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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Date: February 6, 2015
Subject: 2015 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE #3

RECOMMENDATION:

Council should receive its third update on the 2015 legislative session.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

This memo reflects an update on the City's legislative interests as of February 6. At the writing of this memo, the legislature had concluded its fourth week of the 2015 State Legislative Session. Since January 12, staff has reviewed over 240 bills introduced.

Council's Legislative Committee

The Council's Legislative Committee (Mayor Walen, Councilmember Asher and Councilmember Marchione) meets weekly throughout the session on Friday's at 3:30pm. The Council's Legislative Committee met on February 6 to discuss the status of the city's 2015 legislative priorities. (Attachment A)

Status Summary of the City's 2015 legislative priorities

- **State and local transportation revenue:**
There is no update from either chamber on a statewide transportation package

House – Of the two proposals for local transportation funding options reported on in the last update, HB 1593 (Rep. McBride) was heard in House Transportation on February 4. Referred to by some in Olympia as the omnibus transportation local options bill, includes a \$20-\$50 TBD, streamlines city TBD's, a "transportation utilities" concept, and .2 councilmanic sales tax. Councilmember Asher testified in support of 1593. Amendments to the bill will be considered in the committee.

HB 1757 (Rep. Fey), referred to by some in Olympia simply as the "\$20-\$50 TBD," is scheduled for public hearing in Transportation on Thursday, February 12.

Senate – SB 5813 (Sen. Cleveland) was introduced on February 4 and is the senate companion bill to HB 1593.
- **\$75M for the next phase of the I-405 / NE 132nd Interchange ramp:**
 - ✓ Staff and Legislative Committee members continue responding to requests for information from delegation members.

- Continued state financial assistance and other tools that further the development of the CKC:

No update

- Capital budget funding for multimodal safety investments:

- ✓ Project requests have been submitted through the Senate's process.
- ✓ Project requests have been submitted through the House process.

The Juanita Drive Multimodal Safety Investments project originally included on the City's legislative agenda was awarded funding through the Puget Sound Regional Council. An alternate Multimodal Safety Investments project along Juanita Drive was submitted (Attachment B) and costs nearly \$300,000 less than the original. The City's 2015 Legislative Priorities document, adopted by Council October 21, 2014, was revised to reflect this change. (Attachment C)

- Flexibility to site marijuana retail facilities and revenue sharing with cities that allow retail facilities:

House - Representative Hurst, Chair of the House Committee on Commerce and Gaming held hearings on Monday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 3 on House Bill 1461, concerning Marijuana. As the prime sponsor of 1461, Rep Hurst essentially combined 18 individual, sometimes conflicting, marijuana bills into one omnibus marijuana bill. The four House bills that were highlighted in the last update, as containing the elements articulated in the City's priority here, are included in HB 1461.

- ✓ Revenue Sharing Priority – Found in Section 2 of HB 1461
- ✓ Siting Flexibility Priority – Found in Section 8
- ✓ Revenue Shared with City's that Allow Retail Priority – Found in Section 9

Councilmember Kloba testified in support of HB 1416.

Senate - SB 5417, concerning local government marijuana policies (Senator Rivers) was also heard on Monday, February 2. This senate bill contains Kirkland's siting issue, among several other issues, and Councilmember Kloba testified in support of SB 5417 as well. SB 5519, enacting the comprehensive marijuana reform act (Senator Kohl-Wells) was heard Monday too. This bill reduces siting in all categories from 1000 to 500 feet.

- Additional Sound Transit revenue authority and that such authority may also be used to fund trail development and alternative transportation along the Eastside Rail Corridor:

House - HB 1180, concerning dedicated funding sources for high capacity transportation service. (Rep. Fey) was heard in the House Transportation Committee on January 28. Councilmember Asher testified in support of HB 1180 at the hearing and he testified in support of seeing language in the bill that expressly provides Sound Transit the flexibility to spend some of the new revenue authority on multi-modal connections to the Sound Transit system. While the bill was not amended to include the City's request, it was amended in committee to limit it to counties of 1.5m or more and so that it doesn't allow property tax. The Substitute House Bill 1180 was passed out of the Transportation Committee and referred to the House Committee on Finance. SHB 1180 is scheduled for hearing on Tuesday, February 10. Mayor Walen is prepared to testify in support of the bill.

Senate - SB 5128, concerning dedicated funding sources for high capacity transportation service. (Sen. Liias) is the senate companion to HB 1180.

- Allow both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap:

No update

BILL TRACKING AND THE BILL TRACKER:

Legislative proposals (bills) are introduced daily in either the Senate, or the House, or both. Waypoint Consulting monitors bills dropped each day and forwards likely bills of interest to the City. Staff subject-matter experts provide review, analysis and initial recommendations (Attachment D) to the Council's Legislative Committee. The Committee measures bills against the city's 2015 legislative agenda. Committee members discuss, seek additional information and/or validate staff recommendations. Intergovernmental staff then communicate the City's position on bills to out legislative lobbyist, Council

Members and Department Directors via the "bill tracker" report. The bill tracker (updated February 6), showing the city's positions (Support/Oppose/Neutral) on a number of bills is attached to this memorandum (Attachment E & F). Items highlighted in yellow represent changes since staff's previous update. To date, department subject-matter experts have received over 240 bills to review. Staff have made position recommendations on 178 bills.

In an effort to keep the full Council as up to date as possible on the status of the City's priorities, staff will make an effort to provide councilmembers with the legislative priorities status sheet and the bill tracker prepared for the Legislative Committee's Friday meetings. For example, the February 13 status will be provided to Council in advance of its February 17 meeting.

If, during the session, a proposed bill (of concern to the City) is determined to be beyond the scope of the legislative agenda's general principles or not in sync with the Council Goals, then the Legislative Committee will bring the bill before the full Council for consideration and discussion at its next regular council meeting.

One such bill, HB 1922 (Rep. Springer) / SB 5899 (Sen. Liias) - addressing small loans and small consumer installment loans, was introduced last week. This bill is similar to a bill introduced in 2014, which the City adopted a position against it as one of its 2014 legislative priorities. Specifically, the City's priority read, "Kirkland opposes legislation that proposes lending products or practices that adversely impact the middle class and the poor." In an analysis of HB 1922 conducted by the PEW Charitable Trust (Attachment G), PEW determined that, if passed, HB 1922 "would result in an inadvisable expansion of high-cost lending and related consumer harm." Further, PEW believes that the bill does not ensure necessary consumer safeguards currently in place. Council's Legislative Committee recommends the City take a "neutral" position HB 1922/SB 5899, pending a discussion by the full Council.

Bills of Concern

- HB 1394 - Preserving the common law interpretation and application of the vested rights doctrine. "Vesting bill" (No movement)
- HB 1102 / SB 5055 - Concerning a local government installing a public sewage system within the public right-of-way under certain circumstances. This bill was re-drafted and introduced as HB 2010 / SB 5871, creating appeal procedures for single-family homeowners with failing septic systems required to connect to public sewer systems. The City's primary concerns are addressed in the new draft. City's position is "neutral" on 2010/5871.
- HB 1417 / SB 5048 - Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.
- Water/Sewer Assumption - Amendments (HB 1417/SB 5048)
- Audits of data storage & management practices (HB 1008)

Focus in weeks four, five and six

Week 4 (2/3 – 2/8)

The primary focus in week 4

1. City's subject-matter expert review of bills dropped
2. Transportation revenue (local options)
3. Marijuana related legislation

Week 5 (2/9 – 2/15)

The primary focus in week 5

1. Arranging testimony at hearing in Finance on HB 1180
2. City's subject-matter expert review of bills dropped
3. Expressing continued opposition to HB 1417

Week 6 (2/16 – 2/22)

The primary focus in week 6

1. City's subject-matter expert review of bills dropped
2. AWC's City Action Days Feb. 18 & 19
3. Feb. 20 Cutoff for the introduction of policy bills

HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

<u>Bill</u>	<u>Cmte</u>	<u>Dt/Time</u>	<u>City Rep.</u>	<u>SME</u>
SHB 1180 , Dedicated funding for high capacity transportation	HF	2/10 3:30	Amy Walen	K. Triplett

Cmte (Committee) Legend

HF = House Committee on Finance

Correspondence

None

Session Cutoff Calendar

Feb. 20 the last day for legislators to introduce policy bills (except House fiscal committee and Senate Ways & Means and Transportation). Those committees have until the 27th. March 11 is the last day to consider bills in the House of origin.

AWC ANNUAL CITY ACTION DAYS CONFERENCE:

The AWC's annual City Action Days conference is scheduled for Wednesday February 18 and Thursday, February 19th. Staff has taken care of basic logistics such as conference registration and lodging for councilmembers. Meetings with members of the delegation are scheduled. Opportunities beyond the scheduled sessions of the conference include a 4pm Washington Tech Cities Coalition meeting at the hotel and the annual 7pm Eastside Cities' Dinner.

REVISED DRAFT - SUPPORT ITEMS AGENDA:

The City's Legislative Priorities, adopted in October of 2014, represent the top priority items on the city's legislative agenda, and are the primary focus for the city's Intergovernmental Relations Manager and contracted lobbyists during session. That said, Council has historically adopted a Legislative "Support" Agenda each session as well.

