

RESOLUTION R-5571

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND APPROVING A CITY OF KIRKLAND LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT ITEMS AGENDA FOR THE 2023 SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland (City) State Legislative
2 Agenda each year consists of three segments: general principles,
3 legislative priorities, and legislative support items; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Council's 2023 Legislative Priority Agenda
6 was established through Resolution R-5563, adopted on
7 November 1, 2022; and
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9 WHEREAS, the proposed 2023 Legislative Support Items
10 Agenda, attached hereto as Exhibit A, which exhibit may be
11 amended from time to time by the Council without further
12 resolutions, consists of selected priority issues and items which
13 align with the City's goals, values, and policy initiatives and which
14 are expected to be championed by City ally organizations,
15 coalitions, and groups; and
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17 WHEREAS, the City supports the agenda items identified
18 on the 2023 Legislative Support Items Agenda but follows the lead
19 of the organizations who are primarily responsible for securing
20 sponsors and creating and implementing strategies for passage;
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23 WHEREAS, the 2023 Legislative Support Items Agenda
24 includes select Legislative support positions and carryovers from
25 prior City legislative agendas, support for infrastructure funding,
26 and other issues and items related, without limitation, to
27 transportation, housing, human services, water and the
28 environment, parks, and open government and transparency.
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30 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the
31 City of Kirkland as follows:
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33 Section 1. The "City of Kirkland 2023 Legislative Support
34 Items Agenda," attached as Exhibit A and by this reference
35 incorporated herein, is adopted as the general policies that the
36 City supports the State Legislature pursuing during its 2023
37 session.
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39 Section 2. The City Manager, in partnership with the City
40 Council's Legislative Work Group, is directed to monitor the
41 identified general policies identified in the 2023 Legislative
42 Support Items Agenda, provide the City Council with updates
43 thereon from time to time during the session, and to seek Council
44 approval of specific legislation and bill language prior to directing
45 advocacy engagement efforts in connection therewith.

EXHIBIT A

2023 LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT ITEMS AGENDA

(see attached)

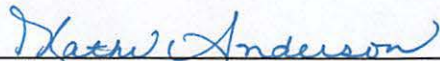
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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 03 day of January, 2023.

Signed in authentication thereof this 03 day of January, 2023.


Penny Sweet, Mayor

Attest:


Kathi Anderson, City Clerk



CITY OF KIRKLAND 2023 LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT ITEMS AGENDA

Kirkland generally supports the policy principles of the items below, however, formal City support is contingent upon reviewing and approving the specific language of any legislative proposal drafted to advance a particular item.

2023 Legislative Support

Select Legislative Support and carryovers from Kirkland's past agendas

- Support legislative actions that facilitate Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), independent of Sound Transit's schedule, for the Kingsgate Park and Ride TOD Pilot project, the I-405 & NE 85th Street Station Area and future TOD projects at other WSDOT-owned properties. Action such as:
 - Amend RCWs 47.12.080, .063, .120 by removing the requirements that WSDOT must declare the property unused, no longer required for transportation purposes, or held for highway purposes, but not presently needed, prior to allowing the disposal or leasing of such property.
 - Amend RCW 47.04.295 and RCWs 47.12.080, .063, and .120 to grant WSDOT discretion in whether or not to charge fair market value for the lease or disposal of park and ride real property when the lease or disposal is for the purpose of providing affordable housing or multimodal transportation infrastructure
- Support continued sustainable funding to maintain high-quality statewide training for law enforcement officers and corrections officers to ensure no waiting period to get law enforcement and corrections officers trained and in the field.
- Supports maintaining local flexibility in determining location, design and size of small cell (telecommunication) deployment with adequate cost control.
- Support the establishment and operation of a state-chartered, public cooperative bank in the state of Washington
- Support vested rights legislation that keeps predictability and certainty for local governments, real estate developers and environmental and community advocates.
- Support legislation to enable local funding sources for multi-benefit watershed projects.
- Support allowing both the state and local governments the option of replacing the property tax cap, currently fixed at 1 percent, with a cap that is indexed to both population growth and inflation.
- Support Washington State Conservation District election reform.

Support for Infrastructure Funding

- Establishment of a State-Chartered, Public Cooperative Bank
- Safe Routes to Schools & Complete Streets Program Funding
- Transportation Investment Board Funding (TIB)
- Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)
- Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP)
- Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA)
- Regional Mobility Grant Funding Program - Preserve
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board Funding
- Support Healthy & Sustainable Communities Initiative

Additionally, Kirkland supports selected priority items from the 2023 legislative priorities advocated for by the following ally organizations:

Association of Washington Cities

Transportation Issues

Eastside Transportation Partnership

Transportation Choices Coalition

Eastrail Partners

Housing Issues

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

Housing Development Consortium

Human Services Issues

Eastside Human Services Forum

King County Behavioral Health

Faith Action Network

Environmental Issues

King County-Cities Climate Collaborative (K4C)

People for Climate Action Kirkland

Water Issues

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Cascade Water Alliance

Public Safety Issues

Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs

Washington Fire Chiefs Association

Alliance for Gun Responsibility

Parks Issues

Washington Recreation and Parks Association

Open Government and Transparency Issues

Washington Coalition for Open Government

Other Jurisdictions' Issues

King County

Other Allies / Issues

Lake Washington School District #414

Lake Washington Institute of Technology

~~Support Washington State Conservation District Election Reform~~

Puget Sound Regional Council

Pro-Choice Washington

Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and Northern Idaho

Washington Co-Responder Outreach Alliance (CROA)

Sound Cities Association

2023 City Legislative Priorities

Exhibit B

Strong cities make a great state. Cities are home to 65% of the state's residents, drive the economy, and provide the most accessible government. The continued success of cities depends on adequate resources and local decision-making to best meet the needs of our residents.

Washington's 281 cities ask the Legislature to partner with cities and act on the following priorities:



Respond to the *Blake* decision

Support clarification around the crime of possessing a controlled substance so that individuals, law enforcement, and treatment providers can respond appropriately. Revise the current system of two referrals prior to criminal charges, so it can be more effectively administered across the state.

Support additional investments to help cities with the costs stemming from the *Blake* decision on how possession of controlled substances is handled by the criminal justice system. This includes:

- Funding to help offset the costs of vacating criminal convictions, repaying legal financial obligations, administering diversion programs, and mitigating municipal court impacts.
- Investment in alternative response teams; treatment facilities for adults and juveniles; treatment in jails; and social workers, treatment providers, and system navigators to help direct people to treatment.



Address vehicle pursuits for public safety

Clarify the ability for law enforcement to conduct vehicle pursuits using a reasonable suspicion standard in specific circumstances. This is essential to allow for effective and safe pursuit of suspects when there is an immediate threat to public safety. Cities will continue to support safety standards and training for officers who engage in vehicle pursuits.



Ensure basic infrastructure funding

Fully fund the Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA), allow the current revenue diversions to sunset at the end of fiscal year 2023, and refrain from further fund transfers or diversions to other infrastructure programs or non-infrastructure accounts. Expand state funding opportunities to assist with maintenance and operations of local infrastructure.



Increase housing availability & affordability

Support a proactive approach that creates new tools, incentives, and revenues that cities can use to help increase housing supply and address affordability. Cities need resources to encourage development of housing at all income levels—especially for our lowest-income residents.



Provide behavioral health resources

Create greater access to community-based behavioral health services to include substance use disorder treatment and dual diagnosis treatment facilities. Support continued state funding to help communities establish alternative response programs like co-responder programs, diversion programs, and others that provide options beyond law enforcement for responding to situations that involve individuals suffering from behavioral health issues.

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LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2023

Increasing transportation equity and safety for all Washingtonians

Transportation Choices' Top Priorities

- **Eliminate jaywalking laws statewide** to increase safety and racial equity.
- **End stops for non-moving traffic violations** in order to focus on safety issues.
- **Improve the composition of transit boards** to ensure community voices are represented in decision-making.
- **Develop a flexible, equitable Road Usage Charge (RUC)** to modernize Washington's transportation funding and system.
- **Help labor allies build the workforce** as they address driver, operator, and mechanic shortages in transportation.
- **Protect and implement Move Ahead Washington's** transformative investments.

Transportation Choices is also supporting

Access & Affordability

Transportation Choices aims to increase transportation equity by supporting bills that institutionalize racial equity, improve transit service and active transportation networks, and reduce the cost of sustainable transportation. Specifically, we will support:

- The **development of an ORCA LIFT program** for Washington State Ferries.
- **ADA planning and funding** to improve access for disabled people.
- **Funding antiracism training** for transportation agencies and commissions.
- The development of a systemwide approach to a **low-income toll program**.
- The **implementation of statewide studies that further transportation equity**, including the Transportation Equity in Cities Study, the Nondriver Study, and the Frequent Transit Service Study.



Transportation Choices 2023 Legislative Agenda Cont.

