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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager  
**Date:** April 21, 2016  
**Subject:** SPECIAL PRESENTATION – REPRESENTATIVE PATTY KUDERER

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Council should receive a debriefing on the 2016 legislative session from Representative Patty Kuderer

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

Patty Kuderer, a Clyde Hill resident, was appointed in September 2015 to fill the House of Representatives vacancy in the 48th Legislative District created when Rep. Ross Hunter resigned to serve as Director of the state Department of Early Learning. Representative Kuderer must stand for election to a full term in 2016.

The committees on which Representative Kuderer serves are the House Committee on General Government & Information Technology (Vice Chair); Committee on Education; and the Judiciary Committee. In the 2016 session, Rep. Kuderer was the primary sponsor of 7 pieces of legislation and was the secondary sponsor of over 30 additional bills.

This session, Representative Kuderer's policy priorities were focused on: finding efficiencies in the judicial system; creating consistency in language within the field of massage therapy; protecting sensitive government law enforcement data and personal information of private cloud security employees that has entered into a criminal justice information services agreement; providing a technical fix to update state law relating to fiscal agents; better health protections for first responders; and protecting communities when someone suffering from a mental illness poses a serious threat to themselves or others.

Other priorities:

Rep. Kuderer supported HB 2362, the Body Cam bill, which was a priority of the City's. She believes the bill lays the foundation for the development of fair and reasonable guidelines and safeguards for use of this new and important technology. Rep. Kuderer also supported a number of bills addressing affordable housing. Finally, Rep. Kuderer co-sponsored legislation to enact changes to the I-405 express toll lanes. Although the legislation didn't pass, it contributed toward the executive branch decision to open up the toll lanes on nights, weekends, and major holidays, and to add more entry/exit points along the corridor so drivers can more safely and easily merge into the hot lanes.