



# 2018 State Legislative Session Overview & Discussion

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# Overview

- 60-day session begins Monday, January 8th
- Entering second year of a biennium; potential issues include supplemental budget, mental health funding, property taxes
- 2018 elections could have significant impacts on legislative actions
- Senate Committee Days will be November 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- Joint Session will be November 15<sup>th</sup>
- House Committee Days will be November 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>
- Current status of 2017-19 Capital Budget and possible action

# Select 2017 Accomplishments

- \$12.5 million for transit mitigation during the construction of the Alaskan Way Viaduct tunnel project
- Groundbreaking paid family and medical leave bill passed
- Making a fourth DUI infraction a felony bill passed
- Removing the 350 participant limit for opioid treatment programs bill passed
- Public Records reform bill passed
- Solar incentives bill passed
- Levy cliff bill passed

# McCleary Court Decision and Education Funding Update

“The state must make ample provision for the education of all children in Washington.”

- The 2017 legislature passed a solution to the McCleary Order that updated the prototypical school funding model, increased and revised the state allocations for K-12 basic education salaries, and reformed local levies.
- The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on October 24<sup>th</sup> and an opinion should follow a couple weeks later.

# Legislative Agenda Process

City's collaborative legislative agenda development process:

- This summer OIR took departmental requests and met with department liaisons on proposed 2018 agenda items
- Worked with the Mayor, Council, State Legislative delegation, and legislative partners to develop draft (both long and short documents)
- Mayor and Councilmembers review and edit the agenda through the fall, with a plan for Council passage after the budget in late November
- There will be continued meetings with our community partners and participation with the Association of Washington Cities (AWC)

# Potential City Issues for 2018

- Enhanced funding for homelessness services, public health, mental health, and addiction and other important human services
- Local options for affordable housing tools: REET 3, Housing Trust Fund
- Environmental issues: Electrification of transportation, climate change, MTCA funding, product stewardship, and others.
- Race and social justice issues: Victims Bill of Rights, Ban the Box, Voting Rights Act, and others.
- General local government issues: Shared-economy industries regulations, Small cell deployment regulations, and others.

# Next Steps

- State legislative committees meet through the fall
- Committee Days ( Senate = 11/13 -14, House = 11/16-17)
- Mayor/Council/Seattle Delegation meeting in December or January
- Legislators return to Olympia January 8<sup>th</sup> for 60-day session
- OIR will be seeking feedback on a high-level draft of the legislative agenda in a couple of weeks