

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

State Legislative Update

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DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL**INFORMATION
ONLY**

No action is required; this is an informational briefing. The State Legislature addresses a range of policy issues of interest to the City. Council may wish to provide direction to staff regarding legislative proposals.

RECOMMENDATION

N/A

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS

The State Legislature has passed the mid-point of the 2020 session and is another key deadline passed last Wednesday evening. All bills needed to pass out of the house of origin by this deadline—House bills needed to pass the House and Senate bills needed to pass the Senate. The process now reverses itself with the House considering Senate-passed bills and vice-versa. The only exception to this cutoff is for bills determined to be “necessary to implement the budget”—or NTIB. Those bills may remain alive until the session. This is the point in the legislative session when a clearer picture emerges of which proposals have the support to potentially make it through the process and become law.

As this cutoff occurred as this update was being drafted, staff will provide Council a written update prior to the Council meeting with details on which bills of interest to the City are still alive or not. Depending on the status of key bills, there will likely be an opportunity prior to the end of session for Councilmembers to meet in Olympia with members of our 41st and 48th District Delegations.

Additionally, the House and Senate are preparing their proposed supplemental operating, capital and transportation budgets which will be released soon. Once the budgets are released, the session heads into the home stretch with an end date of March 12.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

The State Legislature addresses a range of policy issues of interest to the City.

OPTIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

N/A

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N/A