Climate & The Environment

Transportation Choices supports bills that reduce GHG emissions, address ambient air pollution, and improve water quality through investment in remediation and cleaner transportation options that also support mobility and improved land use. Specifically, we will support:

- Bills that **reduce sprawl, encourage affordable transit-oriented development, and climate-driven comprehensive planning.**
- An increase in funding and eligibility for **CTR and TDM programs to reduce single-occupancy trips**, especially for organizations, buildings, and small businesses that serve low-income workers, students, or clients.
- Prioritizing **electrification dollars to clean up the dirtiest medium and heavy-duty vehicles and fleets.**

Safety

Following unacceptable levels of traffic violence, Transportation Choices is supporting legislation to reduce transportation injuries and fatalities and increase personal safety while focusing on upstream solutions such as engineering, incentives, and education. Specifically, we will support:

- **Educating leaders about transit as a safety solution** — both as a safe mode and as an efficient alternative to highway widening which causes increased vehicle miles traveled and more safety incidents.
- Enacting policies that **encourage the purchase of smaller cars** to improve safety outcomes for people biking and walking.
- Policies and investments intended to **reduce dangerous conflicts between cars and people biking and walking.**
- Focusing **enforcement resources on safety issues and reducing punitive measures** in other areas.

Better Funding & Spending

Transportation Choices aims to improve stewardship of taxpayer dollars by advocating for progressive revenue options for transportation and community-driven plans and frameworks to ensure spending is aligned with state goals. Specifically, we will support:

- The **implementation of WSDOT's performance-based investment pilot** to help Washington spend to achieve our values.
- The **funding of planning studies that help improve regional transit operations and governance.**
- **Better local options for transportation funding**, including authorization of progressive and sustainable revenue sources.
- Smart spending by **the development and funding of a Highway System Plan** to holistically address corridor needs.

Washington Low Income Housing Alliance 2023 Public Policy Priorities

The state should make a significant investment of \$400 million in affordable housing to build and preserve permanently and deeply affordable homes.

- Housing Trust Fund investment of \$400 million from the state capital budget. This appropriation should build and preserve permanently affordable homes and invest in homeownership opportunities for Black, Indigenous, and other people of color.
- A new permanent fund source for the Housing Trust Fund would ensure significant investments. Options include a new state level Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) on very high value properties or eliminating certain tax exemptions for financial institutions.
- The state should also authorize new local options to fund affordable housing, such as a new Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) for affordable housing and operations.
- The State's Operating Budget should invest approximately \$8 million for Black, Indigenous, and other people of color led organizations for organizational support and capacity building to address inequitable access to Capital Budget (Housing Trust Fund) dollars.

The state should invest in homelessness prevention, cash assistance, and Housing & Essential Needs rental assistance.

- Address the 50% decline in funding for homelessness prevention with General Fund dollars.
The state's document recording fees are experiencing an almost 50% reduction and the state must take action to fill the gap to prevent a loss of services.
- End the Housing & Essential Needs "benefits cliff" by extending the Social Security Income (SSI) pilot statewide and making it permanent. This would allow tenants to get continued rental assistance once they qualify for SSI or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI).
- Change the Aged, Blind and Disabled program to end the requirement that extremely low-income, disabled people pay back the benefit.
- Bring back the cash assistance program for temporarily disabled extremely low-income people that was eliminated during the great recession budget cuts in 2011.

The state should invest in eviction prevention.

- Continue funding for pre-eviction civil legal aid and add \$400k to allow the Eviction Defense Screening Line to assist tenants who are not yet eligible for right to counsel. Total request is \$2.408 million (this includes an inflation adjustment).
- Increase funding for statewide Right to Counsel to properly operate the program, meet statutory requirements and serve eligible tenants. Total increase needed from baseline is \$1,953,561 in FY 2024 and \$2,502,860 in FY 2025.
- Increase funding for the Tenancy Preservation Program (TPP) and the Landlord Mitigation Fund. There is a currently a backlog of requests from landlords and the TPP program is a critical strategy to prevent evictions. The Department of Commerce anticipates that an appropriation of approximately \$10 million would address the backlog and prevent many tenants from experiencing eviction and homelessness.

The state should support and stabilize the nonprofit housing and homelessness workforce.

- Make the 2022 one-time Department of Commerce grantee administrative increase permanent.

This would impact nonprofit organizations providing affordable housing and homelessness services that are funded through the state budget.

- More ideas are being discussed and explored – stay tuned!

The state should address rent increases.

- HB 1904* (Rep. Peterson, introduced in 2022) would require landlords to provide 6 months' notice of significant rent increases, provide tenants with the right to quit their lease due to a rent increase, and cap late fees. Applies to both residential tenants and manufactured housing tenants.
- Prevent rent gouging by capping rent increases, cap and regulate fees, and close the just cause loophole that allows landlords to use rent increases to deny tenants of their rights under the state Residential Landlord Tenant Act.

The state should enforce obligations and protections under the State Landlord Tenant Act.

- Pass HB 2023* (Rep Hackney, introduced in 2022) to create an enforcement mechanism for landlord obligations under the Residential Landlord Tenant Act.
- This would create a legal process for tenants to hold their landlord accountable and to shift state laws from "self-help laws" to rights that can be enforced by a court of law. This would create a fast, very affordable and very accessible court process for tenants to ask a judge to intervene.
- Right now, tenants have no mechanism to hold their landlord accountable – even when tenants are illegally locked out, even when tenants face serious repair issues, even when landlords violate source of income discrimination protections, even when landlords harass tenants or illegally enter apartments, etc.
- This would also put tenant protections under the enforcement of the State Attorney General and the "consumer protection act". The CPA provides important protections and penalties when violated.

*All bill numbers will be re-assigned for the new biennium starting on January 9th, 2023.

Contact Michele Thomas at the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance with any questions: **Michelet@wliha.org**



2023 Lead Advocacy Agenda

The Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County (HDC) is the nonprofit membership association of 190+ private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and public partners dedicated to the vision that all people throughout King County live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes. HDC invites you to join us as we advocate for the following policies in 2023.

FUND AFFORDABLE HOMES

Despite significant progress on funding at the state and local levels in recent years, great and unaddressed needs remain. Affordable housing and homelessness service providers are successfully creating pathways into stability – but for every person they serve, there's another to take their place. As we emerge from the COVID-19 crisis, the pre-existing housing and homelessness crisis has only worsened. Construction costs have risen over 15% in just one year and rents and home prices have continued to spike beyond wage growth for low-income people. We have been woefully behind in adequately investing in housing for our community, and the combined crises of COVID-19, housing unaffordability, and homelessness threaten to set us back even further. Not only has it significantly increased housing insecurity overall, but it also disproportionately impacts Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

The Washington State Department of Commerce estimates that King County needs to add 212,000 homes affordable below 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) by 2044, or over 8,800 per year. At current capital costs of approximately \$330,000 per home, this totals \$2.9 billion in annual capital investments to produce the income-restricted homes King County needs. Existing public capital resources for income-restricted affordable housing creation in King County totaled \$984 million in 2021. This means that the region needs \$1.9 billion in additional public revenue for capital funding per year, as well as expanded operating funding to support affordable homes.

Addressing the affordable housing crisis will take a comprehensive and holistic approach and cannot be solved without vastly increasing the funding for affordable housing. Significantly increasing capital and operating dollars to support the production of permanent housing options affordable for low-income households is a priority for us. Because our need for housing is tremendous, we need funding at every level – local, state, and federal – to collaborate and think creatively about leveraging resources. In times of uneven economic growth, this robust public funding is critical. In 2023, HDC will:

- **Advocate for a state bill in 2023 to authorize an expanded Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) for affordable housing**
- **Lead the advocacy and coalition mobilization work to renew and expand the Seattle Housing Levy in 2023**
- **Advocate for a commercial fee and mandatory inclusionary zoning that leverages Bellevue's commercial and residential development growth**

Adopted 2023 Advocacy Agenda | This is not a comprehensive list of all policies HDC intends to advocate for or support throughout 2023. For more information, contact jesse@housingconsortium.org 206-682-9541

- **Lead the work to create a framework for subregional investments in affordable housing at the state level**

BUILD & MAINTAIN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

To promote equitable growth and prosperity for all, King County and our cities should implement best practices and policies that ensure low-income residents can live or remain in communities of opportunity near jobs, services, and access to transit. This must be accompanied by recognizing that housing segregation achieved by government policies, such as redlining and other discriminatory practices, resulted in long-lasting racial inequities in housing. In 2023, HDC will:

- **Lead coalition work on the major update of Seattle's Comprehensive Plan – a rare, critical opportunity to change the City's land use strategy and its support for housing affordability. In addition, shape the framework for Housing Element updates across the King County region**
- **Advocate for a statewide missing middle housing bill, allowing duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and sixplexes by right within all urban growth areas**
- **Lead education and coalition building efforts on a state bill allowing counties and cities to establish housing benefit districts (HBD) for the acquisition of land for affordable homes**
- **Advocate for regulatory reform that accelerates housing production and reduces the cost to build housing. This includes:**
 - **Increasing allowed densities, height, and floor area ratios**
 - **Facilitating efficient permitting and coordination between responsible departments**
 - **Advancing utility waivers for affordable homes**
 - **Exempting affordable housing developments from infrastructure improvement fees**
 - **Eliminating design review for affordable homes**
 - **Reducing or eliminating parking requirements**
- **Partner in leading and continuing support for the Black Home Initiative policy framework and regulatory reform recommendations**
- **Advocate for siting of permanent supportive housing as the proven solution for homelessness throughout King County**

IMPROVE HEALTH, STABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY OF HOUSING

King County is experiencing explosive growth and unprecedented inequity in access to housing. We face a shortfall of 149,000 homes affordable at less than 80% AMI today and a projected deficit of 212,000 homes by 2044. Capital dollars currently available to King County's affordable housing developers are nowhere near what is needed.

