

2016 State Legislative Session Wrap-up

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2016 State Legislative Session by the Numbers

- **60** day Regular Session
- **19** day Special Session
- **\$270** million additional state revenue since June 2015
(total state budget is ~\$38 billion)
- **2040** bills introduced
- **309** bills passed the Legislature
- **4** bills vetoed by Governor (in addition to the 27 that were overturned)

Executive, Legislative and Department Support

- 1166 bills reviewed by departments/1204 reviews total – Law reviewed 432 alone
- Mayor Murray and Councilmembers held over 30 lobbying meetings with legislators, agencies, and the Governor and his staff
- 25 different department reps testified a total of 40 times before committees on behalf of the City

Session Highlights

- \$600,000 for Navigation Center
- CROP legislation passed
- Pension bill passed
- Body Cameras bill passed
- MTCA funding kept in balance
- Governor's veto of Sec. 920 saved City ~\$2 million
- \$10 million for the Northgate Ped Bridge reprioritized
- Annexation bill passed

Session Lowlights

- Preservation Tax Exemption bill was not brought to a vote in the House, after having passed the Senate with strong bipartisan support
- Lack of significant new investment for homelessness
- Marijuana penalties reduction bill failed
- Public records cost recovery failed
- B&O bill moved forward
- 5 bills to discriminate against Transgender Community introduced
- 4th Special Session in two years
- Little headway on McCleary

Takeaways

- Focused agenda helped us prioritize
- Strengthening relationships – working with CM's to build and maintain relationships with legislators has been very helpful
- With continued reduced state revenues and growing needs, including large McCleary investments, next session is likely to be long and challenging
- Possibility of a government shutdown looms

Looking Ahead

- Work will continue on issues that did not pass during the 2016 legislative session
- OIR will be scheduling meetings with departments, CM's, and the Mayor to begin the process of developing the 2017 agenda
- There will be continued meetings with community partners and participation with AWC
- Mayor and Councilmembers will review and edit the agenda through the fall, with a plan for Council passage after the budget in late November or early December