At its February 3 meeting, Council provided feedback on the proposed 2015 Legislative "Support" Agenda. Staff incorporated feedback, which is highlighted in red in Attachment H. Councilmember Marchione asked that support for various state infrastructure funding programs be included. She also requested that support for Hi-Tech Industry be added. Councilmember Nixon observed that in the Washington Fire Chiefs Association (WFCA) section, staff had inadvertently pasted the wrong content under the WFCA priority of Public record request compliance funding and asked to see the revised version with that content. Councilmember Nixon also expressed concern with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) position on Body-Worn Cameras. This item has been removed. Finally, Councilmember Nixon expressed opposition to the Transportation Choices Coalition priority support of legislation to address carbon pricing and opposition to the Environmental Priorities Coalitions support for the Carbon Pollution Accountability Act. Staff left these items on this version of the 2015 Support Agenda however because of Council's authorizing action at its October 23, 2014 meeting. At the October meeting, a majority of the Council authorized Mayor Walen to sign a Joint Letter of Commitment, as a member of King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), pledging Kirkland's support for the

shared vision, principles and actions of the K4C, and committing to actively pursue those strategies and catalytic actions. Support for legislation to address carbon pricing and support for the Carbon Pollution Accountability Act align with the commitment expressed through the K4C and the joint letter.

A revised annotated version of the proposed "Support" agenda is attached for more information (Attachment I). Revisions are highlighted in blue. A final, clean version of the city's 2015 Legislative Support Agenda is also attached (Attachment J). Formal City support of these items is contingent upon reviewing and approving the specific language of any legislative proposal drafted to advance a particular item.

Attachments:

- A. Feb. 6 Status update on Kirkland's 2015 Legislative Priorities
- B. Alternate Juanita Drive Multimodal Safety Improvements Capital Request
- C. Jan. 31 Revised Version of Kirkland's 2015 Legislative Priorities
- D. Bill Analysis and Staff Recommendations (02-06-15)
- E. Bill Tracker (02-06-15)
- F. Neutral Position Recommendations (02-06-15)
- G. PEW Charitable Trust Letter on HB 1922
- H. DRAFT Proposed 2015 Legislative "Support" Agenda
- I. Annotated version of DRAFT Proposed 2015 Legislative "Support" Agenda
- J. Final 2015 Legislative "Support" Agenda

2015 Legislative Priorities and Status – City of Kirkland
Updated: February 6, 2015

Attachment A

Legislative Priority	Bill #	Prime Sponsor	Status
State Transportation Revenue		Sen. King	
Local Transportation Revenue	SB 5813 HB 1593 HB 1757	Sen. Cleveland Rep. McBride Rep. Fey	2/4 - First reading, referred to Transportation 2/4 – Heard in Transportation 2/9 – Scheduled for executive session in Transpo 1/28 - First reading, referred to Transportation
\$75M for the next phase of the I-405 / NE 132nd Interchange ramp			
Continued state financial assistance and other tools that further the development of the Cross Kirkland Corridor (CKC)			
Capital budget funding for multimodal safety investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juanita Dr. Multimodal Safety Investments: \$1,021,000 CKC to Redmond Central Connector: \$750,000 NE 52nd Street Sidewalk: \$1,068,600 			Projects Submitted through Senate Process Projects Submitted through House Process
Flexibility to help site marijuana retail facilities and marijuana revenue sharing with cities that allow retail facilities	SB 5417 SB 5572 SB 5519 HB 1461	Sen. Rivers Sen. Kohl-Wells Sen. Kohl-Wells Rep. Hurst	2/2 – Heard in Commerce & Labor 2/9 – Scheduled for executive session in C&L 2/2 – Heard in Commerce & Labor 2/13 – Scheduled for hearing in Commerce & Labor 2/2-3 – Heard in Commerce & Gaming
Additional Sound Transit revenue authority <i>and that such authority may also be used to fund trail development and alternative transportation along the Eastside Rail Corridor.</i>	SB 5128 HB 1180	Sen. Liias Rep. Fey	1/14 - First reading, referred to Transportation 2/2 – Executive Action taken 1st Substitute 2/5 – Referred to Finance
Allow both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap			



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January 29, 2015

PROJECT TITLE: Juanita Drive Multimodal Infrastructure Safety Improvements

Kirkland requests \$1,021,000 in funding for multimodal infrastructure improvements along Juanita Drive in North Kirkland.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

With the 2014 completion of Kirkland's Juanita Drive Corridor Study, a Study with extensive public involvement and much community input, a number of preferred Juanita Drive safety improvements were identified.

With this funding request of \$1,021,000, Kirkland would complete the design and construction of one of the Study's most highly ranked multimodal safety improvement projects near the mid-point of Juanita Drive, a 4.5 mile corridor connecting Kirkland with Kenmore near Kirkland's northwestern city limits.

This multi-element project would:

- Add a pedestrian crossing and a south-bound vehicular turn pocket at the intersection of Juanita Drive and NE 132nd Street (located adjacent to Big Finn Hill Park and connects with Finn Hill Junior High School)
- Add a new segment of sidewalk and a Rapid Flashing Beacon crosswalk at Juanita Drive and NE 124th Street, (a location that also leads to another direct trail entry to Big Finn Hill Park)

With completion of these safety improvements, area residents will have enhanced access and connection points to the expansive and contiguous wooded oasis of Saint Edwards State Park, King County's Big Finn Hill Park, and Kirkland's O.O. Denny Park, through their interconnected networks of hiking/biking trails and combined recreational amenities.

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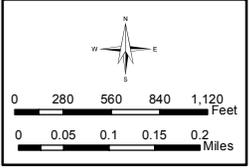
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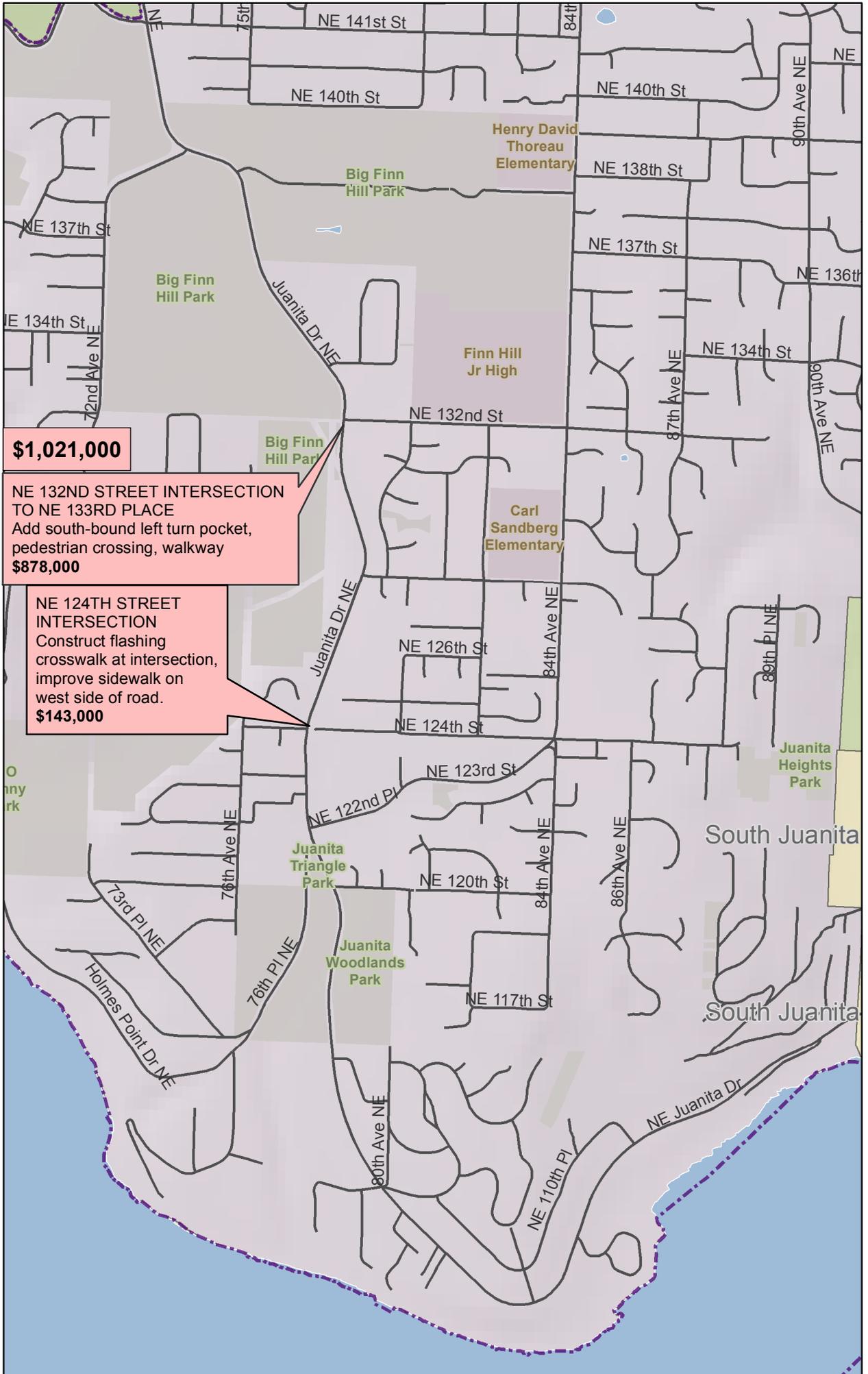
Kirkland Juanita Drive Multimodal Safety Improvements

- Buildings
- Road
- Overpass
- Parks
- Schools
- Parcels
- Major Streets
- Streets
- Cross Kirkland Corridor
- Regional Rail Corridor
- City Limits
- COK Grid
- QQ Grid
- Lakes



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CITY OF KIRKLAND 2015 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

General Principles

Kirkland supports legislation to promote the City Council's goals and protect the City's ability to provide basic municipal services to its citizens.

