



Legislative Update

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City Council Study Session
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Agenda



- Status of city bills of interest
- Summary of abandoned homes legislation
- Calendar

City bills of interest



Some disappointments

- Commercial office incentives (HB 2813 / SB 6418): Our bills & similar bill from Spokane died. Plan to reach out to Spokane to look at options for 2019.
- Tacoma Dome leasehold excise tax (HB 1114 / SB 6320): Circumstances changed during session. New House committee chair should improve 2019 chances.

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City bills of interest



- Sound Transit MVET (HB 2201 / SB 5955) Change MVET schedule & address revenue impacts.
- Flexible revenue (HB 2006 / HB 1797): Mental health, levy lid & REET flexibility and use for affordable housing.

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City bills of interest



Key successes

- Small cells (HB 2592 / SB 5935): No bill passed.
- Voting Rights Act (SB 6002): All cities over 1000 authorized to adopt district elections & allows local cause of action.
- Document recording fee (HB 1570): Fee raised to \$62 & made permanent.

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City bills of interest



- Marijuana revenue increase (SB 6032): Increases sharing of revenue from \$6 to \$15 million per year starting this week.
- Abandoned homes (HB 2057): Increases cost recovery, creates a new process for abandoned homes that are mid-foreclosure.

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Calendar



- Primary election- August 7
- Legislative Policy Statement consideration- September
- General election- November 6
- Legislative Agenda consideration- December
- 66th Legislature convenes- January 14, 2019

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