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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of July 28, 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: Staff has provided a written summary of recent state legislative activities, including action with the release of the August primary ballots, the start of the 2026 state supplemental budget process, several implementation and rulemaking progress updates, and advancement of the Association of Washington Cities legislative priorities for 2026.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written summary of recent activities of the Congress and the Trump Administration, including major fiscal legislation. President Trump and congressional Republicans passed a reconciliation package to extend the 2017 tax cuts and increase spending on immigration and border security. A \$9 billion rescissions bill was also approved, cutting funding for foreign aid and public broadcasting.

The annual appropriations process accelerated, with House and Senate committees advancing bills ahead of the fiscal year deadline. A stopgap funding bill is likely needed to avoid a government shutdown. Bellevue submitted two FY 2026 appropriations requests with both advancing in House bills: \$500,000 for the Lake Washington Sewer Lake Lines Program (House Interior bill) and \$2 million for the Grand Connection project (House Transportation-HUD bill).

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).