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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Date: February 5, 2016
Subject: 2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE #3

RECOMMENDATION:

Council should receive its third update on the 2016 state legislative session

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

This memo reflects an update on the City's legislative interests as of February 5. At the writing of this memo, the legislature had concluded its fourth week of the 2016 State Legislative Session and had reached its first (February 5) session cutoff. Tuesday, February 9 is the next cutoff, which is last day to read in committee reports (pass bills out of committee and read them into the record on the floor) from House fiscal committees and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation committees in house of origin. And Wednesday, February 17, 2016 is the last day to consider (pass) bills in house of origin.

Council's Legislative Workgroup

The Council's Legislative Workgroup (Mayor Walen, Councilmember Asher and Councilmember Marchione) is scheduled to meet weekly throughout the session on Friday's at 3:30pm, to discuss the status of the City's 2016 legislative priorities (Attachment A). Councilmember Asher was the only member of the Workgroup available to meet on February 5. Staff had recommended the City take positions on 85 bill proposals (Attachment B) from over 140 that they have reviewed since the beginning of session (Attachment C).

Status Summary of the City's 2016 legislative priorities

- New policies and funding tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing:

([House Bill 2397](#)) Demolition Fee bill

HB 2397 is dead.

([Senate Bill 6239](#) / [House Bill 2544](#)) Property tax exemption program for the preservation of housing

The City of Seattle is the lead on this bill, which authorizes city governing authorities to adopt a property tax exemption program, and county governing authorities to adopt a property tax exemption program for unincorporated jurisdictions, to preserve affordable housing that meets health and quality standards for very low-income households at risk of displacement or that cannot afford market-rate housing. The Senate version was heard Thursday, February 4 in Ways & Means. The House version was amended in the Community Development, Housing and Tribal Affairs Committee and referred to the Committee on Finance on February 5.

([House Bill 2395](#)) Fee on Condominium Conversions

HB 2395 is dead.

([House Bill 2086](#) / [Senate Bill 5900](#)) Prohibiting certain limitations on the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations

This bill was championed by local faith communities in 2015. The City supported it and Councilmember Marchione testified in support of the Senate version. The bill prohibits a local government from limiting a religious organization's: (1) Availability to host a rotating, established tent encampment to fewer than eight months during a calendar year; (2) Hosting term to fewer than four months; (3) Number of simultaneous hostings within the same municipality to one hosting during any given period of time; and (4) Availability to host safe parking efforts at its onsite parking lot. While the House version did not get scheduled for hearing this session, the Senate version was moved to the White Sheet in Rules.

([Senate Bill 6337](#) / [House Bill 2647](#)) Disposing tax foreclosed property to cities for affordable housing purposes

This bill is being championed by the City of Tacoma. The Senate version was amended in Human Services, Mental Health and Housing Committee on February 5 and passed to Senate Rules. The House version was amended February 2 and referred to Rules on February 5. The bill requires the county legislative authority to give notice to a city in which any tax foreclosed property is located within at least sixty days of acquiring the property and prohibits the county from disposing of the property at public auction or by private negotiation before giving the notice. The bill also requires the notice to offer the city the opportunity to purchase the property for the principal amount of the unpaid taxes, under certain conditions which include the city providing that the property is suitable and will be used for an affordable housing development and the city agreeing to transfer the property to a local housing authority or other nonprofit entity eligible to receive assistance from the affordable housing program.

([House Bill 2843](#)) Supporting affordable housing

This bill was amended in the House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs Committee on February 2 and heard in Finance on February 5. The bill provides a business and occupation tax credit and a public utility tax credit for approved contributions that are made by a person to the affordable housing account. Requires an application for tax credits to be made to the department of revenue before making a contribution to the affordable housing account. Creates the Washington affordable housing account.

([Senate Bill 6647](#)) Responding to the crisis of homelessness in Washington (aka the Bring Washington Home Act)

This bill is supported by Washington Low Income Housing Alliance and was introduced to Senate Ways & Means on February 5. Senator Sharon Nelson (D-34) is the prime sponsor and is joined by Senators McAuliffe and Habib among others. Senate Bill 6647 addresses homelessness and immediate needs. The bill will allocate a total of \$300 million for affordable homes. It funds shelter, services, and permanent housing for people who need long-term support to get and stay off the streets. It addresses the needs of people with mental illnesses, homeless youth, families with children, and more. The bill increases funding for the Housing Trust Fund and addresses the shortfall in the Consolidate Homeless Grant. The bill includes funding for HOPE beds for homeless youth and new rental assistance vouchers for vulnerable people across the state.