- Protect shared state revenue sources available to the City, including the State Annexation Sales Tax Credit, and provide new revenue options and flexibility in the use of existing revenues.
- Support long-term sustainability efforts related to City financial, environmental and transportation goals.
- Oppose unfunded mandates.
- Oppose any further shifting of costs or services from the State or County to cities.
- Defend against state consolidation/central administration of taxes including business and occupation and telecommunication taxes.

City of Kirkland 2015 Legislative Priorities

- Kirkland supports providing state and local transportation revenue to maintain infrastructure investments, transit agency funding flexibility, and complete projects that enhance economic vitality, particularly the SR 520 corridor.
- Kirkland supports including funding in any statewide transportation package for the I-405 / NE 132 Interchange Ramp project in the Totem Lake Designated Urban Center: \$75 million
- Kirkland supports continued state financial assistance and other tools that further the development of the Cross Kirkland Corridor and implement multiple uses including recreation and transportation.
- Kirkland supports capital budget funding for any of the following multimodal safety investments.
 1. Juanita Drive Multimodal Safety Investments: \$1,021,000
 2. Cross Kirkland Corridor to Redmond Central Connector: \$750,000
 3. NE 52nd Street Sidewalk: \$1,068,600
- Kirkland supports giving cities flexibility to help site marijuana retail facilities and supports sharing marijuana revenue with cities that allow marijuana retail facilities in order to address public safety and other local impacts.
- Kirkland supports allowing additional Sound Transit revenue authority and that such authority may also be used to fund trail development and alternative transportation along the Eastside Rail Corridor.
- Kirkland supports allowing 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.

Bill #	Bill Short Title	Position	Companion	Notes	Leg Comm Review
HB 1373	Repealing growth management planning requirements in chapter 36.70A RCW.	Oppose		Would repeal the entire Growth Management Act!	6-Feb
HB 1387	Supporting apprenticeship training for building officials.	Support		<p>Bill would provide funding for State approved Code Official Apprenticeship Program (COAP) by placing a \$2 surcharge on all building permits issued. The legislature has previously approved this program, but has not funded it. Bill has no impact on the City's budget. Many code officials are nearing retirement forecasting severe shortage in qualified code officials. Bill will help local govt hire qualified people through a methodical apprenticeship program and the bill provides training for current code officials. The program is optional for local govt, and helps the construction industry by ensuring accurate and consistent code enforcement across the state. For Kirkland, the bill broadens the hiring pool qualified employees offers to current employees too.</p>	6-Feb

2015 Legislative Session
 Bills Dropped, Department Analysis Recommendations

HB 1431	Modifying exemptions relating to real estate appraisals	Support	SB 5395	Kent City Attorney will testify in SUPPORT of these bills on Tuesday and Wednesday. I'm told that what they do is essentially mirror the language already in the OPMA. However, until now, real estate records could be discussed in Executive Session, but technically could be subject to release under the PRA – even where it could negatively impact property sales or purchase prices. These bills are designed to fix that and, they got open government thumbs up with the unanimous vote of the Sunshine Committee on 10/28.	6-Feb
HB 1461	Relating to marijuana.	Support		This is Rep. Hurst's "Ominibus MJ" bill. He dumped 18 bills into one. 1365 (Revenue Share) is in Section 2. 1411 (Siting Issue) is in Section 8. 1412 (Revenue to cities that site) is in Section 9.	6-Feb

2015 Legislative Session
Bills Dropped, Department Analysis Recommendations

HB 1709	Establishing a process for the payment of impact fees through provisions stipulated in recorded covenants.	Neutral / Oppose		Requires cities to defer collection of impact fees by establishing covenants. Would be better if it required cities to allow applicants to choose if they want to defer. Also could be improved if there were fines or interest collected on delinquent fees. Kirkland already does something like this and the bill allows cities already doing it to continue with their own system so it will have little effect on us. Not a bad idea but seems overly prescriptive.	6-Feb
HB 1757	Concerning local transportation options.	Support		This is the stand alone VLF within TBD \$20 to \$50 bill.	6-Feb
HB 1824	Promoting fire safety with long-life smoke detection devices.	Support		support with a couple of clarifications: 1. Clarify if currently installed smoke alarms need to be replaced by 2017. 2. Clarify who can enforce this law. (The local government could enforce it through the permitting process or complaints from tenants.) This will affect older structures that rely solely on batteries to power the smoke alarms. This bill will not affect structures built in the last 30/40 yrs because smoke alarms in those buildings receive their power source from the building wiring.	6-Feb

2015 Legislative Session
 Bills Dropped, Department Analysis Recommendations

<p>HB 1911</p>	<p>Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.</p>	<p>Support / suggested clarifications</p>	<p>SB 5795</p> <p>Recommend "support" Bill validates city's Emergency Sewer Program. However, bill needs some work.</p> <p>First, subsection (1)(a) purports to provide the guidelines for determining an assessment reimbursement area. However, it appears to provide no guidance at all. It says the area should be determined by the properties that should be connected to water and sewer facilities. In Kirkland, this is every property, so, where do we draw the line for each project? Could be viewed as good because it arguably allows for the creation an area of any size we want but, if that is the case, why not just say that?</p> <p>Second, it says no costs can be recovered for improvements that benefit the general public. No problem for the stubs and, presumably, the sewer main immediately adjacent to the property. But what if the project requires construction of a main that will have effluent flowing through it from other locations outside the assessment</p>	<p>6-Feb</p>
<p>HB 1951</p>	<p>Clarifying the authority of local law enforcement agencies to use unmarked vehicles.</p>	<p>Support</p>		<p>6-Feb</p>

2015 Legislative Session
Bills Dropped, Department Analysis Recommendations

SB 5244	Disposing tax foreclosed property to cities for affordable housing purposes.	If clarified... Support		Requires the counties to notify cities of opportunity to acquire tax foreclosed if properties are used for affordable housing. Law already allows cities to acquire tax foreclosed properties for other public purposes. Bill (inadvertently?) appears to limit city options for using acquired property.	6-Feb
SB 5628	Providing for storm water, flood control, and water supply infrastructure in the state.	Oppose		This bill is aimed at flood projects in the Chehalis area (which has voted down a flood district a few times) and at reservoirs in Eastern Washington. There is potential for a lot of overlap between the proposed state fees and local flood district and surface water utility fees.	6-Feb
SB 5653	Collecting DNA at jail and corrections facilities as part of the intake process.	Support			6-Feb
SB 5656	Enhancing public safety by reducing distracted driving incidents caused by the use of personal wireless communications devices.	Support			6-Feb
SB 5724	Concerning funding for the safe routes to school program.	Support		Sets levels for sr2s grant funding. Supported by Feet First.	6-Feb

Bill	Title	Position	Status
Support			
HB 1011	Assigning counties to two climate zones for purposes of the state building code.	Support	2/5 - Placed on 2nd reading by Rules
HB 1028	Requiring cities and counties to provide security for their courts.	Support	1/20 - Heard in Judiciary
HB 1058	Relating to the public disclosure commission concerning responsibilities and funding	Support	1/12 - First read/referred to State Gov
HB 1069	Concerning preservation of DNA work product.	Support	2/5 - Placed on 2nd reading by Rules
HB 1082	Allowing for the collection of DNA from adults arrested for a ranked felony or a gross misdemeanor violation of certain orders.	Support	1/12 - First read/referred to Public Safety
HB 1085	Requiring lobbying reports to be filed electronically.	Support	2/2 - Referred to Appropriations 2/11 - Scheduled for hearing
HB 1086	Establishing a cost recovery mechanism for public records sought for commercial purposes.	Support	1/20 - Heard in State Gov
HB 1107	Concerning access to and creation of cultural and heritage programs and facilities.	Support	1/20 -Heard in Comm Dev. and Hsing & Tribal
HB 1128	Allowing for the collection of DNA from adults arrested for a ranked felony or a gross misdemeanor violation of certain orders.	Support	1/14 - First read/referred to Public Safety
HB 1139	Establishing a work group to study human trafficking of youth issues.	Support	2/3 - Referred to Rules
HB 1155	Concerning property tax relief for senior citizens and persons retired because of physical disability.	Support	1/23 - Heard in Finance
HB 1161	Indexing qualifying income thresholds for senior citizen property tax relief programs.	Support	1/23 - Heard in Finance
HB 1174	Concerning flame retardants.	Support	2/5 - Executive action taken in Environment 2/6 - Referred to Appropriations
HB 1180	Concerning dedicated funding sources for high capacity transportation service.	Support	2/2 - Executive Action taken 2/5 - 1st Substitute referred to Finance
HB 1223	Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing.	Support	2/12 - Scheduled for Exec session
HB 1234	Modifying certain building permit fees.	Support	2/5 - Executive action taken
HB 1251	Providing for increased funding for emergency medical services by adjusting the emergency medical services' levy cap.	Support (monitor amendments)	1/23 - Heard in Finance
HB 1278	Concerning building energy use disclosure requirements.	Support	2/5 - Executive action taken
HB 1291	Concerning credentialing requirements for the design and installation of residential fire protection sprinkler systems.	Support	1/16 - First read/referred to Labor
HB 1314	Implementing a carbon pollution market program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Support	2/10 - Scheduled for Exec session
HB 1349	Concerning requesting public records for the purpose of obtaining exempted information relating to employment and licensing.	Support	2/12 - Scheduled for hearing
HB 1378	Protecting waterways from pollution from synthetic plastic microbeads.	Support	1/29 - Heard in Environment
HB 1411	Concerning the siting of marijuana facilities.	Support	2/2 - Now in Section 8 of HB 1461
HB 1412	Concerning municipalities prohibiting the operation of recreational marijuana production, processing, and retail facilities within their jurisdictional boundaries.	Support	2/2 - Now in Section 9 of HB 1461
HB 1431	Modifying exemptions relating to real estate appraisals	Support	2/5 - Executive action taken
HB 1436	homeless youth prevention and protection.	Support	2/13 - Scheduled for exec
HB 1461	Relating to marijuana.	Support	2/2-3 - Heard in Commerce & Gaming
HB 1517	Concerning the distribution of liquor revenues to local jurisdictions.	Support	1/22 - Referred to Appropriations
HB 1550	Simplifying the taxation of amusement, recreation, and physical fitness services.	Support	2/10 - Scheduled for Exec session
HB 1571	Concerning paint stewardship.	Support	2/5 - Heard in Environment
HB 1593	Concerning local transportation options.	Support	2/9 - Scheduled to exec in Transportation
HB 1606	Establishing regional fire protection service authorities within the boundaries of regional cities.	Support	2/4 - Heard in Local Gov

