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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of February 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 federal, state, 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 hot topics developing in the 105-day session. Almost 2,000 bills have been proposed during this year's long session, but that number has narrowed with the policy and fiscal committee February cutoff deadlines. As session advances, budget writers grapple with closing Washington's budget shortfall, keeping essential functions like K-12 education funded and pausing or scaling back new and recent spending.

Federal Legislative Update: Staff has provided a written summary of recent activities of Congress and the Trump Administration. Executive action by the President continues changing the make-up of the federal government, with many of the actions being tied up in court. Alongside these executive actions, Congress is working to shore up a budget proposal before the March 14 deadline; a year-long stop gap funding bill is being prepped to avoid government shutdown.

STAFF REPORTS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Monthly Council Summary Background Briefings: Included are updated summary background briefings on the King County regional committees and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) boards.