Far too many low-income King County households – disproportionately people of color – are now perpetually housing insecure or pushed into homelessness. Enveloping everything is the climate crisis. In recognition of the issue's urgency and the effects of the built environment, HDC looks at housing unaffordability, the inequity that leads to housing insecurity, and climate change as fundamentally interdependent and not as issues in isolation of each other. Affordable, safe, quality housing is a social determinant of health and a key element in creating an overall healthy community. This calls for a proactive approach to ensure housing stability for renters and low-income homeowners, and a sustainable built environment for healthier and livable places. In 2023, HDC will:

- **Advocate for public funding of resident services in non-permanent supportive affordable housing in the 2023 City of Seattle budget and the 2023 Seattle Housing Levy renewal**
- **Advocate for increased funding for rental assistance at the state level**



2023 Support Advocacy Agenda

The Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County (HDC) is the nonprofit membership association of 190+ private businesses, nonprofit organizations, and public partners dedicated to the vision that all people throughout King County live with dignity in safe, healthy, and affordable homes. HDC invites you to join us as we advocate for the following policies in 2023.

FUND AFFORDABLE HOMES

- **Support renewal of the King County Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy in 2023**
- **Advocate for progressive revenue that will ease the burden on low-income and working households, adequately fund affordable housing and homelessness programs, and make our economy more resilient in the long-term**
- **Support federal advocacy for expanded funding for affordable housing, including through Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) reforms to:**
 - **Renew the temporary 12.5% increase in LIHTC allocations that expired in 2021**
 - **Increase the allocation of the 9% LIHTC by 50%**
 - **Reduce the tax-exempt private activity bonds threshold test for the 4% LIHTC from 50% to 25%**
 - **Provide a 50% basis boost for homes set aside for extremely low-income households in 9% LIHTC properties**
- **Fund the State Housing Trust Fund (HTF) at a historically high level in the biennial Capital Budget and establish a permanent funding source for the HTF**
- **Support policies that improve workforce pay, equity, and sustainability in permanent supportive housing**
- **Support implementation of the codified JumpStart Seattle spending plan and its robust allocation for affordable homes**
- **Increase the per-household funding cap for affordable homeownership projects imposed by King County and the Washington State Department of Commerce**

BUILD & MAINTAIN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

To promote equitable growth and prosperity for all, King County and our cities should implement best practices and policies that ensure low-income residents can live or remain in communities of opportunity near jobs, services, and access to transit. This must be accompanied by recognizing that housing segregation achieved by government policies, such as redlining and other discriminatory practices, resulted in long-lasting racial inequities in housing. Support policies that empower BIPOC-led community-based organizations such as the JumpStart Community Resiliency. In 2023, HDC will:

- **Support implementation of the countywide Equitable Development Initiative fund to prevent and mitigate displacement within areas most at risk of experiencing physical, cultural, and economic displacement**
- **Advance funding and policy solutions that reflect the role of affordable homeownership in ensuring wealth building for individuals and families affected by racial and ethnic segregation, marginalization, and discrimination**
- **Support local tools and policies to reverse historic and current patterns of racial and ethnic segregation through effective use of HDC's recommended Anti-Displacement Strategies like community ownership or preference, right of first refusal, tenant opportunity to purchase, etc.**
- **Support disposition of publicly-owned surplus or underutilized land at reduced or no cost for affordable housing. Support a state bill to facilitate the disposition of publicly-owned surplus or underutilized land for affordable homeownership**
- **Support state-level reform of condo development regulations and liability laws**
- **Support and advocate for the implementation of the Health through Housing Initiative in King County**
- **Continue legislators' education efforts on the impact of Residential Prevailing Wage rates and work towards a new methodology that supports affordable housing production**

IMPROVE HEALTH, STABILITY & SUSTAINABILITY OF HOUSING

Households faced with high-cost burdens, housing instability, and homelessness may see the impacts of those experiences on both their physical and mental health. In addition, housing quality can have significant impacts on health.

Too many homeowners and renters are currently living in unhealthy or substandard homes, particularly in areas of South King County. Renters in these homes may be unable or afraid to report their inadequate housing conditions. Affordable, safe, quality housing is a social determinant of health and a key element in creating an overall healthy community. In addition, the climate crisis' intersection with housing calls for a proactive approach to ensure a sustainable built environment for healthier and livable places. In 2023, HDC will:

- **In coalition with climate, health, and labor advocates, promote policies, practices, funding, and incentives that support affordable housing projects to reduce energy and water use, utilize renewable energy, minimize greenhouse gas emissions, and optimize the health and safety of residents**
- **Support state policies that address the arbitrary barriers that people exiting the criminal justice system face in acquiring rental housing**
- **Support reforms to the state Home Repair Loan Program, including authorizing loans for all counties in Washington State, and capping the interest rate charged to low-income homeowners**
- **Support creation of a Covenant Reinvestment Account, which would address historic racism in housing policies by funding down-payment assistance for first-time homebuyers with a document recording fee**
- **Support funding of housing counselors working to prevent foreclosures and assist first-time homebuyers**



Recap of Recent Climate and Energy State Action and DRAFT K4C Interests¹ for 2023

Who we are

King County, and twenty partners representing more than 1.9 million county residents — Bellevue, Burien, Duvall, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Mercer Island, Normandy Park, North Bend, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, and Tukwila, plus the Port of Seattle — are working together through the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) to coordinate and enhance the effectiveness of local government climate and sustainability action.

Our Shared Climate Goals and Actions

In 2021, King County and cities strengthened shared targets to reduce countywide greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030, 75% by 2040; and 95% and net zero emissions by 2050 (compared to a 2007 baseline). In support of these targets, K4C partners have signed on to Joint County - City Climate Commitments, in areas ranging from transportation and land use to renewable energy to waste reduction. The Joint Commitments articulate that building an equitable clean energy economy will require deep engagement with communities of color and low income, immigrant, and youth populations and committed to work in ways that are fair, equitable, empowering, and inclusive. The 2019 update to the Joint Commitments added preparing for climate change impacts to K4C's shared work.

Importance of State Action

While local governments have the responsibility to lead on climate solutions at the local level, a comprehensive and supportive policy and funding framework at the state level is essential to meeting our shared commitments. State policies and investments in climate and energy can also better position Washington State to be a leader in economic development.

Policy Interest Details for 2023 Legislative Session

These policy interests draw from the K4C's updated Joint City - County Climate Commitments from K4C legislative interests developed in recent years and are informed by anticipated proposals for state legislation. These policy interests are intended to advance shared climate commitments and to be a resource for local governments as they review state legislation, consider comment letters, and weigh in on state policies as they develop. **We recognize that each K4C partner has unique policy and state**

¹ King County's own formal legislative agenda is subject to review and approval by the King County Council, usually in November.



legislative priorities and may not pursue all of these interests, but through focused, coordinated action, we can maximize the impact of our individual and shared efforts.



Climate Policy

K4C supports comprehensive science-based limits and a market-based price on carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases.

2022 Recap:

- Rulemaking has been extremely busy – major new state policies are rolling out fast – for example the Climate Commitment Act and Low Carbon Fuel Standard both go into effect on 1/1/2023.
- HB 1099, in another attempt to add climate change and resiliency element addressing the adverse impacts of climate change on people, property, and ecological systems to the elements that must be included in comprehensive plans, failed to pass in the last moments of session.

2023 Priorities:

- **Ensure impactful and equitable implementation of transformational state climate policies and laws including the Climate Commitment Act, Clean Energy Transformation Act, Low Carbon Fuel Standard, Energy Codes, and hydrofluorocarbon policies.**
- **Support policies that require climate preparedness, climate equity and GHG emissions reduction in Comprehensive Planning**
- **Ensure impactful and equitable implementation of the Climate Commitment Act, including through investments and programs that benefit tribal nations and overburdened communities as outlined by the State Environmental Justice Council.**
- **Bring funding from state and federal climate action policies and investments such as the federal Inflation Reduction Act and state Climate Commitment Act to support on the ground implementation of local climate action.**
- **Support policies that establish regulation of methane emissions based on best available science and technology.**
- **Support policies that establish and use “cost of carbon” methods for analysis and decision-making.**
- **Support amendments to existing legislation that strengthen targets to align with best science, and that provide additional structure or resources to reach the targets.**
- **Support policies encouraging carbon sequestration.**



Transportation and Land Use

K4C supports comprehensive state policies and investments that reduce emissions from the transportation sector by supporting transit, and opportunities to walk, roll, and bike, catalyzing investments in clean transit vehicles. K4C supports policies to focus growth inside cities and prioritizing centers well served by transit and other mobility options.

2022 Recap:

- **HB 1782/SB 5670**, the “missing middle” legislation that would have required cities to authorize middle housing types (i.e. duplexes, triplexes) or average housing densities dependent on the size of the city, did not pass.
- **SB 5974/HB 2119**, “Move Ahead WA” Transportation package passed. This \$17B package to be spent over 10 years contains funding for increased transit, pedestrian safety, and road construction and improvements.