Women & Family Shelter – Capital Budget Request

In partnership with Catholic Community Services, The Sophia Way and the City, ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) has completed a Capital budget request for the women's shelter to be sited in Kirkland. Both House and Senate capital budget request forms are completed and submitted.

- Capital budget funding for a multimodal safety improvement project connecting the Cross Kirkland Corridor with the Redmond Central Connector:
Both House and Senate capital budget request forms are completed and submitted.
- Allow both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap:
The Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) is organizing a series of meetings with legislators in Olympia on Thursday, February 18 to express support for raising the 1% property tax cap and set the stage for trying to move this issue in 2017. WSAC has extended an invitation to interested city officials to participate along with County elected officials, Prosecutors and Sheriffs. The day's activities require an all-day scheduling commitment. Interested councilmembers should let Lorrie McKay know if they are available.
- Facilitate greater access to rooftop residential and community solar installations by extending the timeframe for state solar incentives in the Renewable Energy System Cost Recovery program:
(House Bill 2346) Promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives and providing guidance for renewable energy system component recycling. This bill is being championed by the Solar Industry of Washington (the installers). The bill resets the rates, ensures current payment to those customers already in, raises the cap and extends the program. HB 2346 was amended in Technology and Economic Development on January 27. After being referred to House Appropriations, it was heard there on Thursday, February 4.
- Clarify records retention, disclosure, and use limitations of video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers:
(House Bill 2362) Concerning video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers. Representative Hansen (D-23rd LD) was the prime sponsor of a bill on this topic last session. Rep. Hansen has filed this new bill. 2362 would allow people involved in an incident to get the recorded footage. While others could get the redacted information version, they would have to pay for it. The bill has a provision to sunset in two years and creates a task force in the meantime. The bill was referred to House Rules Committee on January 25.

Week 4 (2/1 – 2/7)

The primary focus in week 4

1. City's subject-matter expert review of bills dropped
2. Follow-up work from AWC Lobby Day
3. Efforts to encourage priority bills be moved out of committee of origin

Week 5 (2/8 – 2/14)

The primary focus in week 5

1. City's subject-matter expert review of bills dropped
2. Efforts to encourage priority bills be moved out of fiscal committees of origin
3. Determine information/material need to encourage bill passage out of the house of origin

Week 6 (2/15 – 2/21)

The primary focus in week 6

1. City's subject-matter expert review of bills dropped
2. Feb. 17 - the last day to consider (pass) bills in their house of origin

Hearings and Correspondence

Bill	Short Title	Cmte	Dt/Time	Notes
No hearings or executive action scheduled – as of the writing of this memo				

Correspondence

No correspondence – as of the writing of this memo

BILL TRACKING AND THE BILL TRACKER:

Kirkland's Legislative Review Process

Proposed legislative bills are introduced daily in the Senate, the House, or both through the first cut-off, which is anticipated in mid-February. The City's state legislative advocacy consultant flags and forwards relevant bills to intergovernmental staff for review with department(s) and subject-matter experts in an effort to determine potential impacts to the City. This process also includes staff making an initial recommendation on City's position (Support/Oppose/Neutral) on a given bill. Intergovernmental staff then bring bills, reports and recommendations to the Council's Legislative Workgroup for consideration, discussion and validation of staff recommendations. The Legislative Workgroup's decisions are guided by the legislative agenda's general principles, as well as the City Council's Goals. Intergovernmental staff then communicate the City's position on bills to out legislative lobbyist, Council Members and Department Directors.

DRAFT SUPPORT ITEMS AGENDA:

At its February 2 meeting, Council moved to amend the 2016 Support Item Agenda that had been adopted at Council's January 19 meeting. The amendment directed staff to add the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center and its 2016 supplemental operating budget request for \$641,000 (Attachment D). The funding would provide additional Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) classes, without which there is a six month delay for BLEA.

For Council's review, the amended and revised 2016 Legislative Support Items Agenda is attached in both track-changes (Attachment E) and a clean version (Attachment F).

