

City of Tacoma Legislative Update

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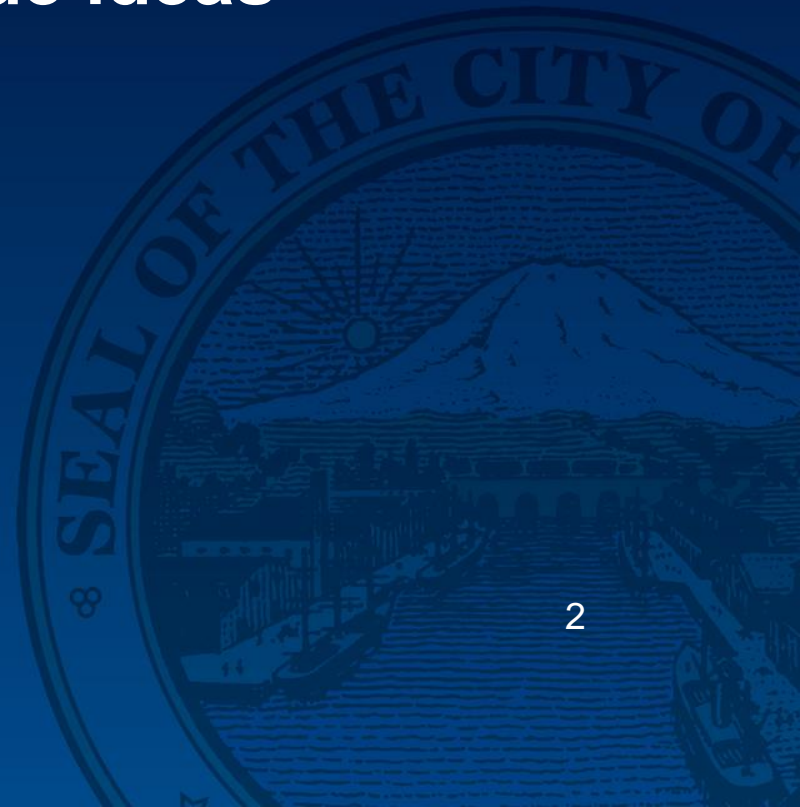
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**City Council Study Session
June 13, 2017**



Agenda

- Status of city bills of interest
- Budget issues & revenue ideas
- Calendar



City bills of interest

- **Commercial office incentives (HB1495):** House refused to concur in amendments. Discussions with prime sponsor on adjustments for 2018.
- **PFD tax credit (HB1201):** Extends state-shared sales tax credit (.33) for GTCC bonds from 25 to 40 years.