2023 Priorities:

- **Support**, as part of a comprehensive strategy for reducing transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions:
 - **Support legislation for transportation funding** that aligns with state climate policy goals to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles and reduce miles travelled.
 - **Flexibility in how potential revenue streams, including Road Usage Charges, (RUC) are spent.** Support local government authority to use revenues to fund transit, multi-modal, pedestrian and road improvements that increase mobility and prioritize reaching climate goals.
 - **Support for integration of climate considerations** in comprehensive planning policies.
 - **Protection for and expansion of funding for public transit** and investments that support travel by walking, rolling, and biking.
 - **Continued funding and expansion as in previous years of the Commute Trip Reduction program** and the Regional Mobility Grant program.
 - **Policies and incentives to support equitable transit friendly development and easy connections** in vicinity of planned rail and high-capacity transit and employment centers.
 - **Development of land use strategies** that encourage dense, affordable healthy, sustainably developed neighborhoods that discourage displacement.



Clean Fuels and Electric Vehicles

K4C supports comprehensive state and regional policies and investments that reduce emissions from the transportation sector by increasing Federal vehicle efficiency standards, adopting state or regional clean fuels standards, and the increase in the use of electric light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles.

2022 Recap:

- The legislature passed HB 1793, which prohibits homeowners' associations from restricting or prohibiting the installation of EV charging equipment on the premises.
- The legislature appropriated \$25 million in electric vehicle programs and incentives and \$69 million to support electric vehicle charging infrastructure through the operating budget.

2023 Priorities:

- **Protect core provisions of the Clean Fuels Standard**, ensuring maximal reduction of the carbon intensity of fuels by 2038.
- **Support the development of comprehensive transportation sector decarbonization plan** that evaluates reductions in vehicle miles travelled, land use strategies, vehicle electrification and renewable hydrogen technologies, and transit.
- **Support and engage in state legislation and rulemaking to regulatorily phase out sale of new gas-powered vehicles.**
- **Incentives and investments for electrification of public and private fleets** and lower pollution from transportation fuels.
- **Incentives for electrification of medium and heavy duty vehicles**, with consideration for mechanisms that allow for access by owner – operators.
- Support existing legislation that establishes **accessible, reliable, interoperable, and fairly priced electric vehicle (EV) charging** and support policy updates to require EV charging stations and EV-ready parking spaces as part of new commercial and residential development.
- Support **equitable incentives** to promote adoption of electric vehicles by residents.



Energy Supply

K4C supports existing state renewable energy commitments including the Renewable Portfolio Standard and the Clean Energy Transformation Act that provide for 100% Clean electricity supply by 2045 by partnering with local utilities, state regulators and other stakeholders on a countywide commitment to clean energy resources. Support policies that meet our future energy needs through deep energy efficiency, grid modernization, and expanded renewable generation while phasing out fossil fuels.

2022 Recap:

- **HB 1814**, which authorizes \$20M in incentives for community solar systems that benefit low-income subscribers, passed.
- **HB 1812**, which authorizes the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council to streamline review of energy facilities, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, increase transparency and inclusivity of the public process, and authorizes clean energy manufacturing, passed.

2023 Priorities:

- **Protect core provisions of the Clean Energy Transformation Act.**
- **Support a clear, articulated pathway for retirement of fossil fuel energy supplies** that protects ratepayers, creates jobs, supports a just transition, and maximizes replacement with new renewable resources.
- **Support changes in the utility Integrated Resource Planning process** that promote equitable consideration of environmental and health benefits and greater emphasis on energy efficiency and demand management.
- **Support existing state law that requires increasing percentages of new energy load to be met by renewable sources other than hydropower.** Washington State's current renewable portfolio standard is 15% of utility load for 2020 and beyond.
- **Support distributed solar energy generation.** Current state law limits the size of solar arrays that qualify for retail electricity rates. We support policy changes that would expand utility limits for these systems and allow for development of larger solar installations while considering both the benefits of increased distributed solar energy generation and ratepayer fairness.



King County - Cities

CLIMATE COLLABORATION



Green Building and Energy Efficiency

K4C supports state policy changes and investments that will help us to reduce energy use in existing buildings 25% below 2017 levels by 2030, achieve net-zero GHG emissions in new buildings by 2031, and reduce fossil fuel use in buildings by 20% by 2030.

2022 Recap:

- HB 1767/SB 5666, which would enable public utilities to establish beneficial electrification plans, including the use of ratepayer dollars for programs, marketing, and incentives, did not pass.
- HB 1770, which would have required the State Building Code to develop and adopt a statewide residential reach code for optional adoption by local jurisdictions, did not pass.
- HB 1774/SB 5772, which expanded the existing Clean Buildings Performance Standard to commercial buildings >20,000 sf, passed.
- HB 1280, which establishes policy that state owned or leased facilities must include GHG emissions considerations in the design of the facilities, and that all-electric systems are considered in the life cycle analysis.
- HB 1619, which strengthened standards for a wide range of equipment, passed.

2023 Priorities:

- Support **stronger Washington State Energy code**, leading the way to “net-zero emissions” buildings by 2030.
- Support **equitable policies and funding mechanisms to reduce energy use and save money for residents and businesses.**
- Support **policies that enable the beneficial electrification of buildings**, with a focus on equitable access to programs and just transition for workers.
- Support **policies, tools and programs to reduce construction-related emissions**, including embodied carbon in construction materials.
- **Provide State Department of Commerce grants** to leverage energy efficiency and renewable energy investments by local governments.
- Support **policies that enable or encourage permanently affordable green homeownership development projects.**
- Support **policies and funding that support the retrofit of existing building stock** to lower the carbon footprint of existing residential and commercial buildings.



Consumption and Materials Management

K4C supports state policy and investments that will help us achieve a 70% recycling rate countywide and achieve zero waste of resources for materials that have economic value for reuse, resale, and recycling by 2030.

2022 Recap:

- HB 1102/SB 5366, which would have established a “Buy Clean, Buy Fair” policy, failed to pass.

2023 Priorities:

- Support policies that **replace the take-make-waste linear economy with a more circular economy where waste is minimized, materials are kept in use longer and natural systems are regenerated.**
- Support policies that **reduce emissions from solid waste management by increasing reuse, recycling and composting statewide and support new processing infrastructure innovations such as co-digestion.**
- Support policies for **Extender Producer Responsibility**, which will **increase the reuse and recycling rate of residential packaging and paper products across the state to 75% by 2030 and reduce residential recycling costs for rate payers.**
- **Support policies that reduce food waste and reclaim edible food from the waste stream and provide it to those in need.**
- Support policies that develop opportunities for **soil carbon sequestration and mitigating the impacts of climate change** through the application of compost.
- Support policies that **reduce methane emissions** from solid waste management including landfill operations, especially those that divert food waste from the landfill.
- **Support policies that use a lifecycle and consumption emissions approach to reduce emissions, so reducing the risks of carbon leakage.**



Climate Preparedness

K4C supports policy changes and investments that increase community resilience and reduce climate change impacts on K4C communities and the King County region.

2022 Recap (highlights):

- HB 1099, in another attempt to add climate change and resiliency element addressing the adverse impacts of climate change on people, property, and ecological systems to the elements that must be included in comprehensive plans, failed to pass in the last moments of session.

2023 Priorities:

- Support policies that require climate preparedness in Hazard Mitigation Planning.
- Support policies and investments that **reduce specific climate change impacts equitably** (e.g., flooding, sea level rise, wildfire, urban heat, public health risks), **increase state and local capacity** to address climate change impacts, and **increase frontline community resilience**.
- Support dedicated **funding for implementation** of climate preparedness actions or policies.
- Support investments in **climate change impacts research, resources, and engagement** that benefit state and local action on climate change.



2022 Legislative Priorities for Salmon Recovery and Puget Sound Watershed Health

Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Partners

Federal Priorities

- Support funding for the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF), including, \$400 million over five years for PCSRF in the budget reconciliation bill and an additional \$172 million over five years in the infrastructure package.
- Support funding in the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Fiscal Year 2022 Work Plan to:
 1. Advance design and construction of critical prioritized infrastructure repairs to the Hiram M. Chittenden (Ballard) Locks. WRIA 8 is partnering with Puget Sound Partnership on a pilot project to develop a public-private partnership to expedite implementation of remaining critical Locks repairs as part of a “Puget Sound Legacy Project Portfolio” intended to secure resources to address a critical funding need for large-scale salmon recovery projects. In addition to supporting fish passage for threatened salmon populations, repairing the Locks is vital to supporting the regional economy, critical transportation infrastructure, and homeland security.
 2. Support continued Corps staff engagement in the process to address elevated water temperatures and low dissolved oxygen in the Lake Washington Ship Canal.
 3. Identify important fish passage upgrades and improvements to the fish ladder in the list of prioritized Locks facility repair projects.
- Support passage of the “Promoting United Government Efforts to Save Our Sound” (PUGET SOS) Bill in the Senate, which will establish a Puget Sound Recovery National Program Office in the Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate federal Puget Sound recovery efforts with state, local and tribal recovery efforts and enable greater levels of federal funding for Puget Sound recovery.
- Support \$50 million in the budget reconciliation bill and an additional \$89 million over five years in the infrastructure package for the Puget Sound Geographic Program in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which provides key funding for critical Puget Sound recovery projects.
- Support funding \$50 million in the budget reconciliation bill and an additional \$132 million for five years in the infrastructure package for the National Estuary Program (NEP), which supports core funding for 26 estuary restoration programs nationwide, including Puget Sound Partnership and its Local Integrating Organizations.