- Attachments:
- A. Status update of the City's 2016 legislative priorities (2/5/16)
 - B. Bill Tracker – Recommended Positions (2/5/16)
 - C. Staff bill analysis (2/5/16)
 - D. Supplemental budget request on behalf of WA Criminal Justice Training Academy
 - E. Amended 2016 Legislative Support Items Agenda (in track changes)
 - F. Final 2016 Legislative Support Items Agenda

**2016 Legislative Priorities and Status – City of Kirkland
Updated: February 5, 2016**

Legislative Priority	Bill #	Prime Sponsor	Status
<p>New policies and funding tools to address homelessness and create more affordable housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prop tax exemption for preservation of affordable housing • Encampments • Disposing tax foreclosed property to cities for affordable hsg. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting affordable housing – (B&O) • Sale of manufactured/mobile home communities • Capital Budget Request for Women’s Shelter 	<p>SB 6239 /HB 2544 SB 5900 SB 6337 /2647 HB 2843 HB 2799</p>	<p>Sen Fain Rep. Frame Sen. Miloscia Sen. Darnielle Rep. Jinkins Rep. McBride Rep. McBride Rep. Tharinger Sen. Keiser</p>	<p>2/1 – Exec action in Human Svcs and Mental Hlth & Hsg 2/4 – Heard in Ways & Means 2/2 – Exec action in Comm. Dev, Housing & Tribal Affairs 2/5 – Heard in Finance 1/19 – Moved to Rules White Sheet 2/4 – Exec action in Human Svcs and Mental Hlth & Hsg 2/2 – Exec action in Comm. Dev, Housing & Tribal Affairs 2/2 – Exec action in Comm. Dev, Housing & Tribal Affairs 2/5 – Heard in Finance 2/4 – Exec action in Judiciary 2/1 - House project funding request form submitted 2/1 - Senate project funding request form submitted</p>
<p>Capital budget funding for a multimodal safety improvement project connecting the Cross Kirkland Corridor with the Redmond Central Connector.</p>		<p>Rep. Tharinger Sen. Honeyford</p>	<p>House project funding request form submitted Senate project funding request form submitted</p>
<p>Allow both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap, currently fixed at 1 percent, with a cap that is indexed to both population growth and inflation.</p>			
<p>Facilitate greater access to rooftop residential and community solar installations by extending the timeframe for state solar incentives in the Renewable Energy System Cost Recovery program.</p>	<p>HB 2346</p>	<p>Rep. Morris</p>	<p>2/4 – Heard in Appropriations</p>
<p>Clarify records retention, disclosure, and use limitations of video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers.</p>	<p>HB 2362</p>	<p>Rep. Hansen</p>	<p>1/25 – Referred to Rules</p>

* No HIGHLIGHTS = No change in status from last update.

