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Select Committee on Federal Administration and Policy Changes

Agenda

Thursday, June 25, 2026

2:00 PM

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Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

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D. Items of Business

1. One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) Impact on Healthcare in Seattle and Washington State

Supporting Documents:

[HCA Presentation](#)

[HealthierHere Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (40 min)

Presenters: John Kim, HealthierHere; Trinity Wilson, Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA)

2. Roundtable Conversation: One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) Impact on Healthcare Providers in Seattle and Washington State

Briefing and Discussion (40 min)

Presenters: Mary Pearson, Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and Aging and Disability Services (ADS), Human Services Department (HSD); G. De Castro, Asian Counseling and Referral Services (ACRS); Sommer Kleweno Walley, Harborview Medical Center and University of Washington (UW); Esther Lucero, Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB); Najma Osman, Somali Health Board

3. **Civil Rights and Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (2SLGBTQIA+) Communities in Seattle**

Supporting Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion (40 min)

Presenters: Dominique Stephens, Mayor's Office; Dr. Hajer Al-Faham, Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR); Anne Maher, Office of Intergovernmental Relations; Jessa Davis, Kody Allen, and Chris Curia, Seattle Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Commission

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

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One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) Impact on Healthcare in Seattle and Washington State

H.R. 1 – Medicaid Impacts

June 25, 2026

Trinity Wilson, Medicaid Director



Washington State
Health Care Authority

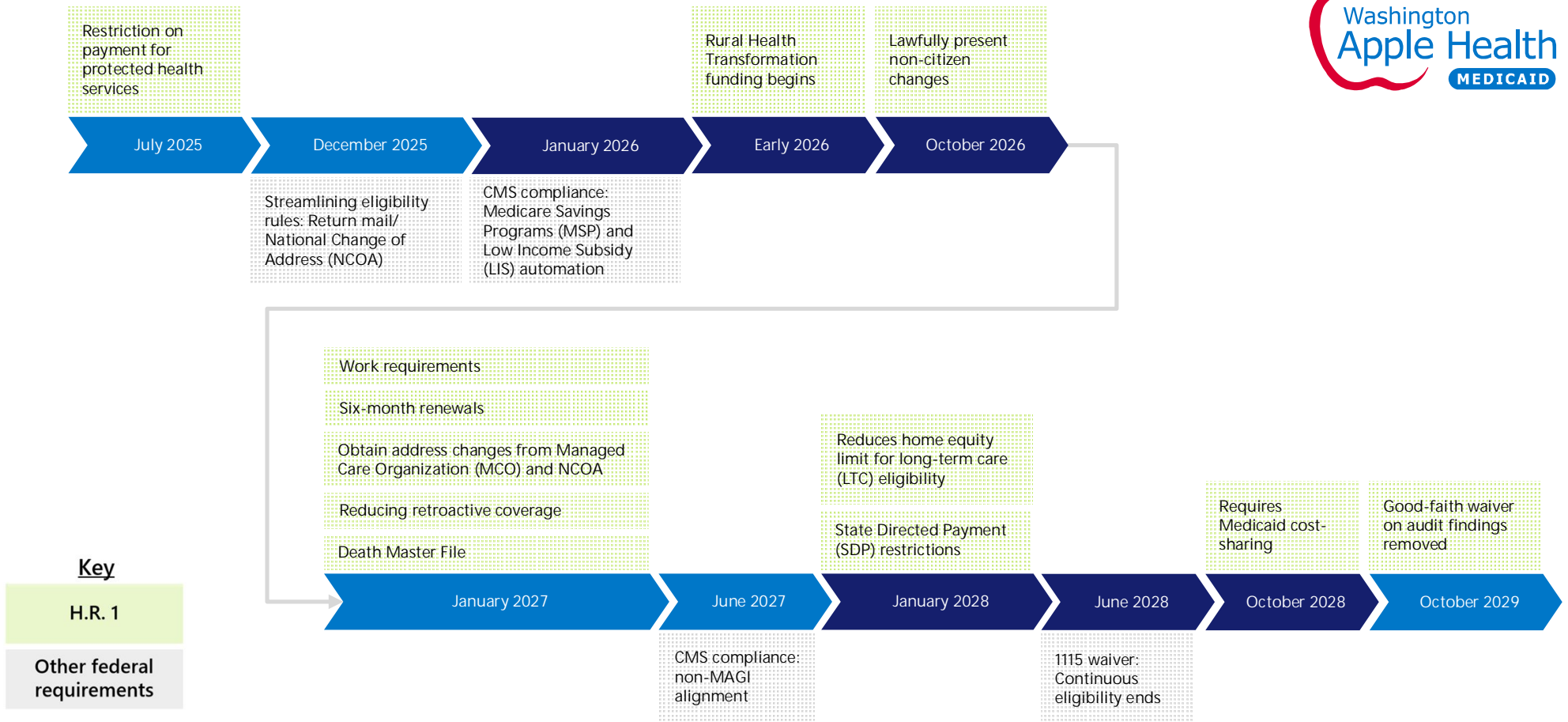
Agenda

- ▶ Overview of H.R. 1 Medicaid Provisions
 - ▶ Noncitizen eligibility changes
 - ▶ Work requirements
 - ▶ Six-month redeterminations
 - ▶ State directed payments
- ▶ Outreach and communications
- ▶ Next steps and resources

Overview of H.R. 1 Medicaid provisions