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State Priorities

- Support development and passage of the “Governor’s Salmon Package”. The framework and content for this package is being developed and is intended to include requests in the 2022 legislative session and the 2023-2025 biennial legislative session. WRIA 8 is involved in discussions to inform this effort through our participation in the Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Council. Currently, the Governor’s staff has articulated a broad framework for legislative action in four main categories:
 1. Invest in clean water
 2. Protect and restore vital salmon habitat
 3. Correct fish passage barriers and restore salmon access to historical habitat
 4. Build climate resiliency
- Support state agency budget requests for monitoring salmon populations, and for studies and management of predation, disease, and other issues that affect WRIA 8 salmon populations.
- Track and support legislation that seeks to improve regulatory protections for areas that are important for salmon habitat. This could include proposals to define and implement “net ecological gain,” and regulatory improvements that enhance protection of riparian areas and lake and marine shorelines.
- Track and participate in efforts to improve existing funding authorities to support salmon recovery and Puget Sound restoration priorities and efforts to develop new watershed-based and/or regional funding mechanisms to support multiple-benefit projects that address salmon recovery and Puget Sound restoration priorities.
- Support legislation and funding requests that promote stormwater management planning, coordination, and implementation at a watershed scale, address critical data/information needs, and that seek innovative solutions to achieve multiple benefits from integrating stormwater management and habitat protection and restoration. Champion legislation that prioritizes implementation of natural drainage systems, such as low impact development and green stormwater infrastructure, at the watershed scale and supports retrofits to older stormwater facilities to improve their protection of the environment.
- Support efforts to address effects of climate change on salmon and salmon habitat. WRIA 8 recognizes that recovering salmon requires planning for and adapting to changing watershed conditions resulting from climate change. WRIA 8 supports policies and programs that address temperature impaired water bodies to improve salmon migration and survival, increase the pace of salmon habitat protection and restoration to improve ecosystem resiliency, and that mitigate projected effects of climate change on salmon.

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2023 Legislative and Public Policy Agenda

Cascade supports measures at all levels of government that enhance Cascade's ability to provide safe, clean, reliable water in a cost-effective, environmentally sensitive manner. Cascade's strategy is to develop and implement an overall legislative and public policy plan that will continue already established positive relationships at all governmental levels to further Cascade and its members' interests.

FEDERAL

The plan includes outreach as appropriate to Cascade's Congressional delegation, as well as key committees, agencies such as the Departments of the Interior and Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers. Cascade will seek opportunities to have a presence at key industry and/or policy meetings and events by staff and/or members.

2023 Federal Agenda:

- Mud Mountain Dam operations:
 - Fish Passage and Barrier Structure: Ensure necessary funding is available to keep this project on track to meet federal biological opinion requirements and monitor project testing progress.
 - Multi-Purpose Study: Study the possibility of expanding the flood control purpose of the Corps of Engineers' Mud Mountain Dam to include storage of water for later use supporting in-stream flows, recreation and water supply with other key stakeholders in the Lake Tapps community.
 - Gauging/Ongoing Monitoring on the White River: Continue Cascade's commitment to accurate gauging and monitoring on the White River.
- Infrastructure and Study Funding: Continue Cascade's commitment to resilience (seismic, water quality, climate) and monitor water utility funding opportunities for infrastructure, studies, analyses, and forecasting.
- Water Affordability Programs and Funding: Monitor and support water affordability programs and funding.
- PFAS. Cascade will monitor PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) legislation and rulemaking that impact water utilities, including wastewater and reclaimed water proposals, and work with members on advocacy as needed. Cascade urges Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency to:
 - Use transparent, best available science to set a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for PFAS that is not based on the recently issued water health advisories that are below levels of detection and quantification.

- Undertake a complete financial impact analysis of any proposed PFAS regulations that incorporates a cost analysis for any treatment construction and operation, remediation, and disposal costs that may burden ratepayers with significant rate increases.
 - Support a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) exemption for water utilities engaged in PFAS treatment and remediation.
 - Support source control and manufacturer liability to mitigate costs to water utilities.
 - Support funding for water utilities to comply with federal mandates regarding PFAS in drinking water supplies.
- Lead and Copper Rule: Track the implementation of EPA's Lead and Copper Rule and compliance requirements for members.
 - High Efficiency Water Standards: Support legislation and rulemaking that promote high efficiency water standards for fixtures, appliances or products.

STATE

Cascade will continue to grow its strong existing relationships at both the legislative, executive and staff levels as well as with key water industry associations.

2023 State Agenda:

Legislative Priorities:

- Cost Responsibility for Utility Relocations: Oppose the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) proposal that would prohibit WSDOT from funding utility relocations, effectively shifting cost responsibility for state project utility relocations from taxpayers to ratepayers.
- PFAS. Cascade will monitor PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) legislation and rulemaking that impact water utilities, including wastewater and reclaimed water proposals, and work with members on advocacy as needed. Cascade urges the state to:
 - Use transparent, best available science to set state regulations for PFAS that are not based on the recently issued federal water health advisories that are below levels of detection and quantification.
 - Undertake a complete financial impact analysis of any proposed PFAS regulations that incorporates a cost analysis for any treatment construction and operation, remediation, and disposal costs that may burden ratepayers with significant rate increases.
 - Support source control and manufacturer liability to mitigate liability and costs to water utilities.
 - Support funding for water utilities to comply with state mandates regarding PFAS in drinking water supplies.
 - Require the Department of Ecology to identify sites and locations of known PFAS contamination potentially impacting a public water supply system to be classified as "listed sites" under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) to ensure there is a public process, including SEPA, which will include engagement of

stakeholders in any proposed remediation plans, while exempting the public water supply systems from MTCA.

- **Resiliency Funding:** Work as a member of the Water Supply Forum to develop and implement a multi-year seismic resiliency funding strategy.
- **Affordability Measures:** Support continued funding of the Department of Commerce Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) that reimburses utility connection charges. Support streamlining the program to reduce the administrative burden on utilities. Consider actions and/or legislation to allow utilities to address affordability issues, as directed by the board.
- **Collection Flexibility:** Protect existing authority and provide flexibility and new tools to allow utilities to work with impacted customers on payment plans to preserve the financial viability of the utility and avoid raising rates on other customers, including an extension of the ability to collect outstanding debt related to waiver of late fees and shut offs.
- **Milfoil Prevention:** Support state action to follow the example of California and Oregon and restrict boater access to state waters without a boat inspection.

Legislation Cascade is monitoring and/or supporting as appropriate:

- **Promote Cascade and Members' Presence at Legislature as Industry Leader/Problem Solver:**
 - Review, and, if appropriate, support members' 2023 legislative agendas.
 - Work with other agencies of which Cascade is a member – support and promote approved issues on agendas of groups like the Water Supply Forum, Washington Water Utilities Council (WWUC), and Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts (WASWD).
 - Support existing industry organizations – Continue to further common water-policy interests, legislative goals, technical fixes as needed, conservation, etc.
- **Climate Change:** Monitor climate change proposals that have implications for water supply planning and resiliency.
- **Resiliency Planning:** Continue to lead resiliency planning for members on issues as needed.
- **Water Efficiency Measures:** Review and support legislation that promotes high efficiency water standards for fixtures, appliances or products.
- **State funding options for infrastructure and investments:** Cascade will continue to monitor proposals regarding water infrastructure investments.
- **Initiate and Participate in Legislative Workshops and Committees:** Cascade will promote responsible, environmental water use/regional governance at workshops/committee hearings.
- **Monitor Other Key Industry Issues:** Watch progress on pending or emerging issues.
- **Tours:** Offer legislators/staff tours of the Lake Tapps Reservoir to educate them on critical issues there.

MUNICIPAL

Cascade works with all cities and counties in our service area and the Lake Tapps/Pierce County area and will continue to hold regular meetings with the Four Cities (Bonney Lake, Buckley, Sumner and Auburn), Lake Tapps communities, Pierce County and other related agencies. Cascade will continue to identify and address issues as they arise.

2023 Municipal Agenda:

- Support Cascade members' legislative agendas as appropriate.
- On-going monitoring of King County legislation, regulations or permits that may have an impact on Cascade members, including the Clean Water Plan's elements that involve reclaimed water.
- Ongoing monitoring and engagement in (Pierce County, Bonney Lake, Buckley, Sumner) local land use (comprehensive plans, shoreline management plans), stormwater, water quality and other issues that may impact Cascade's operations in the White River and Lake Tapps area.



LAW AND JUSTICE DAY: FEBRUARY 7, 2023 · 9:00 AM · COLUMBIA ROOM

BLAKE / SIMPLE POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

In February 2021, the Washington Supreme Court ruled Washington’s simple possession laws as unconstitutional. The 2021 Legislature enacted SB 5476 to address the constitutional inadequacy, but also lowered the crime of simple possession from a felony to a simple misdemeanor, and required law enforcement to offer a referral to assessment and services in lieu of jail booking and referral to the prosecutor for charging unless the person has been diverted on at least two prior occasions (RCW 10.31.115).

This approach leaves substance abusers with no tangible treatment, and no accountability for their actions.