Bill	Title	Position	Sponsor	Status
Support				
HB 1769	Reinstating tax preferences for high-technology research and development.	Support	Pettigrew	1/11 - Reintroduced & retained in present status.
HB 2086	Prohibiting certain limitations on the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations.	Support	McBride	1/11 - Reintroduced & retained in present status.
HB 2346	Promoting a sustainable, local renewable energy industry through modifying renewable energy system tax incentives and providing guidance for renewable energy system component recycling.	Support	Morris	2/4 Heard in Appropriations
HB 2353	Concerning civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting held in violation of the open public mtgs act.	Support	S. Hunt	1/29 - Referred to Rules 2 Review
HB 2362	Concerning video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers.	Support	Hansen	1/25 - Referred to Rules 2 Review
HB 2372	Addressing the destruction of forfeited firearms in the custody of law enforcement agencies.	Support	Senn	1/21 - Heard in Judiciary
HB 2396	Concerning access to nonemergency, outpatient, primary health care services for unaccompanied homeless youth under the federal McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act.	Support	McBride	2/4 - Exec action in Judiciary
HB 2397	Supporting affordable housing by permitting a local government fee on demolitions that reduce potential housing stock.	Support	McBride	1/18 - Heard in Comm. Dev. and Housing & Trial Affairs
HB 2438	Concerning gradually increasing the local government share of excess liquor revenues until the percentage-based method for distributions is restored.	Support	Nealy	2/5- Referred to Appropriations
HB 2519	Allowing nuisance abatement cost recovery for cities.	Support	McCaslin	2/2 - Referred to Finance
HB 2569	Authorizing the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes by law enforcement and fire department vehicles	Support	Sells	1/25 - Heard in Transportation
HB 2576	Concerning public records act requests to local agencies.	Support	McBride	2/4 - Exec action in Local Government
HB 2708	Providing for fire protection district formation by the legislative authority of a city or town subject to voter approval	Support	Appleton	2/4 - Exec action in Local Government
HB 2741	Addressing state and local government fiscal agents.	Support	Kuderer	2/2 - Exec action in Business & Financial Services
HB 2583	Authorizing specified local governments to designate a portion of their territory as a creative district subject to certification by the Washington arts commission	Support	McBride	2/5 - Hearing / Exec action in Gen Gov & Info Tech
HB 2843	Supporting affordable housing.	Support	McBride	2/5 - Hearing in Finance
Oppose				
HB 2303	Adopting the international wildland urban interface code by reference for purposes of the state building code.	Oppose	Van De We	1/25 - Referred to Rules
HB 2347	Reducing the tax on useable marijuana, marijuana concentrates, and marijuana-infused products.	Oppose	Hurst	2/5 - Heard in Finance
HB 2407	Prohibiting regulation of the amount of rent for commercial properties.	Oppose	Manweller	1/13 - Referred to Local Government
HB 2442	Providing a property tax exemption for certain property w/in an affordable hsg incentive zone.	Concerns	Appleton	1/19 - Heard in Comm. Dev. and Housing & Trial Affairs
HB 2523	Concerning a leasehold excise tax credit for properties of market value in excess of \$10M.	Oppose	Lytton	1/22 - Heard in Commerce & Gaming
HB 2547	Ensuring that recreational facilities with synthetic turf materials are not a hazard to public health.	Oppose	Pollet	1/26 - Heard in Environment
HB 2589	Allowing the use of gender-segregated facilities	Oppose	G. Hunt	1/15 - Referred to Judiciary

HB 2631	Preventing discriminatory treatment by government of a person or entity based on beliefs and practices held with regard to marriage as the union btwn one man & one woman	Oppose	Klippert	1/18 - Referred to Judiciary
HB 2676	Authorizing cities and counties to exempt certain housing from the state building code.	Strongly oppose	Blake	1/18 - Referred to Judiciary
HB 2932	Authorizing cities and counties to approve the use of alternatives to the state building code	Oppose	Blake	2/3 - Heard in Local Government
EHB 1123	Regulating the minimum dimensions of habitable spaces in single-family residential areas	Oppose	Blake	1/28 - Placed on 3rd reading by Rules

Bill	Title	Position	Sponsor	Status
Support				
SB 5244	Disposing tax foreclosed property to cities for affordable housing purposes.	Support	Darneille	1/11 - Retained in present status
SB 5665	Reinstating tax preferences for high-technology research and development.	Support	Jayapal	1/11 - Retained in present status
SB 5900	Prohibiting certain limitations on the hosting of the homeless by religious organizations.	Support	Miloscia	1/19 - Moved to Rules White Sheet
SB 6171	Concerning civil penalties for knowing attendance by a member of a governing body at a meeting	Support	Roach	1/29 - Passed to Rules for 2nd reading
SB 6211	Concerning the exemption of property taxes for nonprofit homeownership development.	Support (weak)	Bailey	2/4 - Substitute passed to Rules for 2nd reading
SB 6239	Authorizing local governments to adopt a property tax exemption program for the preservation of certain affordable housing	Support	Fain	2/4 - Heard in Ways & Means
SB 6387	Providing for fire protection district formation by the legislative authority of a city or town subject to voter approval	Support	Roach	2/4 - Exec action in Gov. Opps.
SB 6397	Addressing state and local government fiscal agents.	Support	Hill	2/3 - heard in Ways and Means 2/4 - Passed to Rules for 2nd reading
SB 6425	Concerning gradually increasing the local government share of excess liquor revenues until the percentage-based method for distributions is restored.	Support	Hewitt	1/27 - heard in Ways and Means
Oppose				
SB 5880	Enacting the Washington human trafficking reporting act.	Oppose	Padden	2/5 - Substitute do pass Law & Justice
SB 6115	Limiting tax imposed by a city on a water / sewer distribution; water / sewerage system business.	Oppose Actively	Chase	1/18 - heard in Gov. Opps.
SB 6311	Providing a property tax exemption for certain property within an affordable housing incentive zone.	Concerns	Keiser	2/4 - Exec action Hmn Srvc, Mntl Health & Hsg
SB 6465	Concerning an alert program that allows residents to provide information to first responders pertaining to persons with developmental disabilities living at a registered address	Oppose	Hobbs	2/1 - Heard in Hmn Srvc, Mntl Health & Hsg
SB 6540	Ensuring safe playgrounds and turf fields.	Oppose	Chase	1/25 - Refrd to Energy, Environment & Telecom
SB 6548	Allowing the use of gender-segregated facilities.	Oppose	Warnick	2/4 - Substitute do pass Law & Justice

