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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of March 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:** Staff has provided a written summary of recent state legislative activities, including a summary of relevant interim legislative committee meetings and issues advancing in the 105-day session. Efforts to close the funding gap over the four-year biennium, as required by law, continue to loom large over this long session. Both the House and Senate are looking at various ways to cut the budget and create new revenue streams through taxes and fees. Methods in going about this, however, vary in each chamber, and Governor Ferguson has signaled that he would veto any budget with the widely floated wealth tax. The last day of session is set for April 27, but the Legislature risks a special session if the Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets aren't balanced and meet the Governor's approval.

**Federal Legislative Update:** Staff has provided a written summary of recent activities of Congress and the Trump Administration. A government shutdown was avoided with the passage of a full year stop gap funding bill (Continuing Resolution or CR), which prevented FY 2025 earmark funding from moving ahead. With the CR now in place, the Republican-led House and Senate are eyeing alignment on an extension of the 2017 tax cuts that faces legislative hurdles with Republican fiscal conservatives in both chambers.

## **STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings:** Included are updated summary background briefings on the King County Regional Committees, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), and the Greater Seattle Partners (GSP) board and executive committee.