Kirkland Bill Tracker: House Bills
(Update 02-06-15)

HB 1651	Concerning definitions related to human trafficking.	Support	2/10 - Hearing in Labor
HB 1653	Creating a studded tire permit.	Support	1/26 - Referred to Transportation
HB 1684	Concerning charges for the cost of providing public records in response to public records requests.	Support	2/3 - Hearing in State Gov
HB 1691	Concerning remedies for actions under the public records act.	Support	2/12 - Hearing in State Gov
HB 1711	Concerning criteria for bidders on public works contracts.	Support	2/10 - Scheduled for Exec session
HB 1757	Concerning local transportation options.	Support	2/12 - Hearing in Transp
HB 1824	Promoting fire safety with long-life smoke detection devices.	Support	2/11 - Hearing in Local Gov
HB 1911	Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.	Support	2/12 - Scheduled for hearing in Local Gov @ 1:30
HB 1951	Clarifying the authority of local law enforcement agencies to use unmarked vehicles.	Support	2/10 - Hearing in Public Safety
HJR 4205	Requiring all revenues from any state taxes levied for the purpose of funding local government public infrastructure to be paid into the state treasury, deposited into the public works assistance account, and used exclusively for funding local government public works projects.	Support	1/26 - Referred to Appropriations
Neutral			
	<i>See Supplemental Attachment on Neutral Recommendations</i>		
HB 1250	Concerning notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments under Titles 35 and 35A RCW.	Position CHANGED to Neutral	2/5 - Scheduled for Exec session in Local Gov at 1:30
Oppose			
HB 1102	Concerning a local government installing a public sewage system within the public right-of-way under certain circumstances.	Oppose Actively	1/22 - Heard in Local Gov
HB 1141	Requiring certain operational standards for regional jails.	Oppose Actively	1/21 - Heard in Public Safety
HB 1373	Repealing growth management planning requirements in chapter 36.70A RCW.	Oppose	1/19 - First read, referred to Local Gov
HB 1394	Preserving the common law interpretation and application of the vested rights doctrine.	Oppose Actively	1/20 - First read, referred to Judiciary
HB 1417	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	Oppose Actively	2/5 - Exec action taken in Local Gov
HB 1007	Limiting the use of automated traffic safety cameras to detect speed violations not in school zones to certain cities.	Oppose	2/5 - Placed on 2nd reading by Rules
HB 1008	Authorizing the state auditor to conduct audits of state government and local agencies' data storage and management practices thereby protecting privacy and securing personal information from computer hacking or misuse of data.	Oppose	2/13 - Exec Session in Gen. Gov & Info Tech
HB 1057	Modifying authority regarding where mopeds may be operated.	Oppose	1/14 - Heard in Transportation
HB 1084	Addressing notice requirements for land use applications, approvals, and decisions.	Oppose	1/22 - Heard in Local Gov
HB 1087	Concerning automated traffic safety cameras in school speed zones.	Oppose	1/29 - Referred to Rules
HB 1123	Regulating the minimum dimensions of habitable spaces in single-family residential areas	Oppose	2/5 - Referred to Rules
HB 1306	Concerning the management of state-owned aquatic lands by cities for the purposes of operating a publicly owned marina.	Oppose	1/26 - Scheduled for hearing in Environment
HB 1354	Concerning the employee antiretaliation act.	Oppose	2/2 - Referred to Appropriations
HB 1373	Repealing growth management planning requirements in chapter 36.70A RCW.	Oppose	1/19 - First read, referred to Local Gov
HB 1525	Concerning beverage containers.	Oppose	1/22 - Referred to Environment

Kirkland Bill Tracker: House Bills
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HB 1588	Establishing categorical exemptions in the state environmental policy act for development proposals that are consistent with locally adopted land use and shoreline regulations.	Oppose	1/23 - Referred to Environment
HB 1639	Concerning technology-enhanced government surveillance.	Oppose	2/4 - Heard in Public Safety
HB 1650	Clarifying provisions regarding the seizure and disposition of marijuana and processed marijuana products by state and local law enforcement agencies.	Oppose	1/26 - Referred to Commerce & Gaming
HB 1686	Establishing the Washington state incandescent light bulb freedom act.	Oppose	1/26 - Referred to Judiciary
HB 1688	Eliminating the use of automated traffic safety cameras.	Oppose	1/26 - Referred to Transportation
HB 1709	Establishing a process for the payment of impact fees through provisions stipulated in recorded covenants.	Neutral / Oppose	2/10 - Hearing in Local Gov
HB 1934	Regulating local employment laws and contracts.	Oppose	2/3 - First read, referred to Labor

Kirkland Bill Tracker: Senate Bills
(Update 02-06-15)

Bill	Title	Position	Status
Support			
SB 5041	Concerning seizure and forfeiture of property for patronizing a prostitute.	Support	1/22 - Heard in Law & Justice
SB 5109	Concerning infrastructure financing for local governments.	Support? AWC position?	2/11 - Hearing in Trade & Econ Dev.
SB 5124	Prohibiting the sale of vapor products to minors.	Support	2/6 - Passed to Rules
SB 5128	Concerning dedicated funding sources for high capacity transportation service.	Support	1/14 - First read, referred to Transportation
SB 5158	Requiring call location information to be provided to law enforcement responding to an emergency.	Support	1/26 - Heard Law & Justice
SB 5208	Allowing the use of lodging taxes for financing workforce housing.	Support	1/23 - Passed to Rules
SB 5211	Correcting restrictions on collecting a pension in the public employees' retirement system for retirees returning to work in an ineligible position or a position covered by a different state retirement system.	Support? (maybe check in with HR)	2/9 - Scheduled for Exec Ways & Means
SB 5244	Disposing tax foreclosed property to cities for affordable housing purposes.	If clarified... Support	2/3 - Passed to Rules
SB 5342	Concerning definitions related to human trafficking.	Support	2/5 - Passed to Rules
SB 5343	Concerning parking impact mitigation from regional transit authority facility construction.	Support	1/27 - Heard in Transportation
SB 5346	Providing first responders with contact information for subscribers of life alert services during an emergency.	Support	1/20 - Referred to Health Care
SB 5395	Modifying exemptions relating to real estate appraisals	Support	2/3 - Heard in Gov Ops & Security
SB 5404	homeless youth prevention and protection.	Support	1/29 - Heard in Humn Srvcs & Mntal Health & Hsg
SB 5417	Concerning local government marijuana policies.	Support	2/9 - Scheduled for Exec in Commerce & Labor
SB 5463	Concerning access to and creation of cultural and heritage programs and facilities.	Support	2/9 - Scheduled for Exec Ways & Means
SB 5482	Addressing the disclosure of global positioning system data by law enforcement officers.	Support	2/3 - Hearing in Gov Ops
SB 5519	Enacting the comprehensive marijuana reform act.	Support	2/13 - Scheduled for hearing in Commerce & Labor
SB 5533	Establishing charges for providing electronic data under the public records act.	Support	1/23 - Referred to Gov Opts & State Security
SB 5572	Concerning the sales, distribution, and delivery of marijuana.	Support (with concern)	2/2 - Heard in Commerce & Labor

