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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of May 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: Following the 2025 legislative session, Governor Ferguson signed over 400 bills into law, approved a \$78 billion budget with some line-item vetoes, and warned that federal Medicaid cuts could significantly impact Washington's finances and health coverage, possibly prompting a special session. The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is preparing for the 2026 session by gathering feedback, exploring policy priorities like housing and revenue reform, and tracking major implementation efforts—including new rent regulations, law enforcement grants, and voluntary wastewater permit changes.

Federal Legislative Update: House Republicans passed a sweeping reconciliation package aligned with President Trump's agenda that includes tax cuts, spending reforms, and changes to Medicaid, clean energy, and healthcare programs. At the same time, Congress has started the FY 2026 appropriations process amid proposed cuts to non-defense spending. Other notable federal actions include progress on opioid crisis legislation, the bipartisan "Take It Down Act" to combat deepfake pornography, and Bellevue's upcoming advocacy visit to Washington, D.C. to elevate the city's federal priorities.

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).