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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of September 9, 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: August's primary election results suggest continued Democratic control of the Washington State Legislature in 2026. Meanwhile, state agencies are preparing 2026 supplemental budget requests amid projected revenue declines and ongoing uncertainty about how to respond to recent federal Medicaid changes that could significantly impact state healthcare funding.

Federal Legislative Update: Congress was in recess in August, but federal judicial and executive actions had significant implications for local governments, including court rulings on federal grant conditions, FEMA funding, and sanctuary city policies. Meanwhile, the City of Bellevue took advantage of the federal delegation's in-district presence to highlight priority issues such as affordable housing, workforce development, and the Grand Connection. Looking ahead, Congress faces a tight window to pass FY 2026 funding bills, with expectations of stop-gap measures.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings: King County Regional Committees and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) board meetings were cancelled in August but will resume in September.