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SB 5537	Establishing regional fire protection service authorities within the boundaries of regional cities.	Support	2/3 - Hearing in Gov Ops
SB 5609	Protecting waterways from pollution from synthetic plastic microbeads.	Support	1/26 - Heard in Energy, Environment & Telecom
SB 5653	Collecting DNA at jail and corrections facilities as part of the intake process.	Support	2/10 - Scheduled for hearing in Law & Justice
SB 5656	Enhancing public safety by reducing distracted driving incidents caused by the use of personal wireless communications devices.	Support	2/9 - Scheduled for hearing in Transportation
SB 5724	Concerning funding for the safe routes to school program.	Support	2/10 - Scheduled for hearing in Transportation
SB 5795	Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.	Support	2/3 - First read, referred to Gov Ops
SB 5813	Concerning local transportation options.	Support	2/4 - First read, referred to Transportation
Neutral			
	<i>See Attachment C on Neutral Recomm</i>		
SB 5138	Concerning notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments under Titles 35 and 35A RCW.	Position CHANGED to Neutral	1/20 - Heard in Gov. Ops & State Security
Oppose			
SB 5044	Concerning mitigation measures for shoreline development.	Oppose	2/10 - Hearing in Energy, Environ & Telecom
SB 5048	Subjecting a resolution or ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or town to assume a water-sewer district to a referendum.	Oppose Actively	1/19 - Heard in Gov Ops
SB 5055	Concerning a local government installing a public sewage system within the public right-of-way under certain circumstances.	Oppose Actively	1/15 - Heard in Gov Ops
SB 5056	Concerning the use of chemical action plans for recommendations of safer chemicals.	Oppose	1/22 - Heard in Energy, Environ & Telecom
SB 5102	Authorizing urban governmental services for schools in rural areas.	Oppose	1/14 - Referred to Gov. Ops & State Security
SB 5130	Restricting marijuana producer and processor businesses from being located in certain residential and rural areas.	Oppose	2/11 - Scheduled for Exec in Commerce & Labor
SB 5185	Creating a six-year time frame for substantial building code amendments.	Oppose	1/22 - Heard in Gov Ops
SB 5187	Concerning voter approval of a high capacity transportation system plan and financing plan.	Oppose	1/15 - First read/referred to Transportation
SB 5332	Regulating local employment laws and contracts.	Oppose	2/5 - Passed to Rules
SB 5363	Prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development.	Oppose	1/27 - Heard Law & Justice

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SB 5432	Concerning retail store carryout bags.	Oppose	1/21 - Referred to Energy, Environ & Telecom
SB 5450	Expanding the restrictions on locating marijuana businesses.	Oppose, except perhaps for addition of licensed chemical dependency	2/11 - Scheduled for exec in Commerce & Labor
SB 5628	Providing for storm water, flood control, and water supply infrastructure in the state.	Oppose	1/26 - Heard in Exec Ways & Means

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Support			
Neutral			
HB 1189	Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.	Neutral	
HB 1374	Requiring disclosure of specified contract information by state and local agencies.	Neutral	
HB 1425	Ensuring that entities performing government functions and advisory committees are subject to the open public meetings act and public records act.	Neutral	
HB 1182	Concerning a geological hazards assessment.	Neutral	
HB 1219	Authorizing expedited permitting and contracting for Washington state bridges deemed structurally deficient.	Neutral	
HB 1250	Concerning notice and review processes for annexations, deannexations, incorporations, disincorporations, consolidations, and boundary line adjustments under Titles 35 and 35A RCW.	Neutral (Change in position)	
HB 1576	Concerning sales and use tax for cities to offset municipal service costs to newly annexed areas.	Neutral	
HB 1797	Addressing the publication of legal and other official notices.	Neutral	
HB 1822	Extending and modifying the commute trip reduction tax credit.	Neutral	
HB 1842	Concerning transit agency coordination.	Neutral	
HB 1924	Adding elected members to regional transit authority boards.	Neutral	
HB 1933	Authorizing local health jurisdictions to approve certain group B water systems based upon their delivery of water meeting safe drinking water standards for household use.	Neutral	
HB 2010	Creating appeal procedures for single-family homeowners with failing septic systems required to connect to public sewer systems.	Neutral	

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SB 5188	Limiting the power of eminent domain.	Neutral	
SB 5189	Concerning eminent domain.	Neutral	
SB 5191	Prohibiting the state of Washington and its political subdivisions from adopting and developing environmental and developmental policies that infringe or restrict private property rights without due process.	Neutral	
SB 5221	Concerning the disposition of tenant property placed upon the nearest public property.	Neutral	
SB 5329	Requiring public employee collective bargaining sessions to be open meetings.	Neutral	
SB 5737	Concerning government performance and accountability.	Neutral	
SB 5828	Addressing the establishment of high capacity transportation corridor areas.	Neutral	
SB 5871	Creating appeal procedures for single-family homeowners with failing septic systems required to connect to public sewer systems.	Neutral	



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February 5, 2015

Washington State Legislature

RE: Pew Opposes HB 1922 Small Loan Bill

Dear Legislator:

We understand that the Washington legislature is currently considering the merits of payday and other forms of high-cost lending, and we are writing to clarify Pew's research and policy recommendations on this issue. **Though we applaud the efforts of concerned policymakers to help address this problem, Pew does not support HB 1922 or other efforts to expand high-cost lending in Washington state.**

Since emerging in some states 25 years ago, payday loans have become a serious burden for consumers across the country. Pew's research shows that borrowers' experience with payday loans does not match the way the loans are advertised. Most borrowers use these loans to cover ordinary bills, such as rent and utilities, not unexpected expenses, as lenders often contend.¹ Average borrowers remain in debt for five months of the year and pay more in fees than they receive in credit. These loans are not competitively priced and they require payments that far exceed a borrower's ability to repay. Additionally, research shows that borrowers do not use online payday loans at greater rates in states that currently do not permit storefront lenders, demonstrating that state regulations that restrict or effectively prohibit payday loans do not cause people to borrow online.²

As further explained below, Washington's payday reform law that took effect in 2010 addressed many of these problems and dramatically reduced measurable harm to consumers. In Pew's analysis, HB 1922 would result in an inadvisable expansion of high-cost lending and related consumer harm.

Washington's 2010 Law Greatly Reduced the Harm of Conventional Payday Lending

In recent years, Pew has measured the effectiveness of state laws that reformed or eliminated high-cost loans in order to prevent harm to consumers. Pew's research offers state policymakers the tools to better understand how current laws and proposed changes impact borrowers and lenders. Washington's 2010 law, for example, has resulted in a number of positive outcomes for your constituents, as compared with other states.

Among the states where high-cost lenders continue to operate, the average APR in Washington was the third-lowest in the country in an evaluation Pew conducted last year.³ Washington's average loan length

¹ The Pew Charitable Trusts, "Payday Lending in America: Who Borrows, Where They Borrow, and Why" (2012), at p. 13. Available at: http://www.pewstates.org/uploadedFiles/PCS_Assets/2012/Pew_Payday_Lending_Report.pdf

² The Pew Charitable Trusts, "Payday Lending in America: Who Borrows, Where They Borrow, and Why" (2012), at p. 23. Available at: http://www.pewstates.org/uploadedFiles/PCS_Assets/2012/Pew_Payday_Lending_Report.pdf

³ The Pew Charitable Trusts "How State Rate Limits Affect Payday Loan Prices" (2014) Available at: http://www.pewtrusts.org/~media/legacy/uploadedfiles/pcs/content-level_pages/fact_sheets/StateRateLimitsFactSheetpdf.pdf

of approximately four weeks is also one of the longest in the country, which is positive because it gives borrowers slightly more time to repay than in other states. The median number of loans used in Washington, three, is among the fewest in the country. The annual average cost per borrower to use payday loans, \$205, is also among the lowest. As a result, Washington's payday loan stores are among the most efficient in the country, suggesting that lenders have learned to operate under the new law.

HB 1922 Would Not Improve the Situation for Washington Consumers

The proposed reforms in Washington state would lead to higher spending and longer indebtedness for consumers, and would not replicate the positive results that Pew has seen in our studies of other state laws.

In general, Pew does not support an expansion of high-cost lending because there is insufficient evidence that consumers will benefit from it.⁴ This is why Pew recommends that lawmakers act cautiously when attempting to enact reform of payday and small-dollar lending, and only do so when it is likely to improve the market relative to present circumstances. Wherever high-cost lending does exist, our research shows that certain improvements in consumer outcomes are possible when loan payments are limited to an affordable percentage of a borrower's paycheck (payments taking more than 5% of gross monthly income are unaffordable for most borrowers), and when the following safeguards are in place:

- All costs are spread evenly over the life of the loan
- Borrowers are protected from harmful repayment or collection practices, including collateral that can be held for greater than \$500 or 6 months
- Concise disclosures reflect periodic and total costs
- State lawmakers set maximum allowable charges at a reasonable level

Unfortunately, HB 1922 does not ensure these necessary safeguards; further, if it were to become law Washington's market would experience the following adverse outcomes relative to current state law:

- Payments will often exceed your constituents' ability to repay
 - For a typical borrower making about \$30,000 a year, a \$750 loan over six months would consume 8.5% of each paycheck
- Spending per borrower will increase
 - Allowable finance charges on a \$500 loan for six months would be about \$350, or about \$1,075 in fees for a \$1,000 loan for 12 months
- Loans will extend for unnecessarily long periods of time
 - A \$300 loan could extend for 12 months
- Most customers will pay annual percentage rates (APRs) that exceed what is necessary to ensure access to this type of credit
 - Allowable APRs on most six-months loans will exceed 200%, higher than the average APRs in Washington today, and higher than in other states that have enacted strong reforms
- The efficiency of stores will decrease
 - Many more stores will open, with a higher density of locations

⁴ The Pew Charitable Trusts, "Payday Lending in America: Policy Solutions" (2013), at p. 46. Available at: <http://www.pewstates.org/research/reports/payday-lending-in-america-policy-solutions-85899513326>

Compared to current circumstances under Washington's 2010 payday loan reform, these outcomes would not represent an improvement and are unlikely to result in better consumer outcomes.

