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SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of October 14, 2025

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Included in this packet is a select 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: In the past month, Washington leaders began preparing for the 2026 Legislative Session amid a worsening revenue forecast projecting a \$903 million shortfall by 2029. Governor Ferguson responded with a focus on preserving core services and signed executive orders on labor protections and immigrant privacy. State agencies submitted budget requests for wildfire response, opioid treatment, and infrastructure ahead of the Governor's December proposal. Key legislative topics emerging include housing permit delays, subdivision reform, AI policy, and updates to environmental and tax laws.

Federal Legislative Update: The federal government shutdown on September 30 after Congress and the White House failed to agree on a funding extension, with Democrats and Republicans deadlocked over healthcare provisions and other priorities. Despite the shutdown, essential services continue, and certain permitting and energy initiatives are moving forward under Trump administration direction. Meanwhile, Congress is also addressing major issues including FEMA reform, visa policy changes, and threats to federal infrastructure funding. Looking ahead, the Supreme Court will hear key cases on executive power and immigration, and a second reconciliation package may focus on tax and education reforms.

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).