WASPC seeks to enact a simple possession criminal offense statute that incentivizes treatment and accountability for those found in unlawful possession of controlled substances.

Further, WASPC seeks an audit/assessment of the additional treatment capacity created with the \$151 million appropriation in SB 5476 .

VEHICULAR PURSUITS

The 2021 Legislature enacted HB 1054 which, among other things, established counterproductive restrictions on vehicular pursuits. As a direct result, an environment of emboldened criminals has been created and led to reduced public safety and reduced respect for the rule of law in Washington.

WASPC seeks to modify RCW 10.116.060 to enact a balancing test where the risks of the pursuit cannot exceed the risks of the reason(s) for the pursuit. NOTE: WASPC does not seek to allow for pursuits for any reason or under any circumstance.

JUVENILE ACCESS TO ATTORNEY

The 2021 Legislature enacted HB 1140, which requires law enforcement officers to connect a juvenile with an attorney prior to any waiver of constitutional rights. This law fails to recognize the constitutional rights of juveniles, the role of parents/guardians, and has prevented juveniles from providing exculpatory information to law enforcement officers. Further, this law had led to fewer opportunities to divert from arrest.

WASPC seeks to modify RCW 13.40.740 to:

1. **Allow juveniles to provide an exculpatory statement;**
2. **Recognize the role of parents/guardians when waiving or asserting a juvenile’s rights; and**
3. **Prohibit telephonic attorneys from asserting or waiving a juvenile’s rights without the juvenile’s consent.**

RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT FUNDING

2021 was the 12th consecutive year where Washington State had the fewest number of law enforcement officers per capita, ranking 51st in the nation according to FBI data. Washington is falling further behind, with a net loss of 495 officers in 2021 alone. Having too few officers has direct impacts on preventing crime, limits de-escalation, and increases the likelihood of the use of force. Washington relies too much on the use of mandatory overtime, resulting in tired officers running call to call. De-escalation requires teaming up and slowing down.

WASPC seeks to secure ongoing funding to recruit and retain additional law enforcement officers through a 1/10th of 1% (0.1%) sales tax credit against the state, with an additional 1/20th of 1% (0.05%) available for other criminal justice partners—prosecutors, public defenders, judges, clerks, jails, etc. Note: This would not increase the sales tax; it would be a credit against the existing state portion of sales tax.

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2023 ALLIANCE FOR GUN RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AGENDA

Amid record levels of gun violence in Washington and across the US, it is essential to protect and build on the progress we've made to keep our communities safe. Our 2023 Legislative Agenda reflects the urgent need for Washington to continue leading the way on adopting innovative policies to prevent gun violence.

Restrict Access to Assault Weapons: Semi-automatic assault weapons have been used in all five of the deadliest shootings in U.S. history. These weapons were designed for the battlefield—they have no place in our neighborhoods.

Establish Pathways to Justice for Gun Violence Victims: Federal law has shielded the gun industry dealers and manufacturers from nearly all accountability for the danger and damages their products cause. Washington can hold gun industry members accountable by ensuring a level playing field for responsible industry members, incentivizing safe and responsible business practices, and establishing a pathway for individuals to seek justice in court for harms caused by the industry.

Require a Permit to Purchase Firearms: Permit to purchase systems require a comprehensive background check, safety training, and waiting period to purchase a firearm. States with permit to purchase laws have lower rates of firearm-related death, lower rates of guns diverted to criminals shortly after retail sale, and lower rates of guns exported to criminals in other states.


Protect Progress and Continue Momentum: Washington must build on recent strides made to prevent gun violence by closing dangerous loopholes, extending purchase requirements to all firearms, continuing to align victim protection processes, and strengthening our Voluntary Waiver program.


Reject Armed Intimidation: The carrying of firearms in public places greatly increases the possibility of deadly violence and produces a chilling effect on daily life. Washington should expand existing safeguards to include prohibitions on concealed carry and apply them to more public spaces to help reduce the risk of political violence by firearm. Additionally, it is crucial that we take steps to intervene against threats of mass violence by removing firearms from dangerous situations.


Restore local authority: Local leaders are best positioned to address the challenges facing their communities. They should be empowered to make decisions about gun safety to keep their communities safe. Gun violence prevention can and should happen at every level of government.


Invest in Community-Based Programs and Public Education: The state must invest in community and public education work to supplement and strengthen legislative progress. First, Washington must greatly expand funding for the Office of Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention to support on-the-ground work in disproportionately impacted communities. And second, the state must make meaningful investments in public education efforts, including executing public education campaigns around safe storage practices and Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), instituting ERPO training for law enforcement and court personnel, and ensuring schools serve as a source of information for families about the risks of firearms.

Address Inequitable and Biased Policing: Addressing inequitable and biased policing is an essential part of combating gun violence. As such, the Alliance is committed to supporting the individuals and coalition members leading the way in building on recent progress to reduce policy violence, increase accountability and transparency, set clear guidance for law enforcement, and improve access to justice.

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WRPA – 2023 Legislative Agenda

Top Priorities

- **Robust funding for Capital Budget programs that invest in the outdoor recreation sector:** WRPA will place a high priority on achieving the highest possible funding levels for the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program (WWRP), the Youth Athletic Facilities program (YAF), the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA), and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). WRPA is highly supportive of a \$156 million request for WWRP put forth by the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Coalition (WWRC), as well as funding levels proposed by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board for WWRP (\$135 million), YAF (\$10.9 million), LWCF (\$20 million), and ALEA (\$5.7 million).
- **Funding to help local parks agencies address severe maintenance backlogs exacerbated by COVID-19:** On the heels of a 2022 Session that saw the Legislature allocate \$5 million apiece in M&O backlog removal funding to Washington State Parks, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, WRPA asks legislators to work with local parks leaders on a \$5 million allocation for backlog catchup at the local level. WRPA recently conducted a survey of local parks maintenance needs that showed a statewide backlog of approximately \$725 million. WRPA will be working with State Rep. Cindy Ryu, the Chair of the House Community and Economic Development Committee, to put this \$5 million request forward. Funds would be distributed through the Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO).
- **Expanding the Outdoor Learning Grant Program:** WRPA will work with the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) and others to urge the Legislature, as part of the 2023-25 Operating Budget, to increase funding for OSPI and RCO. As it seeks additional Outdoor Learning Grant money and flexibility, WRPA also wants to ensure that funding for the “No Child Left Inside” program is not compromised and remains at high levels.
- **Increasing limits on contracting with non-profit organizations:** WRPA urges an increase from the current \$25,000 limit in RCW 35.21.278, which has not been adjusted since 1988. The statute enables cities, counties, school districts, and parks agencies to contract with a chamber, service organization, or community organization for help with things such as drawing design plans, making an improvement to a park or playground or public square, installing artwork, or performing maintenance services. The limit of \$25,000 or a \$2-per-resident formula, is a limit for all contracts in a given year, no matter how many. WRPA believes with the passage of 31 years and decades of inflation, it makes sense to change the limit to \$75,000. Increasing this limit would be particularly helpful to smaller parks agencies and districts to help them operate and maintain outdoor spaces in conjunction with community partners.

Strongly Support

- **“Parks Rx”**: WRPA will partner with Metro Parks Tacoma in strongly supporting legislation to establish in statute, and/or fund in the 2023-25 Operating Budget, a minimum of three “Parks Rx” pilot projects in Washington.
- **One-time Stadium & Exhibition Center Account Funding**: WRPA will work closely with the Recreation & Conservation Office, the Governor’s Office, and the Office of Financial Management on a plan that deploys this one-time allocation of \$42 million in a way that provides increased opportunities for youth, enhances equitable access to local parks facilities, and adds resources in everything from fields to maintenance. WRPA also wants to watch closely to ensure this funding is not redirected for other uses. Olympia Parks Director Paul Simmons and Yakima Parks Director Ken Wilkinson are representing WRPA on the Advisory Committee considering the best ways to distribute these funds.
- **Overhauling 1 percent property tax limit**: WRPA will partner with other local government organizations and associations in strongly supporting a badly-needed modernizing of the 1 percent property tax limit, so that it can be adjusted for things such as growth and inflation.
- **Technical change to Derelict Vessel Removal Program statute**: WRPA is poised to support legislation being contemplated to lessen the number of days a public entity is required to hold a derelict vessel that has been taken to its jurisdiction by a public or private property owner before turning it in to the Department of Natural Resources. Current law requires a 30-day public agency hold and a Pierce County lawmaker plans legislation to reduce that number.
- **Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment**: WRPA is prepared to strongly support an *incentive-based approach* to bringing zero-emission power landscaping equipment to the market in a way that can be phased in by local governments using such equipment.

Track/Monitor

- **Affordable Housing/Homelessness**: WRPA will closely track initiatives around affordable housing/homelessness funding and resources and will be poised to support those that intersect with the development and protection of safe, clean, public parks.
- **“Active Transportation” components of ‘Move Ahead Washington’**: WRPA will be closely tracking initial priority-setting and funding/phasing of “active transportation” components of the 2022-enacted Move Ahead Washington package. WRPA wants to ensure that local parks officials are part of the discussion on how these funds are deployed at the local level.