Pew's Recommendation: Refrain from Expanding High-Interest Credit Before the CFPB Acts

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is expected to propose new rules that will significantly impact the small-dollar loan market in 2015. Pew recommends that policymakers in Washington refrain from expanding high-interest credit in advance of the CFPB's proposed rules.

These comments are informed by in-depth research we have conducted over four years. This research includes unique, nationally representative telephone surveys of payday loan borrowers, more than 20 focus groups with borrowers of high-cost credit products across the country, and extensive analysis of market and regulatory data. We have published four reports and several briefs in our *Payday Lending in America* series, available at www.pewtrusts.org/small-loans.

Thank you for allowing us to clarify our position. We would welcome the opportunity for further discussion at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NB', is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Transportation Issues

Transportation Choices Coalition

- Local Funding for Transit
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- Carbon Pricing
- Efficient Movement of People and Goods
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Eastside Transportation Partnership

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Human Services Issues

Eastside Human Services Forum

- Support Access to Basic Needs and Health Services
- Prevent and End Homelessness
- Support the Most Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities.
- Strengthen Early Learning Support

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

- Create Affordable Homes
- Protect Washington's Lifeline for Disabled and Elderly Adults
- Help End Chronic Homelessness by Creating a Medicaid Supportive
- Pass the Fair Tenant Screening Act
- Pass the Truth In Evictions Reporting Act
- Pass Legislation to Protect Renters from Source of Income Discrimination

Environmental Issues

Environmental Priorities Coalition

- Making big industries pay for their pollution in order to reduce emissions that harm our health and environment
- Protecting our communities and waterways from the risks of increased oil transport.

Northwest Product Stewardship Council (While the NPSC does not develop a legislative agenda, the NPSC does advocate in support of the principles of product stewardship and producer responsibility in policies and legislation.)

- **Support Paint Stewardship legislation.**

Water Issues

WRIA 8

- **Capital Budget: Support \$131 million for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund.**
 - WRIA 8's \$1.4 million allocation in the 2013-2015 biennium helped fund the following priority projects (all projects have substantial local match):

~~Cascade Water Alliance~~

- ~~High Efficiency Toilet Legislation~~ (this issue was dropped from CWA's 2015 agenda)

Public Safety Issues

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

- Improve Sex Offender Registration Laws
- Authorize the Use of Warrant Officers in Cities with a Population of Less than 400,000
- Continue Funding for Statewide Public Safety Programs

Washington Fire Chiefs Association

- Raise the E.M.S. levy cap to \$.75 /\$1000 of A.V.
- Funding of all-risk mobilization
- Public record request compliance funding
- Volunteer firefighter incentives
- Allowing a city to form RFA and RFA "clean-up" language

Parks Issues

Washington Recreation and Parks Association

- Enhance WWRP funding in 2015-17 Capital Budget
- Support Department of Revenue (DOR) request legislation on "Amusement and Recreation Services" sales taxes
- Re-establish competitive grant funding for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program
- Support Key Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Outdoor Recreation

Planning Issues

Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association

Not finalized yet (as of 2/5/15)



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Infrastructure: Restore the state's commitment to public infrastructure investment. To keep Washington moving forward and to keep up with demand and regulatory requirements we need on-going and reliable funding for programs like the Public Works Assistance Account, the Centennial Clean Water Fund and the Model Toxics Control Account.

Transportation Issues

Transportation Choices Coalition

LOCAL FUNDING FOR TRANSIT

- Local revenue options for Sound Transit: The Puget Sound region is one of the fastest growing regions in the nation and need more high capacity transit to meet demand. Sound Transit 3 will connect people to jobs and housing and spur even more economic growth.
- Local options sales tax for Community Transit: TCC supports a revenue option for Community Transit to restore and grow transit service in Snohomish County.

COMMUTE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

- Expand CTR program and tax credit renewal: The CTR program is a cost-effective and successful program that makes our transportation system more efficient. We will be partnering with the State CTR board to advocate for the expansion of this program beyond work trips to include all trips under the program. State funding for CTR is lower today than it was in the 1990s and the CTR tax credit needs to be renewed this year.

CARBON PRICING

Legislation to address carbon pricing should:

- Include transportation (45% of emissions in Washington State) and offer an easy way to price transportation emissions, such as upstream fuel inventories and taxing.
- Be equitable in its approach and include provisions to ensure fair and equitable taxation, rebate options, and investments in low income and communities of color.
- Ensure that a significant portion of revenues should be reinvested in equitable transit-oriented development and more transit. All investments in transportation and other sectors should undergo an

evaluation of their long-term carbon emissions impacts and lead to significant net reductions of carbon emissions.

EFFICIENT MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS

- Improving the HOV network: A functioning HOV lane network is critical for the efficient movement of people and goods.
- WSDOT's goal for optimal HOV performance is to keep the lanes moving at 45 MPH for 90% of the peak period. Currently only 2 of 7 HOV corridors in the Puget Sound are meeting the WSDOT goal.
- We oppose any efforts loosen HOV requirements including allowing single-occupancy electric vehicles. We support efforts to strengthen HOV requirements to improve their efficiency.

TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE AND BUDGET

- If a statewide transportation package gains traction, we will be focused on increasing funding for transit, bicycle and pedestrian investments.
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Investments that Get Washingtonians Where They Want to Go

Washington State continues to slip behind other states in making investments to grow biking and make safer streets. As the Governor and Legislature begin another round of discussions to pass a multi-year transportation-spending package, and as funding for school safety improvements are in doubt, it's even more important that Washingtonians get the right investments for biking, walking, and making streets work for everyone.

In 2015 Washington Bikes will advocate to:

1. Grow and stabilize state funding for the Safe Routes to School Grant Program;
2. Ensure that biking, walking and complete streets projects are a component in any transportation revenue package; and
3. Support the \$97 million Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grant request.

Updating State Law to Accommodate for Faulty Traffic Signal Detection

In 2014 state law was improved to allow for motorcycles to stop and proceed or make left-hand turns through traffic control signals that do not detect motorcycles or bicycles under certain very limited conditions with a specific protocol that is clear and understood by law enforcement.

Because this same issue affects bicycles and the 2014 law did not include bicycles, in 2015 Washington Bikes will seek similar legislation would improve the 2014 law's uniformity by including bicycles and providing a clear protocol for how to safely and legally make a left turn and a non-functioning signal.

Strengthen Washington State's Distracted Driving Laws

Following Washington Bikes successful lobbying in 2010 to pass Washington's distracted driving legislation, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission is expected to make agency request legislation improves upon the current law. Work is still being conducted to refine the legislative proposal to help address the crisis of one in every ten Washington state drivers driving distracted.

In 2015 Washington Bikes will be supporting this agency request legislation to help protect bicycle riders on our streets and roads.

Growing the Multimillion Dollar Bicycle Travel & Tourism Industry

Bicycle travel and tourism is big business. Annually Oregon receives \$400 million in direct economic impact from bicycle travel and tourism. An improved understanding of bike travel and tourism in Washington State is needed to make smart choices for growth statewide, particularly in rural areas and in communities seeking to recover their economies after natural disasters, like SR 530.

In 2015 Washington Bikes will be seeking state investments in a similar study to help quantify the industry and improve strategies to grow our state's economy.

Human Services Issues

Eastside Human Services Forum

Support Access to Basic Needs and Health Services

- EHSF recommends investments to support the most vulnerable individuals and families, such as the following: Maintain current funding for Aging, Blind, and Disabled benefits; Restore the Washington Information Network 2-1-1 funding to \$3M; Increase the Emergency Food Assistance Program budget by \$1M; Reinstate the 15% that was cut from TANF in 2011; and provide funding mechanisms to ensure sustainable funding for local public transportation.
- Adopt the Social Emotional and Behavioral Health bill.
- Provide in person enrollment opportunities for Affordable Care, and pass legislation to assure that hospitals provide Medicare beneficiaries with information to determine their status (inpatient or observation/outpatient).

Prevent and End Homelessness

- Support the Housing Trust Fund at \$100M.
- Pass the Homeless Youth Act and invest in the Washington Youth and Families Fund at \$6M.
- Preserve the Housing and Essential Needs Program at current funding level.

Support the Most Vulnerable Older Adults and People with Disabilities.

- Preserve the Senior Citizen's Services Act, Adult Day Health, and family caregiver support programs.

- Establish a special education task force as part of the Opportunity Gap efforts. • Enact policies and practices that will enable our state to prepare for the Age Wave, such as the continuation of the Aging and Disability Joint Legislative Executive Committee.

Strengthen Early Learning Support

- Pass and fund the Early Start Act.
- Increase state investment to \$12.5M for the Home Visiting Services Account
- Support and fund the state plan for expansion of the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) at \$79,876,820 and Washington Inventory of Developing Skills (WAKIDS) at \$2.2M.

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

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- Pass the Truth In Evictions Reporting Act
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Create Affordable Homes

Utilize the state capital budget to build healthy communities by investing in affordable homes.

How the State Can Respond to the Need for Affordable Homes

A capital investment in affordable housing will build and preserve affordable homes for seniors, homeless families, veterans, people with mental illness and disabilities, farmworkers, and more. The capital investment will fund rental homes that will remain affordable for at least 40 years and will help low-income households become first time homeowners. The vast majority of state investments in affordable homes assist people who are extremely low-income and are otherwise unable to afford a home.