- ▶ Apple Health (Medicaid) eligibility provisions include changes to:
 - ▶ Eligibility for non-U.S. citizens
 - ▶ Apple Health for Adults, including:
 - ▶ Increased redeterminations
 - ▶ Establishing work requirements
 - ▶ Cost-sharing
 - ▶ Retroactive coverage periods
- ▶ Other provisions include:
 - ▶ Investments in Rural Health Transformation
 - ▶ Restricting the use of state directed payments (SDPs)

Compliance timeline



4 Note: There are unknown future state regulatory impacts not captured on this timeline. Last updated in January 2026.

Implementation approach

- ▶ Build and update systems focusing on:
 - ▶ Least-burdensome processes for clients
 - ▶ Client experience
 - ▶ Continuity of coverage
 - ▶ Administrative efficiency
- ▶ Establish a collaborative communication plan with partner organizations
 - ▶ Includes state agencies, providers, Tribes, hospitals, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), and others

Non-U.S. citizen definition change

- ▶ Beginning October 1, 2026, eligibility for lawfully-present non-U.S. citizens changes
 - ▶ Limited to lawful permanent residents, certain Cuban/Haitians, and Compact of Free Association (COFA) islanders
- ▶ Expect roughly 14,000 individuals to lose Medicaid, including 1,700 individuals receiving long-term care or developmental disability services
- ▶ Received guidance from the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) in April
 - ▶ Requires states to redetermine eligibility for all impacted lawfully present noncitizens by October
 - ▶ Letters go out to impacted clients in July

Work requirements

- ▶ Beginning January 1, 2027, adds a new eligibility criteria for all individuals applying for or renewing Apple Health for Adults
 - ▶ Individuals will need to either meet work requirements or qualify for an exemption
- ▶ Work requirements do not apply to any other Apple Health programs
- ▶ CMS published rules on June 1, 2026

Work requirements criteria

- ▶ Work requirements are met when an individual meets one of the following:
 - ▶ Has an average monthly family income of at least \$580
 - ▶ Enrolls in an educational program at least half-time
 - ▶ Participates in a work program at least 80 hours per month
 - ▶ Completes at least 80 hours of community service
 - ▶ Has a combination of hours of work, community service, work program, or educational program totaling at least 80 hours per month

