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TO: Mayor Malakoutian and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of April 30, 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 state, federal, and regional levels. Staff are always available to follow up to discuss any matters in greater detail.

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORTS

State Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written summary of recent state legislative activities. This includes a preview of candidate filing occurring in May, updates to the state's credit rating, legal challenges to recently adopted legislation, and work of state task forces. The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is preparing for the 2027 session by gathering feedback and identifying key policies to focus on in 2027 with early coalescing around elevating financial stability and city budgets as a central priority.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff presented on Bellevue's 2026-2027 Federal Agenda during the May 5 Council Meeting, with an agenda memo that can be found [here](#). Bellevue's 2026-2027 Federal Agenda outlines the city's top federal funding and policy priorities, focusing on transportation and mobility, essential water infrastructure, as well as housing and safety-net programs. It positions Bellevue to pursue federal investments, advocate on major policy issues expected in the 120th Congress and strengthen relationships with the congressional delegation and federal agencies. The next Federal Legislative Update will be included in the May 2026 Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

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