Creating Affordable Homes Will Help the State Achieve Important Priorities

A home is the foundation for health, education, and stability. Children need a home to study and do homework. Investing in affordable housing ensures that investments in education reach our most vulnerable students. Homes for people with mental illness help ensure they stay connected to health care and treatment, while reducing the use of expensive emergency services.

The Legislative Solution

Invest at least \$100 million to build and preserve safe, healthy, affordable housing.

Protect Washington’s Lifeline for Disabled and Elderly Adults

Protect the Housing & Essential Needs Program; the Aged, Blind, & Disabled Program; and SSI Facilitation Services.

About the Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) Program

The state’s HEN program provides housing support to ensure a temporary disability doesn’t result in homelessness for very low-income adults. The program provides rental and utility assistance, and recipients have access to essential basic need items, including transportation assistance and health/hygiene products.

About the Aged, Blind & Disabled (ABD) Program

The state’s ABD program helps extremely low-income adults with permanent mental illnesses or permanent physical disabilities by providing cash assistance of up to \$197/month while they apply

to the federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. When people transition to SSI, the state is retroactively reimbursed for the full cost of the ABD cash grant.

About SSI Facilitation Services

SSI Facilitation Services assists disabled individuals through the lengthy and complicated process of applying for federal SSI benefits.

The Legislative Solution

Maintain HEN, ABD, and SSI Facilitation Services at their current funding levels.

Help End Chronic Homelessness by Creating a Medicaid Supportive Housing Services Benefit

Ensure that services for people living in supportive housing can be paid for with Medicaid.

About the Medicaid Supportive Housing Services Benefit

Because of the Affordable Care Act, most people experiencing homelessness are now eligible for Medicaid. A Medicaid Supportive Housing Services Benefit would allow some housing providers to bill Medicaid for supportive services provided to eligible residents. This would help individuals with severe and chronic health conditions stay off the street and in a healthy home.

About Supportive Housing

Supportive housing is an affordable home combined with comprehensive primary and behavioral health services. Supportive housing is a research-proven model that reduces utilization of costly emergency, inpatient, and crisis services and while improving health outcomes.

Supportive housing serves people who need services in order to succeed in housing. And these same people need housing in order to succeed in services. People living in supportive housing usually have a long history of homelessness and often face persistent obstacles to keeping their home, such as a serious mental health illness, chemical dependency, physical disability, or chronic medical condition.

The Legislative Solution

Medicaid can and should pay for supportive housing services. The state needs to take action to request this amendment to the state's Medicaid plan and make a modest investment of state Medicaid dollars.

Pass the Fair Tenant Screening Act

Make tenant screening reports fair and affordable for all renters.

How Tenant Screening Reports Are a Barrier to a Home

The high cost of tenant screening reports, especially when tenants have to pay over and over, is a significant barrier to housing and mobility. Different companies produce tenant screening reports with virtually the same information. Despite this, each time prospective tenants submit a single application, they must pay for a new report each time. These costs add up, especially when applicants are competing for vacancies in tight rental markets. Costly duplicate reports are not only unfair, but can also be a significant economic barrier for low-income renters in accessing a stable home.

The Legislative Solution

Pass the Fair Tenant Screening Act to make the tenant screening process more affordable and fair for both tenants and landlords.

Pass the Truth In Evictions Reporting Act

Ensure that evictions are reported only when a tenant was proven guilty.

The Problem with Current Evictions Reporting

Tenant screening companies report all eviction lawsuits as equal, even lawsuits that have been settled to the landlord's satisfaction or when the tenant has won in court. Eviction court has many different outcomes. The tenant could have been wrongfully named, the tenant could have been a victim of their landlord's foreclosure, or the tenant could have won. But tenant reports list all eviction lawsuits as equal. No matter the outcome, tenants have a mark on their record. This mark makes accessing a rental home in the future much more difficult.

The Legislative Solution

Pass the Truth in Evictions Reporting Act, ensuring that evictions are reported only when a tenant was proven guilty.

Pass Legislation to Protect Renters from Source of Income Discrimination

Provide Choice and Mobility for Renters: Outlaw Discrimination.

About Source of Income Discrimination

In the search for a home, many individuals and families face outright or unintentional discrimination. This occurs when landlords are unwilling to rent to Housing Choice (Section 8) voucher holders, seniors relying on social security income, veterans using housing subsidies, and people with disabilities who receive other legal sources of income. This discrimination has a significant impact on communities who disproportionately need to rely on housing subsidies to make ends meet: households of color, seniors, people with disabilities, and single-parent headed households with young children.

Already, several municipalities in Washington and many states have adopted laws prohibiting housing discrimination based on source of income. These protections ensure families who pay rent with a housing subsidy or other legal sources of income other than from a job can secure a safe and healthy home.

The Legislative Solution

Pass legislation to prevent landlords from categorically denying housing to all tenants relying on a lawful housing subsidy or lawful income supports to help pay the rent.

Environmental Issues

Environmental Priorities Coalition

- Making big industries pay for their pollution in order to reduce emissions that harm our health and environment
- Protecting our communities and waterways from the risks of increased oil transport.

Carbon Pollution Accountability Act

Washingtonians are doing their part as individuals to keep this state clean, but industries that emit huge amounts of carbon pollution are able to do it without paying a price. Right now we are already paying the price of global warming pollution; from economic losses in the shellfish industry to fiercer

and more frequent forest fires, we are seeing impacts close to home. Our Priority is going to ensure Washington is cleaner by:

- Making polluters pay for carbon emissions
- Enforcing our state climate laws
- Reducing harmful emissions in the future
- Generating needed revenue to make smart investments across the entire state

Oil Transportation Safety Now

The risk of a spill or disaster from crude oil is growing here in Washington, but our laws were crafted in the 1970s and need to be updated to reflect reality. From highly volatile Bakken crude oil to toxic tar sands, the risks to our communities and waterways are real. Our Priority is going to ensure Washington is safer by:

- Giving the public information on how oil is moving through our communities
- Authorizing common sense oil spill prevention measures
- Ensuring companies carrying oil, not taxpayers, pay for cleaning up all oil spills
- Providing funding to modernize our system that safeguards communities and waterways

Northwest Product Stewardship Council (While the NPSC does not develop a legislative agenda, the NPSC does advocate in support of the principles of product stewardship and producer responsibility in policies and legislation.)

- **Support Paint Stewardship legislation.** The Paint Stewardship legislation would authorize manufacturers selling paint in Washington to provide a take-back and recycling program for unwanted latex and oil-based architectural paint. This legislation is supported by the paint manufacturers who have been actively working with local governments on this bill.

Water Issues

WRIA 8

- [Capital Budget: Support \\$131 million for the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration Fund](#), capital funding request. PSAR funds support implementation of the highest priority habitat protection and restoration projects throughout Puget Sound. The request includes two components: 1) \$30 million divided among Puget Sound watersheds for a habitat projects grant round, and 2) \$101 million dedicated to fund a prioritized list of specific large, high-priority capital projects submitted by Puget Sound watersheds. Funds are derived from State general obligation bonds (RCW 77.85).
 - WRIA 8's \$1.4 million allocation in the 2013-2015 biennium helped fund the following priority projects (all projects have substantial local match):
 - ✓ Cedar River floodplain acquisition and relocation of residents out of harm's way to enable future floodplain restoration in unincorporated King County.
 - ✓ Riparian area stewardship on the Cedar River, including controlling invasive knotweed and replanting with native plants.
 - ✓ Issaquah Creek riparian and in-stream habitat restoration.
 - ✓ Nearshore creek daylighting and salt marsh restoration in Edmonds.

Cascade Water Alliance

- ~~High Efficiency Toilet Legislation~~ (this issue was dropped from CWA's 2015 agenda)

Public Safety Issues

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

- Improve Sex Offender Registration Laws
- Authorize the Use of Warrant Officers in Cities with a Population of Less than 400,000
- Continue Funding for Statewide Public Safety Programs

Improve Sex Offender Registration Laws

While Washington maintains one of the most advanced sex offender registration and monitoring systems in the nation, certain provisions have been identified for improvement and to better comply with federal requirements. WASPC is seeking legislation that would make technical and policy changes to Washington's sex offender registration system.

Authorize the Use of Warrant Officers in Cities with a Population of Less than 400,000

Existing law authorizes cities with a population over 400,000 to employ warrant officers. A warrant officer is limited-commission officer with the authority to serve local court warrants, subpoenas and court orders such as domestic violence and anti-harassment orders. WASPC is seeking legislation that authorizes cities with a population less than 400,000 to employ warrant officers.

Continue Funding for Statewide Public Safety Programs

WASPC administers a number of important public safety programs on behalf of the State of Washington, including Uniform Crime Reporting, Jail Booking and Reporting, Crime Victim Notification, Auto Theft Prevention, and Sex Offender Address Verification. These programs are essential information programs for state and local law enforcement and help those agencies provide community safety services. These programs are also widely used by the general public in their efforts to remain safe.

Washington Fire Chiefs Association

- Raise the E.M.S. levy cap to \$.75 /\$1000 of A.V.
- Funding of all-risk mobilization
- Public record request compliance funding
- Volunteer firefighter incentives
- Allowing a city to form RFA and RFA "clean-up" language

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RCW 84.52.069 authorizes an EMS levy up to \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to provide local emergency medical services. The initial authorization of an EMS Levy must include the desired amount of the levy, and the statement of the levy period (6 years, 10 years, or permanent in nature). Passage requires a 60% favorable vote, with a 40% validation of voter turnout. EMS levies are subject to the same 1% limitation annually as are all other property taxes.