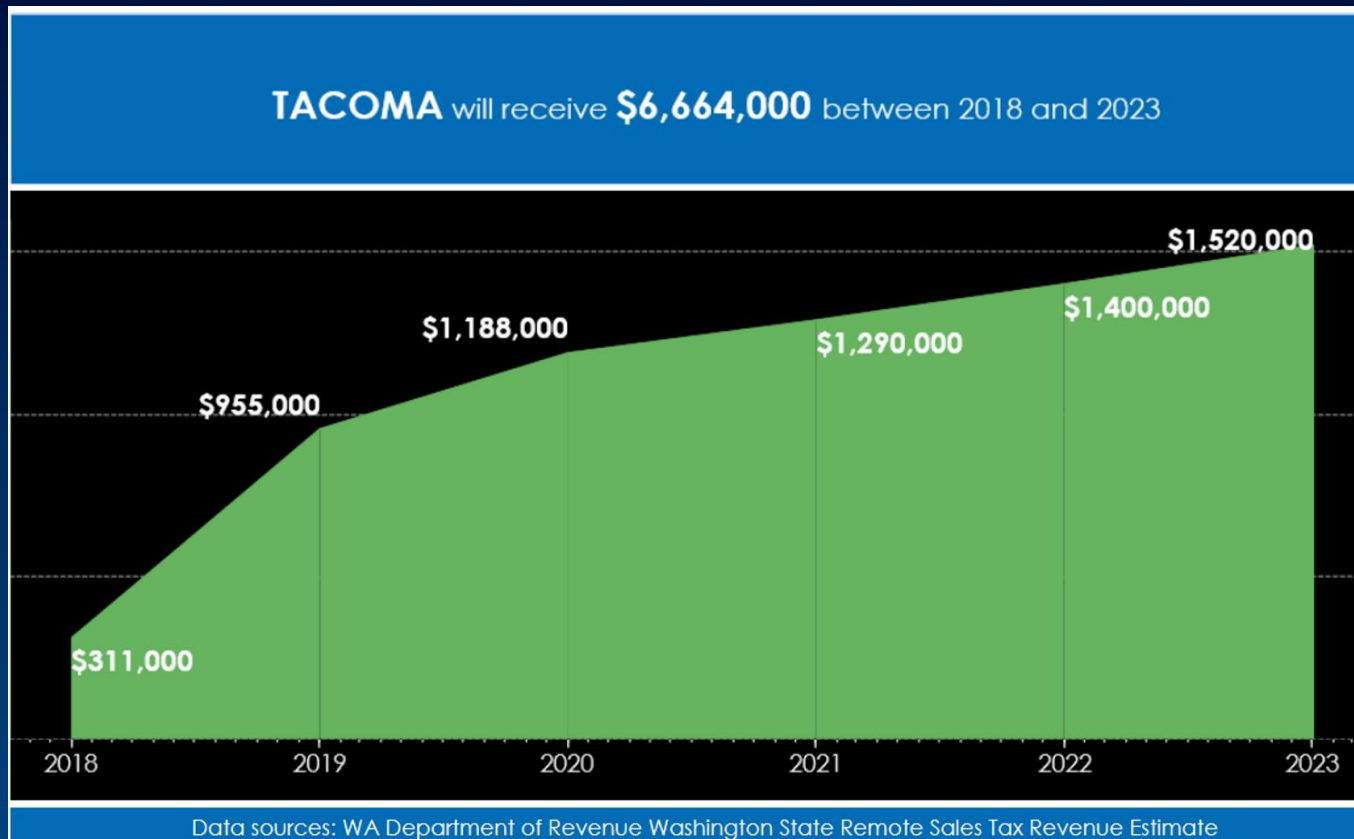
City bills of interest

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

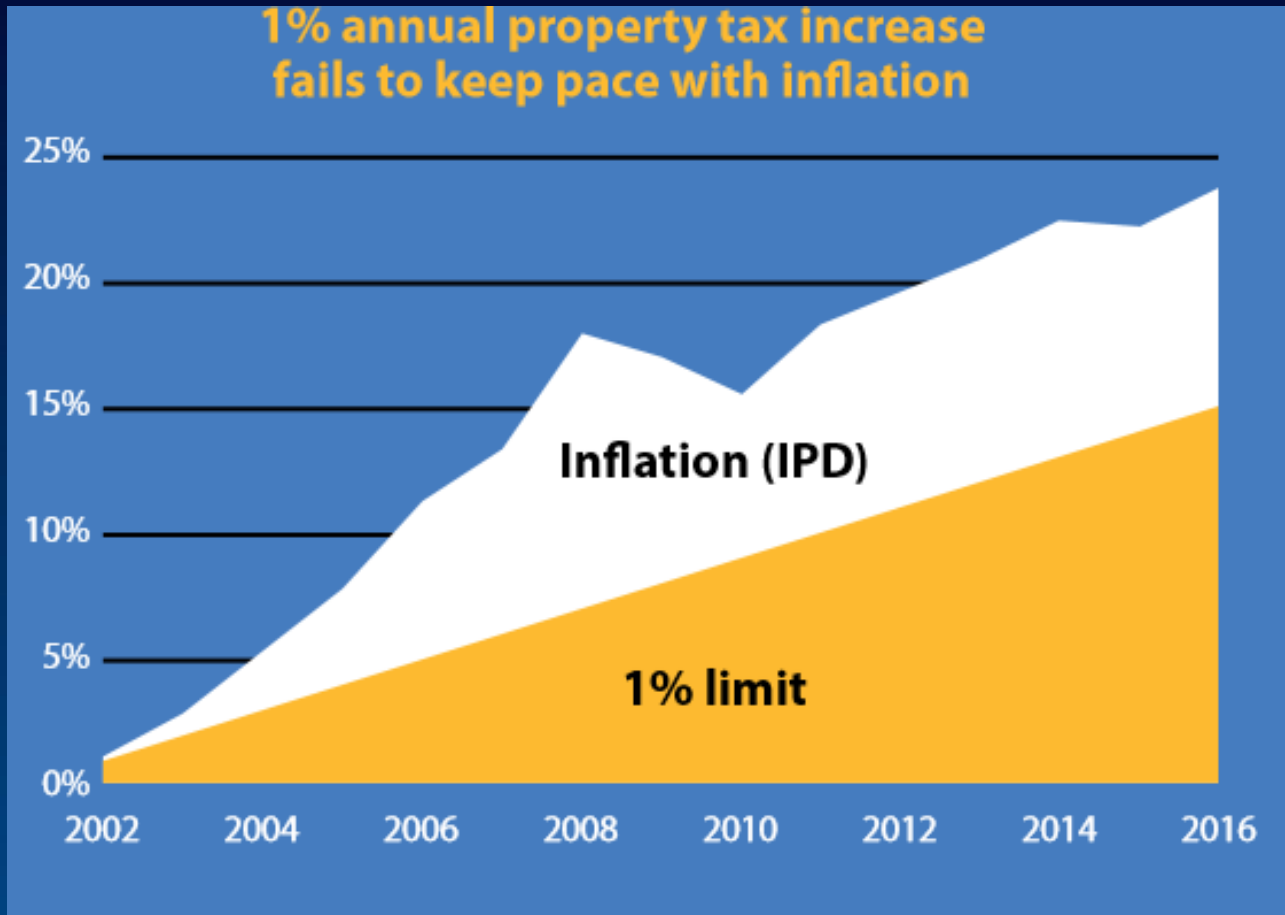
Budget issues

- **Agree to McCleary**
 - Funding level, teacher salaries, revenue source
- **Raids on local revenue**
 - LEOFF 2, fire insurance tax, marijuana
- **Agree to new revenue**
 - Sales tax extension to internet sales
 - Property tax cap from 1% to IPD

Revenue- Internet sales



Revenue- 1% tax cap



Also at stake

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

Bills Passed Document

Some 2017 session highlights:

2603 bills introduced

352 passed

242 are in this report

- **Subjects include formally banning “branch” to describe institutions such as UWT; changing crowd-funding regulations; creating another summer review of city B&O taxes; establishing theatrical wrestling school licenses.**

Calendar

- **June 20: Next revenue forecast**
- **June 21: Second Special Session ends**
- **June 30: Current budget expires**

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