



Legislative Update

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City Council Study Session
February 20, 2018



Agenda



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

City bills of interest



- Commercial office incentives (HB 2813 / SB 6418): Both bills have died. Similar SB 6361 bill remains alive.
- Leasehold excise tax (HB 1114 / SB 6320): Tacoma Dome only venue required to collect. In Finance and Ways & Means. Hearing this week in Senate.
- Body worn cameras (SB 6408): Passed Senate 47-0. Hearing in House committee this week.

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City bills of interest



- Sound Transit MVET (HB 2201 / SB 5955): New schedule. Rebates. House passed 60-37. NTIB issue.
- Abandoned homes (HB 2057): Increases cost recovery. New process for foreclosed homes. House passed 96-2. Senate committee hearing last week.
- Flexible revenue (HB 2006): Mental health & levy lid. Passed House 92-6. Senate committee hearing this week.

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City bills of interest



- Small cells (HB 2592 / SB 5935): Two very different approaches. 5935 passed Senate 45-3. Hearing this week.
- Voting Rights Act (SB 6002): Changes local elections. Passed Senate 29-19. Passed House committee. In Rules.
- Document recording fee (HB 1570): \$50 fee increase. In Rules. Passed House 51-47. Senate committee hearing this week. City option if county fails to act.

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Budgets



- **SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING BUDGET:**
 - Senate: \$403 million reduction in State property tax for 2019, maybe 2018
 - .31 reduction per \$1000 & Requires a 60 percent vote
 - \$1.2 net new funds for K-12 salaries. Fully funds McCleary, including penalties.
 - \$160 million additional funding for mental health/development disabilities.
 - House: Released this hour. Expected to include new Capital Gains Tax revenue to reduce property taxes and no use of budget stabilization account.
- **SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL BUDGET:**
 - Language allowing State to negotiate Rhodes Building complex sale to the City.
 - THA Arlington Drive facility: \$750,000
 - Asia Pacific Cultural Center: \$250,000

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Calendar



- February 23: Opposite House Policy Committee Cutoff
- February 26: Opposite House Fiscal Committee Cutoff*
- March 2: Opposite House Cutoff at 5PM*
- March 8: 60th Day Adjourn
- *NTIB Necessary to Implement Budget

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