

2017 Legislative Agenda Discussion

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Legislative Session Overview

- 105-day session begins Monday, January 9th
- Entering a new biennium, including a 2-year budget and long legislative session
- 2016 elections could have significant impacts on legislative actions and committees
- Senate Committee Days will be November 14th- 15th
- House Committee Days will be December 1st – 2nd

Key Agenda Issues for 2017: **Homelessness, Housing, and** **the Safety Net**

- Additional funding to address the homelessness crisis; e.g. Document Recording Fees, Medicaid Supportive Housing benefit
- Additional affordable housing tools; e.g. REET 3, Housing Trust Fund, enhanced tenants rights, Source of Income Discrimination
- Enhanced funding for mental health, behavioral health, public health, and human services
- Minimum wage mitigation for supported living providers

Key Agenda Issues for 2017:

Law & Public Safety

- Ability to hire non-citizens for public safety employment
- Gun safety
- Juror expense payments
- Public Records requests reform
- Justice Reinvestment Act
- Ban the Box
- Voting Rights Act

Key Agenda Issues for 2017:

Environment

- Electrification of transportation
- MTCA funding
- Solar production incentives
- Product stewardship

Key Agenda Issues for 2017: Education

- The Legislature is required to take action by the end of the 2017 session to eliminate school district dependency on local levies.
- We oppose a funding solution that cuts funding for human services or other important state services and programs. We also oppose a funding solution that creates winners and losers between the state's school districts.

Feedback & Questions