The cap for EMS levies, which provides funds to local jurisdictions relative to the provision of emergency life safety efforts, has been capped at 50 cents for over 13 years, and has only been raised once since its inception in 1979. With budgets being extremely tight relative to public safety these days, it only makes sense to allow the local citizenry another option regarding maintaining or enhancing emergency medical services.

The WFC would like to raise the cap for EMS levies from \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$.75. Any increase would still be subject to voter approval, but the increase would allow another tool for local governments with respect to public safety funding.

Funding of all-risk mobilization

Under RCW 43.43.961, the Fire Service Resource Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment, and other logistical resources from around the state when a wildland fire or other emergency exceeds the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions. The types of emergencies that may require state mobilization include wildland fires, earthquakes, floods, spread of contagious disease, and other disasters that local districts are unable to fully handle on their own.

An Assistant Attorney General Interpretation was prepared that reinterpreted the governing RCW regarding state fire service mobilization. This opinion stated that the governing RCW should be interpreted to limit state mobilization to only incidents directly involving fire. This interpretation defeats the purpose of state fire service mobilization and eliminates coordinated response of the various local fire districts to such disasters as floods, earthquakes, rescues, and pandemics. This was demonstrated during the recent Oso Landslide disaster.

The WFC would like to remedy this dangerously narrow interpretation by codifying existing practice with respect to state mobilization, and does so without expanding the use of mobilization for purposes other than those already identified in both state and federal disaster response policies, including "other disasters of unprecedented size," as outlined in RCW 43.43.961.

Public record request compliance funding

Over the past several years, all levels of government, especially on the local level, have seen increasing numbers of public records requests from individuals in their communities. Fire districts are not immune from this, and many fire districts have become so inundated with requests that the day-to-day work of running the department has suffered. The staff time to comply with these repeated requests does not account for actual time searching and wear and tear on equipment which means that taxpayers are subsidizing these and the work they are paying for is not getting done.

While many of these requests are perfectly reasonable requests for further information or clarification on a particular issue, an increasing number of requests are being made for reasons other than legitimate sharing of information with the public. What many districts are seeing is a tendency for just a few individuals, or often-times just one, making continuous requests that are vague and overbroad, and if the district fails to properly respond to even one of these multiple requests it ends up costing the district and the requester benefits financially.

The Washington Fire Chiefs and fire districts throughout the state honor and respect the rights of individuals to have transparent, open governments doing the people's work, a major disservice to the public is being done when one individual is able to co-opt such a significant portion of time from a public agency that the mission and purpose of that agency cannot be met. The WFC would like to have a greater balance to this system, which would include funding so that Departments & Districts throughout the state would have the means to comply.

Volunteer firefighter incentives

Volunteer fire fighter numbers are decreasing locally, statewide and across the nation. This is a problem that will have a profound effect going into the future.

The WFC is working to specifically identify ways to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters in Washington State. This is a vital item on our Legislative Agenda, and we are looking at practical ways to provide desirable incentives to the fire service volunteers of Washington State.

Allowing a city to form RFA and RFA “clean-up” language

Fire Protection Districts and city fire departments have dissimilar funding mechanisms, and staffing levels often vary significantly between these adjacent jurisdictions. These differences create barriers to consolidation of services and the creation of multi-department RFAs. If cities are allowed to form RFAs, future mergers with adjacent fire district or RFA entities will be more feasible since RFAs and Fire Protection Districts are very similar in structure. Cities choosing to create an RFA to isolate funding for fire and EMS services should be able to do so, ensuring these critical services do not compete with other non-essential services.

In another bill we have identified several areas in the law that treat an RFA differently than what the law currently provides for all fire protection districts. The intent of the existing RFA legislation was to provide the same mechanisms for an RFA as the law provides for fire protection districts. Over the last few years we have identified several areas where an RFA does not enjoy the same mechanisms as provided for fire protection districts. This bill will correct those areas we have identified where differences exist in the RFA law.

Parks Issues

Washington Recreation and Parks Association

Enhance WWRP funding in 2015-17 Capital Budget (Capital Budget) WRPA will work in alliance with the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC) and others to promote a \$97 million funding level for WWRP in the 2015-17 Capital Budget. The \$97 million has been recommended by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB), the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the State Parks Commission. WWRP has been widely recognized as an award-winning, de-politicized, competitive process that ranks and scores projects on their merits.

Support Department of Revenue (DOR) request legislation on “Amusement and Recreation Services” sales taxes (Policy Bill) WRPA will actively support and advocate for passage of DOR request legislation intended to simplify sales taxation of “amusement and recreation services” and to reduce the administrative tax collection burden associated with these services. The DOR legislation is focused on tightly defining a small subset of enterprise-related and “entrepreneurial” services that would be subject to sales tax, and statutorily exempting things such as swim lessons as well as basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball leagues that have been a source of confusion and frustration for local parks and recreation agencies under a prior state rule-making. The DOR request legislation for 2015 is very similar to ESSB 6472 from the 2014 Session, which passed off the Senate Floor but was not enacted into law.

Re-establish competitive grant funding for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program

(Capital Budget) WRPA will lead an effort to ensure \$12 million in funding in the 2015-17 Capital Budget for the YAF program. The YAF was created in 1997 with an initial \$10 million donation from Paul Allen that accompanied the Seahawks stadium financing measure approved by statewide voters. But other than a 2006 Supplemental Capital Budget allocation of \$2.5 million and a \$3.63 million allocation by the 2013 for four earmarked “Youth Recreation Grant” projects, the YAF has not had sustainable competitive grant funding re-established. The RCFB has recommended a \$12 million level for YAF, which is a vital program for restoring, improving and constructing athletic fields for youth and for entire communities. The WRPA expects to build a broad-based coalition to support the YAF funding initiative.

Support Key Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Outdoor Recreation (Capital and Operating Budgets; Policy Bills) WRPA will actively support key recommendations coming out of the Blue Ribbon Task Force, which consisted of 17 voting members who worked for several months to

develop a package of key recommendations for Governor Inslee. The Governor asked for recommendations that would focus on sustainable funding for State Parks and outdoor recreation as a whole; enhanced access to the outdoors, especially for youth; and a better game plan for capitalizing the economic value of outdoor recreation. The Task Force has produced a draft report with nine key near-term recommendations, including YAF funding, a new office of Outdoor Recreation, protection of dedicated accounts for outdoor recreation, and enhanced funding for the No Child Left Inside program.

Planning Issues

Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association

ANNOTATED DRAFT



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2015 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.

2015 Legislative Support

Select Legislative Support and carryovers from Kirkland's 2014 Support agenda

- Support honoring the state's commitment to reconnect the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) at 1-405 (Wilburton).
- Support maintaining/enhancing funding to the Life Sciences Discovery Fund (LSDF).
- 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.
- Support an amendment to RCW 46.68.090 that would allocate gas tax revenues between counties and cities based on a per capita allocation rather than the current fixed percentages.
- Support Hi-Tech Industry through the "Washington Tech Cities Coalition" (WTC²)

Support for Infrastructure Funding

- Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) / Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA)
- Safe Routes to Schools & Complete Streets program Funding
- Transportation Investment Board Funding (TIB)
- Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
- Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)
- Regional Mobility Grant Funding Program - Preserve
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board Funding
- Support Healthy & Sustainable Communities Initiative

Additionally, Kirkland supports selected items from the 2015 legislative agendas led by the following ally organizations:

Association of Washington Cities

Shared Revenue: Maintain the revenue sharing partnership between the state and cities and restore local liquor revenue.

Marijuana: Fund critical criminal justice needs by sharing a portion of the excise tax on recreational marijuana.

Transportation: Adopt a multi-modal transportation package that addresses city needs.

Property Tax: Replace the 1% property tax cap with an annual limit that accounts for inflation and population growth.

Infrastructure: Restore the state's commitment to public infrastructure investment.

Transportation Issues

Transportation Choices Coalition

- Local Funding for Transit
- Commute Trip Reduction Program
- Carbon Pricing
- Efficient Movement of People and Goods
- Transportation Package and Budget

Eastside Transportation Partnership

- Develop and fund a transportation package through an increase in the state gas tax and/or other revenue sources to pay for critical safety, maintenance, and mobility improvements including I-405, I-90, SR 520, SR 522, SR 202, SR 203, and other East King County routes.
- Support reforms that streamline and reduce costs of transportation improvements.
- Increase funding options for city, county, and regional transportation needs; while maintaining funding for programs that support mobility, economic vitality, and maintenance of the existing transportation system.
- Develop funding mechanisms for transit in, between, and to communities east of Lake Washington as a fundamental tenet of achieving growth management goals.
- Continue to have the State Transportation Commission explore alternatives to the gas tax and encourage implementation of a demonstration project statewide of the road usage charge.

Washington Bikes & Cascade Bicycle Club

- Highlight the benefits of efficient transportation investments
 - Improve safety and health through smart investments and legislative improvements
 - Grow the state's economy via bicycle travel and tourism
- * CBC's legislative objectives "are consistent with the priorities of Washington Bikes, which is bringing a unified, collective voice for bicycling issues to Olympia."

Human Services Issues

Eastside Human Services Forum

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