Kirkland Bill Tracker: House Bills

NEUTRAL

(Update 02-05-16)

Bill	Title	Position	Sponsor	Status
Neutral				
HB 2296	Concerning the taxing authority of public facilities districts.	Neutral		
HB 2341	Concerning DNA biological samples.	Neutral		
HB 2358	Concerning water sewer districts	Neutral		
HB 2365	Allowing marijuana retailers to sell marijuana merchandise.	Neutral		
HB 2544	Authorizing local governments to adopt a property tax exemption program for the preservation of certain affordable housing	Support		
HB 2423	Creating an office of the homeowners' association ombuds.	Neutral		
HB 2459	Concerning city or county comprehensive plans or development regulations arising from the economic development element of the growth	Neutral or oppose		
HB 2565	Reducing the frequency of local sales and use tax changes	Neutral		
HB 2630	Addressing the overpayment of wages by a municipal corporation	Neutral		
HB 2663	Implementing sunshine committee recommendations to repeal obsolete exemptions to public disclosure provisions	Neutral		
HB 2688	Authorizing cities to impose a temporary property tax increase to fund historic building rehabilitation	Neutral		
HB 2689	Creating a financing program for historic building preservation	Neutral		
HB 2525	Concerning risk mitigation plans to promote the transition of eligible coal units.	Neutral		
HB 2758	Requiring the use of an ordinance to advise the county governing body of a city's preliminary intent regarding inclusion or exclusion from a public transportation benefit area	Neutral		
HB 2760	Modifying who is eligible for relocation assistance for tenants of closed or converted mobile home parks	Neutral		
HB 2764	Clarifying public defense fund distributions	Neutral		
HB 2799	Concerning the sale of manufactured/mobile home communities	Neutral		
HB 2903	Concerning electronic product recycling	Neutral		
HB 2934	Establishing the legislative task force for rail transportation in Washington state	Neutral	Moscoso	Forms a task force to support the rail industry. We should ask for representation from local government interests . Right now it's just legislators, state agencies and rail interests. We have interests in how freight and passenger rail is resolved on ERC north of CKC and it's not clear to me what influence this task force could have.

No Highlight = No change since last report.

Kirkland Bill Tracker: Senate Bills

NEUTRAL

(Update 02-05-16)

Bill	Title	Position	Sponsor	Status
Neutral				
HB 6147	Concerning water-sewer districts.	Neutral		
SB 6153	Concerning the maintenance of certificates of title for manufactured homes.	Neutral		
SB 6157	Concerning the age of individuals at which sale or distribution of tobacco and vapor products may be made.	Neutral		
SB 6207	Concerning public disclosure of information submitted to the liquor and cannabis board regarding marijuana product traceability and operations.	Neutral		
SB 6147	Concerning water sewer districts	Neutral		
SB 6257	Updating specified environmental statutes of the department of ecology to improve efficiency and provide for increased flexibility for local governments.	Neutral		
SB 6248	Concerning risk mitigation plans to promote the transition of eligible coal units.	Neutral		
SB 6378	Concerning electronic product recycling	Neutral		
SB 6422	Creating an affordable housing for all program	Neutral		
SB 6506	Establishing the legislative task force for rail transportation in Washington state	Neutral	Chase	Forms a task force to support the rail industry. We should ask for representation from local government interests. Right now it's just legislators, state agencies and rail interests. We have interests in how freight and passenger rail is resolved on ERC north of CKC and it's not clear to me what influence this task force could have.
SB 6508	Concerning public works assistance account loan repayment	Neutral		
SB 6518	Creating a department of housing.	Neutral		
SB 6623	Concerning the rental or lease of transportation property.	Neutral		

