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TO: Mayor Malakoutian and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of May 31, 2026

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Included in this packet is a selected group of reports from the City's work with other levels of government on City business. They include updates from the federal, state and regional levels. Staff are always available to follow up to discuss any matters in greater detail.

### **LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS**

**State Legislative Session Update:** State lawmakers are examining major policy issues ranging from carbon sequestration and hazardous waste stewardship to a potential ballot initiative that would repeal the recently enacted high-income tax. The Governor and state agencies have also launched significant efforts on long-term water planning and on creating a new Department of Housing, both involving extensive stakeholder engagement ahead of the next legislative session. Additional statewide processes, including rulemaking under the Climate Commitment Act and regional water-supply roundtables, will continue through the summer.

**Federal Legislative Update:** Congress is advancing multiple major fiscal year 2027 funding bills, including the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development bill that contains Bellevue's \$250,000 Safer Signals request, while also navigating parallel efforts such as the Farm Bill reauthorization, transportation reauthorization, and housing legislation. At the same time, lawmakers continue to work through immigration-related budget packages, including a second reconciliation bill and the potential for a third, though progress has been slowed by internal disagreements and a tight election-year calendar. The Administration is pursuing regulatory and policy changes on issues such as disaster response and federal grantmaking.

### **STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings:** Included are updated summary background briefings on the King County regional committees and those of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).