



City of Bellevue

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 2021

TO: Human Services Commission Members

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Parks & Community Services Department

Agenda Item for May 18, 2021 Commission Meeting

2021 Washington State Legislative Session Update

Background

Sara Holbrook, MSW student who has been interning with the Bellevue Human Services team this academic year, will give an overview of results of the Washington State Legislative Session which ended on April 25, 2021. This was one of the many projects that she worked on while here.

Sara participated in the Eastside Human Services Forum Legislative Committee and tracked the bills and budget items that were part of their legislative agenda. Many of these were related to eviction prevention, tax credits for working families, housing, and homelessness. These are all relevant to the issues that have been identified as needs in Bellevue particularly in light of the COVID pandemic. Sara will discuss what bills passed and were enacted into law, and how the budget passed will impact Washington residents.