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Bill #	Bill Short Title	Position	Companion	Notes	Leg Comm Review
SB 6378	Concerning electronic product recycling	Neutral	HB 2903	The bill appears to do two things. First, WMMFA is required to comply with State laws when procuring good and services. Second, the number of seats on the board of directors for reps from electronics manufrs with a smaller market share is decreased from six to three. Two of the seats are reserved for reps of companies involved in the collection and transport of collected electronics and one seat is reserved for a rep of an organization that advocates for recycling and reuse of electronic products. Consequently, the voting power on the board is shifted to the manufacturers with the largest market share who have five board seats.	5-Feb
HB 2583	Authorizing specified local governments to designate a portion of their territory as a creative district subject to certification by the Washington arts commission	Support		It is at the City's discretion as to whether a creative district is created. There is no money currently if the State Commission decides to create and certify these districts, but there might be in the future. We are looking for outside funding for the arts for the corridor and for other projects and programs	5-Feb
SB 6422	Creating an affordable housing for all program	Neutral		Would create requirements for Department of Commerce and Counties related to planning for affordable housing and use of recording fees.	5-Feb
HB 2758	Requiring the use of an ordinance to advise the county governing body of a city's preliminary intent regarding inclusion or exclusion from a public transportation benefit area	Neutral		I don't think we have a problem with this, but I doubt we'd go out of our way to promote it.	5-Feb
HB 2760	Modifying who is eligible for relocation assistance for tenants of closed or converted mobile home parks	Neutral		Would eliminate income limitation for applying for relocation assistance when mobile home parks are closing.	5-Feb
HB 2764	Clarifying public defense fund distributions	Neutral		Should have no fiscal impact on the City. Unsure of impact on the Municipal Court. Possibly Aimee Vance could give some perspective.	5-Feb

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Bills Dropped, Department Analysis Recommendations

HB 2799	Concerning the sale of manufactured/mobile home communities	Neutral	Rep. McBride's mobile home park bill. This bill has changed some since pre-filed draft. Bill still requires notice to potential purchasing organizations and that sale not proceed for 120 days. Would only impact Kirkland if Firwood Lane came back on market.	5-Feb
SB 6465	Concerning an alert program that allows residents to provide information to first responders pertaining to persons with developmental disabilities living at a registered address	Opposed	The Wash. State Assoc. of Public Safety Communication Officials say this is Smart 911. WSAPCO is opposed. NORCOM is opposed. Most (if not all) KC PSAPs are opposed. This bill would take away limited 911 tax dollars for something that has a low ROI and, more importantly, is already bought and paid for in King County (over objections). King County E-911 has a current contract for Smart 911 for the next 5 years at an annual cost of \$618,000 (i.e. \$618,000 less per year that is available to the PSAPs for costs. Taking funds out of 911 taxes to put Smart 911 throughout the state would result in further reductions to what KC PSAPs receive from those taxes.	5-Feb
SB 6508	Concerning public works assistance account loan repayment	Neutral	Not sure of the purpose of this bill. It saves no funds for the entities, but redirects payments to their own capital projects. Not sure of the impact for not repaying the PWTFLL to the state.	5-Feb
SB 6518	Creating a department of housing.	Neutral	Transfers duties and employees that work on housing issues from Department of Commerce to a newly created Department of Housing.	5-Feb
HB 2843	Supporting affordable housing.	Support	Rep. McBride's B&O bill. Would allow a tax credit against B&O or public utility taxes when cash contributions are made to the Washington Affordable Housing Account. Proceeds may not exceed \$10 million per year and are directed to preserving and creating low income and special needs housing.	5-Feb

