

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ITEM

SUBJECT

State Legislative Update

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POLICY ISSUES

The State Legislature addresses a range of policy issues of interest to the City.

DIRECTION NEEDED FROM COUNCIL

☐ Action
☐ Discussion
☒ Information

Council may wish to provide direction to staff regarding particular legislative proposals.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Sunday, April 26 was the last day of the regular session of the state legislature. It appears unlikely that the House and Senate negotiators will be able to agree on a compromise on Operating Budget to allow the two chambers to finish their business on time. If the session ends without a compromise, the Governor can call a special session for the two houses to complete their work. The legislature must adopt an Operating Budget by June 30 in order for the state to continue operating and paying its bills in the new fiscal year which begins July 1. Meanwhile, the transportation revenue package is in limbo awaiting an agreement on the Operating Budget.

Staff sent Council a written update on April 20 that summarized activities on Bellevue's legislative priorities, and will provide an oral update at the April 27 Study Session based on information available at that time.

ALTERNATIVES

NA

RECOMMENDATION

NA

ATTACHMENT(S)

NA