- **Potential legislation to integrate a climate change element into the Growth Management Act (GMA):** If legislation is again put forth to formally integrate climate change elements into the Growth Management Act (GMA), WRPA will look to insert similar amending language as was in **HB 1099** in the 2021-22 Sessions. That language incorporates active trails and trail facilities into the transportation element definitions.
- **Pending Studies:** WRPA will closely track next steps for a series of pending studies the RCO has been tasked with – including development of a Trails Data-Base, a review of Equity policies, a new child care licensing pilot, and direction on enhancing collaboration between schools and local parks in the use of field and facilities.



2023 State Legislative Agenda

TOP PRIORITIES

Strengthen Access to Behavioral Health Care

- Eliminate obstacles to the efficient provision of behavioral health support and treatment.
- Provide immediate crisis services and behavioral health treatment by investing in behavioral health workforce, community-based behavioral health capital facilities and operations.



Local Government Funding and Tax Reform

- Replace the arbitrary one percent property tax cap with a mechanism that accounts for inflation and population growth.
- Provide local governments with needed flexibility and tools to help implement a more progressive tax system and to preserve and maintain local roads.
- Simplify property tax exemption programs for our senior and disabled residents.



ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

Housing and Homelessness

- Fund additional robust capital and operating investments in low-income and supportive housing.
- Adopt policies and incentives to advance development and construction of missing middle housing.
- Adopt policies and funding to support individuals and families in recovery from substance use disorders.



Public Safety and Justice System

- Maintain the intent of previous law enforcement accountability reforms while seeking improvements for operational implementation.
- Invest in public safety staffing.
- Address gun violence through prevention and expand innovative diversion efforts that address root causes.
- Improve conditions for juveniles in detention.



Maintain and Expand Pro-Equity and Anti-Racist Policies

- Increase community-based resources that address hate and bias crimes and incidents.
- Address the expiring Blake decision response legislation and maintain resentencing funds for local governments.
- Pursue legislation that provides equity for people with disabilities.



Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change

- Emphasize outcome-based water quality benefits necessary to promote long-term resilience for Puget Sound.
- Continue to enhance and grow product stewardship programs to make products safer for people and the planet, from design to disposal.
- Invest in transit, building decarbonization, vehicle electrification, clean energy supplies, and climate-resilient infrastructure.
- Support updates to land use planning and permitting that align policies with state emission reduction goals and establish greenhouse reduction goals at the regional and county level and a framework for implementation via reasonable regional, county, and local efforts.



Ensure Access to Complete Health Care

- Ensure providers can treat patients seeking reproductive health care without repercussion and residents can access those providers despite increased demand and decreased capacity.
- Provide necessary resources for Monkeypox vaccines.
- Support policy and budget efforts that address challenges with discharging patients who no longer need acute hospital-level care to settings that provide the appropriate level of care, particularly for patients with significant medical and behavioral complexity.



LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Legislative Priorities

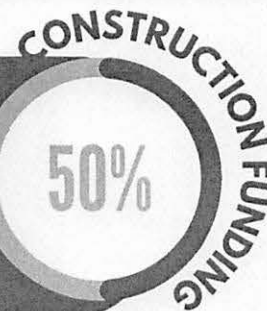
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2023

SPECIAL EDUCATION

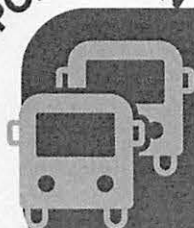


- Fully Fund Special Education Programs and align funding with inclusionary practices
- Increase the funding factor to address the total cost of special education programs and services
- Simplify and streamline the safety net process for high cost student programs



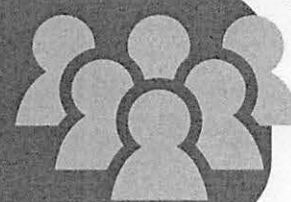
- Advance a constitutional amendment that authorizes simple majority for school bonds
- Update the school construction funding formula so the state pays a fair share of the cost of building schools
- Prioritize funding to promote sustainable design and construction of school buildings

TRANSPORTATION



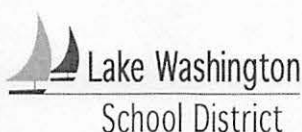
- Fully fund the cost of to and from school transportation for students
- Update the transportation funding formula to provide increased transparency and predictability
- Develop funding models to transition transportation systems to electric vehicles and provide charging infrastructure by 2030

STAFFING



- Increase staffing allocations in the prototypical school model to reflect the actual staff required to support student learning and programs
- Increase the funding for required substitutes to reflect the actual cost
- Adopt compensation recommendations that take into account total district staff cost and the impact on local levy funds

IMPLEMENT THE STATUTE THAT REQUIRES FULL FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND FUNDING FOR ALL LEGISLATION THAT AFFECT SCHOOL DISTRICTS



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WASHINGTON'S
**COMMUNITY AND
 TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

2023-25 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Capital Investments Serve Students and Communities

Washington's system of 34 community and technical colleges deeply appreciates the Governor's and Legislature's support over the past two sessions.

For the 2023-25 capital budget, our system requests \$1.7 billion in capital investments to maintain and modernize our aging campuses and ensure we provide effective teaching and learning environments for the next generation of students.

Minor Works

Only 68% of our system's 21 million square feet of facilities is in at least adequate condition. As facilities age, the costs to repair, maintain and preserve existing facilities grows.

With minor works funding, colleges undertake small but critical projects that preserve and keep campus spaces viable, relevant and useful. The projects prolong the life of buildings, preventing or delaying more costly renovation and replacement projects in the future.

Under our request, our state's 34 community and technical colleges will receive funding for high-priority facility repairs — such as roofs, walls, windows, mechanical systems and site repairs — and for infrastructure replacement projects.

All colleges will also receive funding to reconfigure existing space to meet post-pandemic education needs. For example, the funding will allow colleges to modify classroom space to facilitate hybrid teaching and learning, create active learning and multimedia rooms, expand shared areas, and repurpose open space.

Major Projects

Our capital budget request also includes funding for 41 major projects, which are ranked based on a rigorous assessment of the need for space, condition of existing facilities, systemwide policy objectives, and estimated costs.

The projects will support space for instruction, labs, student services, and vocational programs in high-demand fields like clean energy, automotive technology, advanced manufacturing and allied health. Nearly 1.4 million square feet of the college system's oldest and least functional teaching and learning space will be replaced or renovated.

As requested by the State Board and directed by the Legislature, we are requesting funds to both design and construct each project rather than making separate requests for each project phase over different state budget cycles.

Fully funding our capital request will benefit students at every college, create valuable public assets for local communities, and put people to work in well-paying jobs that support the local economy in every corner of the state.

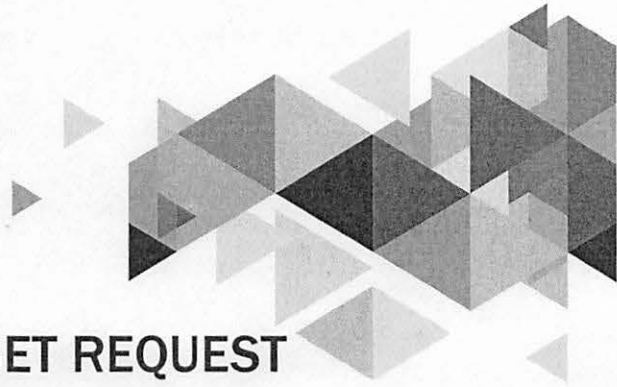


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2023-25 SBCTC Capital Request for New Appropriations