SB 6540	Ensuring safe playgrounds and turf fields.	Oppose	<p>Propose that City align with Washington Recreation and Parks Association position:</p> <p>The WRPA is aware of potential legislation that would place a moratorium on further installation of crumb-rubber materials in turf fields “until the science is more fully developed.”</p> <p>While WRPA agrees wholeheartedly that the No. 1 priority for local parks and recreation agencies is to ensure the health and safety of the children and adults they serve, we believe it is entirely premature to impose a moratorium on crumb-rubber use and would oppose such legislation. To date, peer reviews of studies across the nation have shown that there are no known measurable health or carcinogenic risks from crumb rubber – and in fact, a body of science shows the material can be beneficial in areas such as concussion risks.</p> <p>While the WRPA sees a moratorium as an inappropriate path forward, the Association would wholeheartedly support state-led efforts to do further scientifically-based studies into crumb rubber so that more unbiased and peer-reviewed information can be available on this important issue.</p>	2/5/2016
SB 6548	Allowing the use of gender-segregated facilities.	Oppose	<p>The title of this bill is a misnomer – it actually allows public and private entities to forbid transgender persons from using the facility of the gender for which that person identifies. It reverses a HRC rule. The proposed substitute adds a provision that allows a minor child to use a gender-segregated facility if accompanied by a grownup.</p>	2/5/2016

SB 5880	Enacting the Washington human trafficking reporting act.	Oppose	<p>SB 5880 creates a human trafficking training and reporting requirement. The requirement to tie the training to the local jurisdiction's business license process creates a bureaucratic unfunded burden on local governments. The bill requires all employees in certain industries or public services to undergo training in identifying and reporting victims of human trafficking within 30 days of hire. The list includes hotels, bars, spas, and restaurants.</p> <p>The administrative burden is unclear, yet there would be an increased burden to the City. This would require more administrative review, follow up, and also increase work for Public Safety in issuing citations for those businesses who do not comply and continue operating their business.</p> <p>The local government connection is that the local licensing agencies are required to provide information regarding training options. Also, they may not issue a license to the business unless the business certifies in writing that they've complied with the training requirements.</p> <p>This seems to be to be an unwieldy burden. The bill does not mention who will be putting together and vetting this training list. There are no draft certification forms. There's no funding source for the cost to produce and distribute the resource list. Not to mention that this provision is in RCW 9.68, which has nothing to do with local authority to regulate businesses. It should probably be in 35.21 or somewhere similar.</p>	5-Feb
HB 2932	Authorizing cities and counties to approve the use of alternatives to the state building code	Oppose	<p>The state building codes already allow building departments to allow innovative construction that meets the intent of the building code.</p>	5-Feb

Bills Dropped, Department Analysis Recommendations

HB 2934	Establishing the legislative task force for rail transportation in Washington state	Neutral with request for reprsntatn from local govrmnt	SB 6506	Forms a task force to support the rail industry. We should ask for representation from local government interests . Right now it's just legislators, state agencies and rail interests. We have interests in how freight and passenger rail is resolved on ERC north of CKC and it's not clear to me what influence this task force could have.	5-Feb
EHB 1123	Regulating the minimum dimensions of habitable spaces in single-family residential areas	Oppose		Pre-empts local control and discretion to address local issues.	5-Feb
SB 6623	Concerning the rental or lease of transportation property.	Neutral		This concerns leasing right of way and the way rent is calculated when (or if) we rent r-o-w. Since we never or only rarely do this, we don't have a problem with it, but it doesn't help us either.	5-Feb



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I would like to make a supplemental budget request on behalf of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Center.

In total, the request is \$641,000. The breakdown of that cost is as follows:

- \$473,000 for 2 basic law enforcement classes (locals will provide an additional \$204,000 in matching funds)
- \$168,000 for 3 Corrections officer classes (\$56,000 local match)

Without the requested funds, the Basic Law Enforcement Academy will face a six month delay in classes, so your consideration is greatly appreciated.



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2016 LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT AGENDA

Kirkland generally supports the policy principles of the items below, however, formal City support is contingent upon reviewing and approving the specific language of any legislative proposal drafted to advance a particular item.

2016 Legislative Support

Select Legislative Support and carryovers from Kirkland's 2015 Support agenda

- Support vested rights legislation that keeps predictability and certainty for local governments, real estate developers and environmental and community advocates.
- Support legislation to enable local funding sources for multi-benefit watershed projects.
- Support providing cities with financing options to support public/private partnerships.
- Support brown grease to energy conversion legislation and programs.
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