



Legislative Update

City Council & Utility Board Study Session
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Agenda



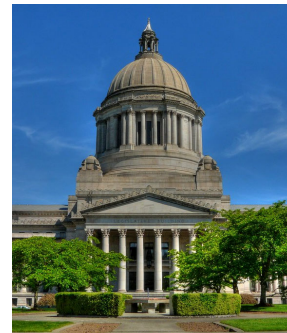
- Session Overview
- City General priorities
- Tacoma Public Utilities priorities
- Federal issues coordination
- Calendar

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2019 Legislative Session Overview



- The Washington State Legislature convenes annually on the 2nd Monday in January
- Legislative sessions are defined by the biennium, or the two-year period in which bills are considered
- 1st year of the biennium is a Long Session, lasting for 105 calendar days.
 - State's Budgets: Operating, Capital, Transportation, and Policy Bills.



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2019 Legislative Session Overview



- 2nd year of the biennium is a Short Session, lasting for 60 calendar days
 - Adjustments, additions and small changes to the State Budgets: Operating, Capital, Transportation (Supplemental Budgets), and Policy Bills.
- The Washington State Legislature convened on Monday, January 14th 2019 for 105 consecutive days, adjourning on Sunday, April, 28th 2019.
 - 2,762 bills were introduced in both chambers over the course of the 2019 session.
 - 473 bills passed the legislature and were sent to the Governor for signature.

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Fiscal

👍 Simplifying B&O Tax Apportionment (HB 1403)

- Preserves File Local system as an option



👍 Tacoma Dome Leasehold Excise Tax Exemption (HB 1301)

- Tacoma Dome competitive with other event venues

👍 Local School Levies Assistance (SB 5313)

- Allows lifting the existing cap on local levies for specific school districts including Tacoma School District

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Neighborhoods



👍 Affordable and Supportive Housing Tax Credit

(SHB 1406)

- \$800,000-\$900,000 a year for Tacoma

👍 \$1M for Beacon Center

- Stakeholder engagement and design in 2019

👍 \$1.4M to THA for Arlington Drive Youth Campus operating

👍 \$1.015M to WSDOT for encampment clean ups

- City/WSDOT agreement in progress

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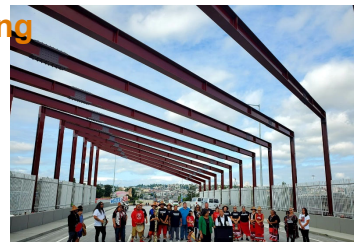
Transportation

👎 Fishing Wars Memorial Bridge funding

- Transportation revenue package did not advance

👍 TNC legislation did not advance (HB 2039/ SB 5926)

👍 \$350,000 for PSRC passenger-only ferry service study



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- **Clean Energy Transformation Act (SB 5116, Senator Reuven Carlyle) – Signed into Law**
 - Governor Inslee's Top Legislative Priority.
- **Important Milestones Include:**
 - 2025: Elimination of Coal from power delivered to customers in WA.
 - 2030: Utilities must comply with a carbon-neutral standard.
 - 2045: Utilities must comply with a carbon-free standard.
- **TPU supported this legislation after working with policymakers and stakeholders on a number of important provisions.**
- **TPU will actively participate in rulemaking with various agencies over the next several years.**

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Clear Authority for Utilities to Support and Incentivize Electrification of Transportation (HB 1512, Rep. Jake Fey) – Signed into Law

- Multi-year effort that required extensive collaboration with other utilities, stakeholder, and lawmakers.

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- **Clean Energy Transformation Act (SB 5116) – Signed into Law**
- **Clear Authority for Utilities to Support and Incentivize Electrification of Transportation (HB 1512) – Signed into Law**
- **Appliance Efficiency Standards (HB 1444) – Signed into Law**
- **Low Carbon Fuel Standard (HB 1110) – Failed to Pass the 2019 Legislature**

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- **Seek new funding for equitable access to solar – Successfully modified language in the Capital Budget/Clean Energy Fund to make it useable for more utilities and with an additional focus on low-income access**
- **Support the Public Works Trust Fund – Mixed Outcome**
- **Support Tacoma Rail's applications for State Rail Grant and Loan Program Funds – Funded in the State Transportation Budget**

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Federal Issues



City-wide coordination on federal issues

- **Telecommunication attachments: Protecting local control of public assets**
 - City of Tacoma joins other cities in 9th circuit lawsuit
 - City supports federal legislation that would repeal FCC rule
- **Puget Sound/Salmon Recovery/Howard Hanson Fish Passage**
 - Biological opinion in February 2019, need downstream fish passage in place by 2030
 - Working with federal agencies, congressional delegation, Puget Sound Partnership, other stakeholders, and regional local governments to move ahead

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Calendar



- General election- November 5
- City Council Committee of the Whole Legislative Agenda Development workshop- September 24, 2019
- Draft Legislative Agenda consideration- Fall
- Federal update to City Council- October 15, 2019
- Public Utility Board legislative agenda adoption- Q4
- Citywide Legislative Agenda adoption- Q4
- 2020 Legislature convenes- January 13, 2020

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