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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of October 31, 2025

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 state, federal, and regional levels. Staff are always available to follow up to discuss any matters in greater detail.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Session Update: Legislators are preparing for the 2026 session, with key committee work sessions held in October and bill proposals beginning to circulate. November's election will determine several competitive legislative seats and signal voter sentiment on recent Democratic tax and policy actions. Meanwhile, the state faces a growing budget shortfall, debates over new tax proposals, and ongoing work on major issues including housing, permitting reform, economic development tools, and environmental regulations ahead of the session's January start.

Federal Legislative Update: Congress remains stalled amid a month-long government shutdown, though some quiet progress has been made on key issues such as appropriations, expiring programs, and crypto regulation. Lawmakers are under growing pressure to reach a budget deal and complete work on FY26 funding and year-end priorities. The administration drew controversy by sharply reducing the U.S. refugee cap and halting trade talks with Canada following a dispute over tariffs.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

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