

City of Tacoma Legislative Update

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**City Council Study Session
April 4, 2017**



Agenda

- Status of city bills of interest
- Budget comparison
- Calendar



City bills of interest

- **Commercial office incentives (HB1495):** Local tax incentive for commercial office space. House removed property tax. Senate restored property tax, added more cities. Bill in W&M. If passed: concurrence or conference.

City bills of interest

- Document recording fees (HB1570, SB5254):
 - HB: Permanent \$40 surcharge, option for counties to increase up to \$90. In House Rules.
 - SB: Extend surcharge 8 years, adds more docs, no increase, multiple GMA amendments. On Senate floor calendar.

City bills of interest

- **Ban the box (HB1298/SB5312):** Both passed. SB: 25-24, but bipartisan. HB: 68-30. SB has more exemptions.
- **PFD tax credit (HB1201):** Allows GTCC to use state-shared sales tax credit (.33) that repays bonds issued for construction to also be used for expansion, rehabilitation, and improvement. Extends credit from 25 to 40 years. Passed House 89-9. In Rules.

City bills of interest

- PRA amendments (HB1594 & HB1595):
 - 1594 requires training of records officers; adds \$1 DRF on all documents & establishes grants for local govt. & a study of a statewide open records portal. Requires city to report to JLARC annually on records requests.
 - 1595 allows fees for electronic records & complex requests, bans “bot” requests.

Budget comparison

Shared Revenue	Senate	House
Liquor	Fully funded	Fully funded
Marijuana	Fully funded	Reduced from \$30 to \$12 million
SST Mitigation	Fully funded	Fully funded 17-19, replaced with internet sales tax in 19-21
Criminal Justice	Fully funded	Fully funded
Fire Insurance Tax	Fully funded with new, reduced formula	Fully funded

Budget comparison

New Revenue (including cities)	Senate	House
1% Property tax cap change to include population & inflation	No	Yes
Sales tax on bottled water	No	Yes
Sales tax on internet sales	No	Yes

Budget comparison

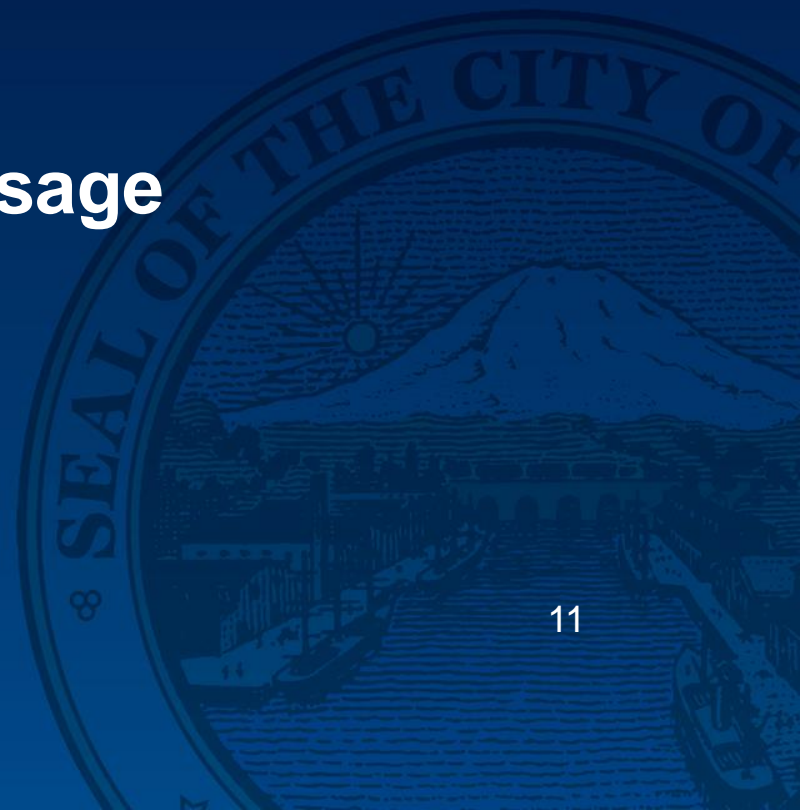
Program funding	Senate	House
LEOFF 2	Shifts state share to local government. Tacoma cost \$4.7m	Funds state share
Basic law enforcement training	8 additional classes in 17-19; 25% share	6 additional classes in 17-19; 25% share
MRSC	Fully funded. No funding after 17-19	Fully funded
Public health	Funded same as current biennium	Funded same as current biennium
Homelessness	Reduces funding	Adds funding, including \$11 million for youth

Budget comparison

Capital Projects	Senate	House
UW Tacoma soil remed. & bldg. pre-design	\$1.5 million	\$1 million
Tacoma Art Museum Benaroya addtn.	\$1.02 million	\$1.02 million
Tacoma Community House renovation & expansion	\$2.5 million	\$2.5 million
Bates TC Medical Mile Health Services	\$3.1 million	\$3.1 million
Tacoma Housing Authority Arlington Drive facility	\$3 million	
Peace Community Center	\$330,000	
Eastside Community Center		\$2.5 million
Eastside Boys & Girls Club		\$1.2 million
Asia Pacific Cultural Center		\$2 million
Broadway Center Pantages renovation		\$1 million

Calendar

- **Today:**
opposite house committee cutoff
- **April 12:**
opposite house passage
* NTIB: Necessary to Implement Budget
- **April 23:**
105th day



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