



2019 State Legislative Session Overview & Discussion

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Overview

- 105-day session begins Monday, January 14th
- Entering the 2019-2021 biennium; new budget year
- 2018 elections could have significant impacts on legislative actions
- Senate Committee Days will be November 14th – November 15th
- House Committee Days will be December 3rd – December 4th

Select 2018 Accomplishments

- Housing and Homelessness: Document Recording Fee; Source of Income Discrimination; Surplus Property
- Race and Social Justice: Voting Rights Act; Automatic Voter Registration; Ban the Box/Fair Chance Act; Equal Pay Act
- Public Safety: Bump Stock Ban; Suicide Prevention/Voluntary Waiver
- Education: Apprenticeship Programs for Homeless and Foster Youth; Breakfast after the Bell; Student Loan Bill of Rights; Student Opportunity, Assistance, and Relief Act
- Health Care: Conversion Therapy; Drug Takeback Program

Legislative Agenda Process

City's collaborative legislative agenda development process:

- Over the past few months, OIR took departmental requests and met with liaisons on proposed 2019 agenda items
- Worked with the Mayor, Council, State Legislative delegation, and legislative partners to develop draft
- Mayor and Councilmembers review and edit the agenda through the fall, with a plan for Council passage in November
- There will be continued meetings with our community partners

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: Local Option Bond; REET 3; Housing Trust Fund
- Education: Apprenticeship programs; Scholarship Program Expansion
- Environmental: Electrification of transportation; carbon emissions; residential stretch code; MTCA funding
- Transportation: Automated Enforcement

Next Steps

- State legislative committees meet through the fall
- Committee Days (Senate = 11/14-15, House = 12/3-4)
- Mayor/Council/Seattle Delegation meeting in December or January
- Legislators return to Olympia January 14th for 105-day session
- OIR will be seeking feedback on a high-level draft of the legislative agenda next week