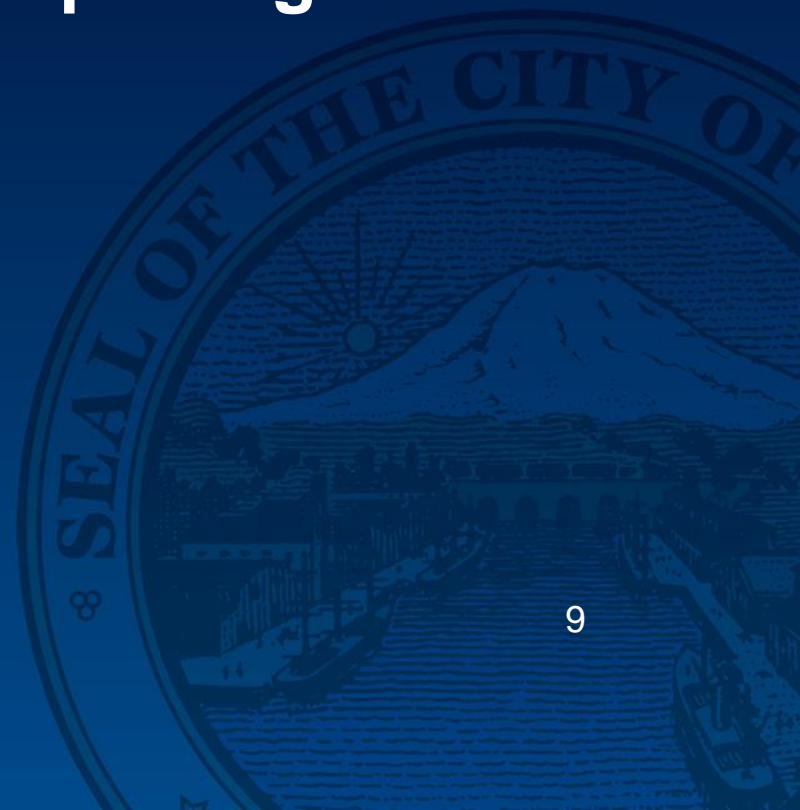
- **State investment of municipal pension systems (SB5116): Tacoma, Seattle & Spokane may allow WSIB to manage municipal pension investments. Voluntary & permanent. Passed W&M.**
- **Pierce County annexations (SB5215/HB1681) 1/10th sales tax credit for annexations over 1,500. Hearings held, bill did not advance.**

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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. Passed policy committees. 1594 in Appropriations, 1595 in Rules. ⁸

Calendar

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



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