Priority	College	Funding Phase	Project	2023-25 request	Cumulative total
1	Statewide	2003 operating fund swap	Preventive Facility Maintenance and Building System Repairs	\$ 22,800,000	\$ 22,800,000
2	Statewide	Design & Construct	2023-25 Minor Works - Preservation	\$ 28,724,000	\$ 51,524,000
3	Statewide	Design & Construct	2023-25 Minor Repairs - Roof	\$ 11,207,000	\$ 62,731,000
4	Statewide	Design & Construct	2023-25 Minor Repairs - Facility	\$ 39,446,000	\$ 102,177,000
5	Statewide	Design & Construct	2023-25 Minor Repairs - Site	\$ 6,171,000	\$ 108,348,000
6	Statewide	Design & Construct	2023-25 Minor Repairs - Infrastructure	\$ 40,300,000	\$ 148,648,000
7	Statewide	Design & Construct	2023-25 Minor Works - Program	\$ 68,000,000	\$ 216,648,000
8	Lake Washington	Construct	Center for Design	\$ 38,949,000	\$ 255,597,000
9	Bates	Construct	Fire Service Training Center	\$ 38,135,000	\$ 293,732,000
10	Olympic	Construct	Innovation & Technology Learning Center	\$ 27,678,000	\$ 321,410,000
11	Everett	Design & Construct	Baker Hall Replacement	\$ 37,904,000	\$ 359,314,000
12	Tacoma	Construct	Center for Innovative Learning and Engagement	\$ 35,514,000	\$ 394,828,000
13	Wenatchee	Construct	Center for Technical Education and Innovation	\$ 46,471,000	\$ 441,299,000
14	Shoreline	Construct	STE(A)M Education Center	\$ 39,692,000	\$ 480,991,000
15	Lower Columbia	Construct	Center for Vocational and Transitional Studies	\$ 39,522,000	\$ 520,513,000
16	Columbia Basin	Design & Construct	Performing Arts Building Replacement	\$ 44,505,000	\$ 565,018,000
17	Whatcom	Design & Construct	Technology and Engineering Center	\$ 39,981,000	\$ 604,999,000
18	Cascadia	Construct	CC5 Gateway building	\$ 38,136,000	\$ 643,135,000
19	Edmonds	Construct	Triton Learning Commons	\$ 40,357,000	\$ 683,492,000
20	Renton	Construct	Health Sciences Center	\$ 50,682,000	\$ 734,174,000
21	Bellingham	Design & Construct	Engineering Technology Center - Bldg J Replacement	\$ 17,359,000	\$ 751,533,000
22	Centralia	Construct	Teacher Education and Family Development Center	\$ 10,501,000	\$ 762,034,000
23	Spokane	Construct	Apprenticeship Center	\$ 36,177,000	\$ 798,211,000
24	Skagit	Construct	Library/Culinary Arts Building	\$ 30,603,000	\$ 828,814,000
25	Highline	Design & Construct	Welcome Center for Student Success	\$ 44,401,000	\$ 873,215,000
26	Clark	Design & Construct	Hanna/Foster/Hawkins Complex Replacement	\$ 29,507,000	\$ 902,722,000
27	Peninsula	Design & Construct	Advanced Technology Center	\$ 22,522,000	\$ 925,244,000
28	South Seattle	Design & Construct	Rainier Hall Renovation	\$ 47,916,000	\$ 973,160,000
29	Seattle Central	Design & Construct	Broadway Achievement Center	\$ 31,995,000	\$ 1,005,155,000
30	Yakima	Design & Construct	Prior-Kendall Hall	\$ 28,275,000	\$ 1,033,430,000
31	Everett	Design & Construct	Student & Family Resource Center	\$ 18,867,000	\$ 1,052,297,000
32	Tacoma	Design & Construct	Student Support Center	\$ 35,421,000	\$ 1,087,718,000
33	Renton	Design & Construct	Trades and Industries Building	\$ 50,066,000	\$ 1,137,784,000
34	Columbia Basin	Design & Construct	Center for Applied Science and Agriculture	\$ 49,840,000	\$ 1,187,624,000
35	Clover Park	Design & Construct	Center for Innovative Teaching and Community Connections	\$ 46,703,000	\$ 1,234,327,000
36	South Seattle	Design & Construct	Georgetown Campus, Building B	\$ 23,648,000	\$ 1,257,975,000
37	Bates	Design & Construct	Student Success Center	\$ 29,929,000	\$ 1,287,904,000
38	Wenatchee	Design & Construct	Immersive Technology and Engineering Center	\$ 18,790,000	\$ 1,306,694,000
39	Seattle Central	Design & Construct	Welcome Center & Edison Technical Modernization	\$ 45,233,000	\$ 1,351,927,000
40	Highline	Design & Construct	Academic Pathways and Technology Center	\$ 45,124,000	\$ 1,397,051,000
41	Spokane Falls	Design & Construct	Teaching & Learning Commons	\$ 52,018,000	\$ 1,449,069,000
42	Lower Columbia	Design & Construct	Welcome Center	\$ 33,229,000	\$ 1,482,298,000
43	Shoreline	Design & Construct	Comprehensive Student Services Center	\$ 33,687,000	\$ 1,515,985,000
44	Big Bend	Design & Construct	Health Science and Performing Arts Center	\$ 31,953,000	\$ 1,547,938,000
45	Skagit	Design & Construct	Industrial Technology & Public Safety Building	\$ 49,918,000	\$ 1,597,856,000
46	Spokane	Design & Construct	Allied Health Building	\$ 47,171,000	\$ 1,645,027,000
47	Lake Washington	Design & Construct	East Building Renovation and Expansion	\$ 48,469,000	\$ 1,693,496,000
48	Bellingham	Design & Construct	Building A Renovation & Building Y Replacement	\$ 9,974,000	\$ 1,703,470,000



2023-25 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

The COVID-19 pandemic fundamentally changed higher education in Washington. Our 2023-25 operating budget request would turn the lessons learned during the pandemic into greater opportunities for social and economic mobility for the people, businesses, and communities of Washington.

Provide Fully Funded, Competitive Compensation (\$157 million)

Colleges are losing outstanding employees and job applicants to better paying K-12 schools, private employers, and other colleges and universities. Low pay has been an issue for a long time, but the consequences are more severe as we work to teach and serve students derailed during the pandemic. Faculty and staff are leaving to work in the very fields students hope to learn. A salary increase of 6.5% for each year of the biennium, for a total increase of 13%, would keep talent at our colleges. We are requesting that any and all increases be fully funded so colleges are not forced to cut instructional programs and student services to pay for the funding gap. The 13% increase would be in addition to routine state general wage increases.

Advance Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (\$26 million)

Students of color have been profoundly affected by racial injustice, institutional barriers and the COVID-19 pandemic. Our colleges' ongoing, mission-driven work to advance equity, diversity and inclusion was strengthened by the Legislature in 2021 with the passage of Senate Bills 5194 and 5227. Additional investments will support further implementation of college EDI plans, close equity gaps, and improve the employment, earnings and economic mobility of students of color. In doing so, colleges will help create a more equitable and prosperous Washington.

Support Workforce Development Programs (\$77 million)

Many industries in Washington — such as healthcare, advanced manufacturing, transportation, and aerospace — were struggling to find skilled employees even before the pandemic. COVID-19 made skill gaps worse. However, colleges are having difficulty maintaining workforce programs because of the high cost of small class sizes, specialized equipment, consumable materials, and inflation. In many cases, these programs are the only pipeline into specialized fields. Investments would help colleges sustain workforce programs and update equipment to ensure students learn in classrooms that mirror today's work environments.

Expand Learning Technology (\$93 million)

Remote options hastened by the pandemic are now the new normal. Students, especially working adults, value the flexibility of learning in classrooms, online, or in a mix of the two. Unlike one-time emergency funding during the pandemic, this investment would support lasting progress in the digital evolution of higher education. Colleges would expand hybrid and online options, upgrade audio and visual equipment, equip students with laptops and hotspots, and train faculty and staff to support student success. Investments would also support back-end IT operations and protect students and colleges from cybersecurity threats. Remote options would stretch beyond the classroom to include services such as advising and financial aid.

Exhibit O

2023 State Legislative Agenda

Executive Board

December 1, 2022



Puget Sound Regional Council

2023 State Legislative Agenda

Keep the Region Moving

- Sustain the transportation investments
- Develop an equitable road usage charge
- Maintain agreed upon state and local funding split decisions

Increase Housing Choices and Affordability

- Supply: Build more housing of different types
- Stability: Provide opportunities for residents to live in housing that meets their needs
- Subsidy: Create and sustain long-term funding sources to create and preserve affordable housing

Significantly Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Respond to the urgent environmental, economic and equity threat of climate change through:

- Transit-focused land use
- Multimodal transportation choices
- Pricing the transportation system
- Decarbonization of the transportation system, including improvements to freight and passenger vehicles and fuels

Sustain a Strong Economy

Strong state engagement for a successful American Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) learning visit



Recommended Action

The Executive Board should adopt the proposed recommendations to the 2023 State Legislature.



CROA

CO-RESPONDER OUTREACH ALLIANCE

Improving response to 911 calls involving behavioral health by partnering first responders with behavioral health professionals. CROA promotes co-response in police, fire, and EMS agencies and supports alternative response including the 988 system.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONALIZATION OF CO-RESPONSE PROGRAMS

CROA requests a continuation of funding for SB 5644 in the 2023-25 biennial budget to continue this important partnership.

In 2022, the Washington legislature passed SB 5644 to conduct an analysis and assessment of police and fire co-response programs and to deliver training and a state-wide conference. Work is well underway in these areas. We ask for a continuation of funding to roll-out additional training to promote best practices in police and fire co-response programs, to develop protocols and standards for these programs, and for continuation of the annual conference.

SUSTAINED AND EQUITABLE FUNDING FOR CO-RESPONSE PROGRAMS - \$7 MILLION (GF-S)

CROA requests \$7 million (GF-S) in funding allocated to the state Health Care Authority (HCA) to develop and support first responder-based co-responder programs and to establish a separate source of funding for fire/EMS based programs.

In 2019, 36.28A.440 went into effect creating standards and a funding mechanism for police-based co-response programs. There is growing recognition in Washington State of the importance of fire/EMS-based co-response programs to respond to behavioral health related calls for service; however, there is no comparable legislation defining or funding these programs on an ongoing basis. Legislation supporting fire/EMS-based co-response programs is critical as Washington State seeks to develop alternative responses to behavioral health crisis calls—and the complex and unmet needs of our geriatric population.

FUNDING FOR FIRE/EMS CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING - \$2 MILLION (GF-S)

CROA requests \$2 million (GF-S) to develop a 2-, 8-, and 40-hour crisis intervention training for fire/EMS agencies. Training will be developed by the University of Washington in partnership with the Co-Responder Outreach Alliance, Department of Health, and regional EMS Councils and offered in each of the state's Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization regions.

In 2017, RCW 43.101.427 went into effect mandating crisis intervention training for all law enforcement officers in Washington state. State law mandates a minimum amount of crisis intervention training for officers and the Washington legislature has provided funds for the Criminal Justice Training Commission to develop a training program and standards. A parallel training program is necessary for fire/EMS.

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