Work requirement exemptions

- ▶ Individuals who do not meet work requirements may be eligible for Apple Health for Adults when they meet an exemption.
- ▶ Exemptions include:
 - ▶ Under age 19
 - ▶ Foster youth or former foster youth under age 26
 - ▶ Pregnant or in postpartum period
 - ▶ Parent/caretakers of children under 14
 - ▶ Parent/caretaker of individual with disability
 - ▶ Tribal members
 - ▶ Incarcerated or within 90 days post-release period
 - ▶ Household member on SNAP (food assistance) or TANF (cash assistance)
 - ▶ Entitled to Medicare Part A or B
 - ▶ Disabled veteran with 100% total disability
 - ▶ Medically frail
 - ▶ Alcohol or Substance Use Disorder treatment (AUD/SUD)
 - ▶ Short-term hardship

Six-month redeterminations

- ▶ Beginning January 1, 2027, Apple Health for Adults certification period is reduced from 12 months to 6 months
- ▶ Additional burden for individuals who must manually renew their coverage
 - ▶ Today, approximately 20% must manually renew
 - ▶ Expecting this percentage could grow with work requirement rules
- ▶ Expecting a significant increase in call volumes and CBO engagement

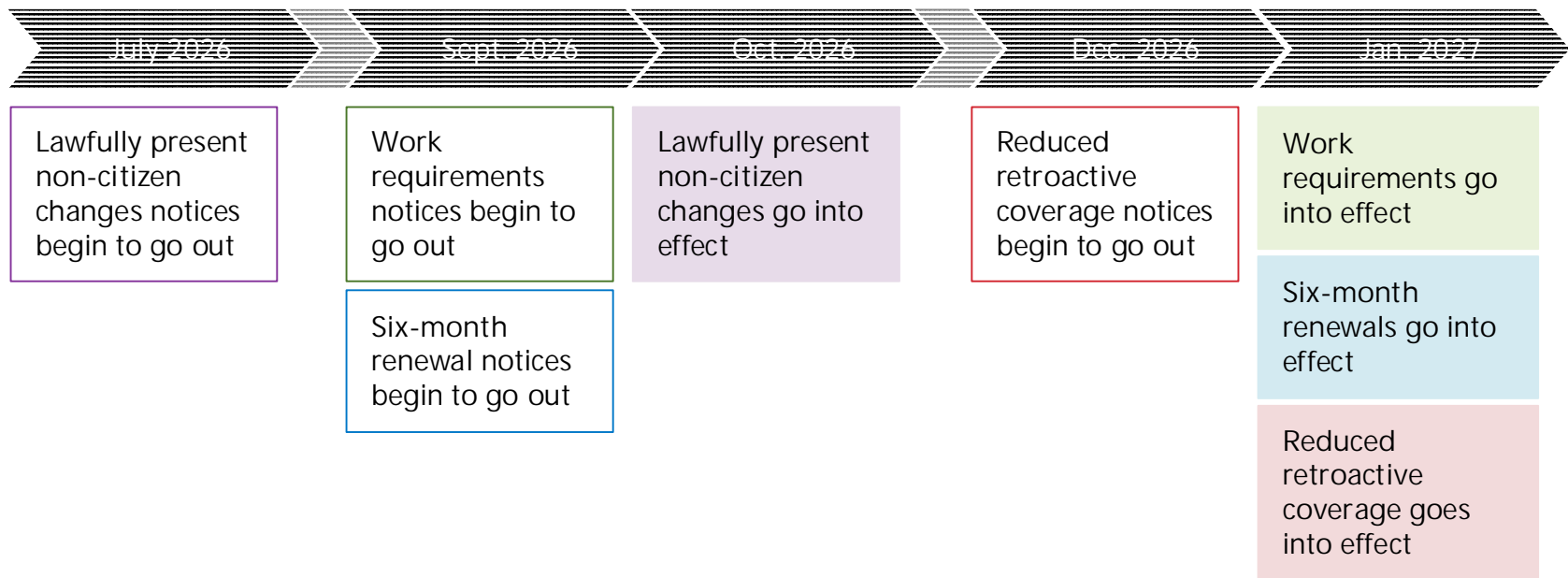
State directed payments (SDPs)

- ▶ Expect ~\$1.5 billion impact on hospital reimbursement in Washington because H.R. 1:
 - ▶ Prohibits new SDPs from exceeding Medicare payment levels.
 - ▶ Requires existing SDPs to reduce by 10% per year beginning in 2028 until they reach Medicare levels.
- ▶ In addition, the CMS SDP proposed Final Rule:
 - ▶ Extended caps to Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) payments
 - ▶ Restricts permitted use of value-based purchasing (VBP) models in managed care
 - ▶ Prevents capitation rates from assuming provider payments above Medicare limits

Customer outreach

- ▶ HCA established Community Connector forums to engage broad external stakeholders. Includes materials distribution and webinars for:
 - ▶ Formally trained Navigators and Assisters
 - ▶ Providers, CBOs, Tribes, and other external partners
- ▶ Finalizing a communications toolkit with outreach materials and common messaging.
- ▶ Desk guide available for legislative offices: [Helping constituents with H.R. 1 changes](#)

Outreach timeline





Questions?

▶ Contacts:

- ▶ Trinity Wilson, Medicaid Director
Trinity.Wilson@hca.wa.gov
- ▶ Evan Klein, Special Assistant for
Legislative and Policy Affairs
Evan.Klein@hca.wa.gov

Resources

Resources on hca.wa.gov

- ▶ [Changes coming to Apple Health](#) (for clients)
- ▶ [H.R.1 impacts](#) (for stakeholders)
- ▶ hca.wa.gov/support-client-changes (for community)
- ▶ Stay connected with us:
 - ▶ [Sign up to receive emails about Apple Health](#)
 - ▶ Select Apple Health programs and eligibility “general information and updates”

Stakeholder webinars

- ▶ HCA holds quarterly stakeholder webinars providing H.R.1 updates.
- ▶ 2026 H.R.1 webinar dates
 - ▶ Session 1: [View the webinar](#) | [Presentation slides](#) | [Session 1 webinar FAQ](#)
 - ▶ Session 2: [View the webinar](#) | [Presentation slides](#)
 - ▶ Session 3: September 3 at 10 a.m.
 - ▶ Session 4: December 3 at 10 a.m.
- ▶ Sign up for GovDelivery to register for future webinars
 - ▶ public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WAHCA/subscriber/new

CMS engagement

- ▶ Guidance to implement limits on federal financial participation for CHIP and Medicaid noncitizens
 - ▶ April 8 – [CMS Issues Guidance to Implement New Limits on Federal Medicaid and CHIP Funding for Certain Noncitizens](#)
- ▶ Medicaid managed care SDPs proposed rule
 - ▶ May 20 – [Federal Register: Medicaid Program; Medicaid Managed Care State Directed Payments and Medicaid Fee-for-Service Targeted Medicaid Practitioner Payments](#)
 - ▶ July 21 – comment period closes
- ▶ Interim Final Rule related to Medicaid work requirements
 - ▶ June 1 – [Federal Register: Federal Register Documents Currently on Public Inspection](#)
 - ▶ July 31 – comment period closes



Healthier Here



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Building Healthier Communities TOGETHER



HealthierHere is a non-profit collaborative that partners with communities and organizations across sectors to change systems so it's easier for people to access the health-related social services they need to thrive. We support a cohort of 85 Community Based Workers speaking 40 different languages across 21 partner organizations, backed by a cross-sector network of 100+ organizations.



HealthierHere Connects Seattleites on Medicaid to Essential Social Care Services



Food



Utility Assistance



Healthcare



Behavioral Health Services



Transportation



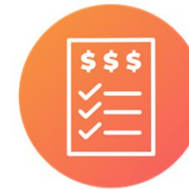
Job Training and Placement



Housing



Education



Financial Literacy



Legal Support

Who We Serve

Focusing on individuals and communities who experience the effects of inequity, racism, and discrimination in our health and social systems.

- Demographics served, in order of prevalence:
 - Black / African American: 32%
 - Asian: 18%
 - White: 17%
 - Latino/a or Latinx: 12%
 - Other: 9%
 - Multiracial: 6%
 - Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander: 2%
 - American Indian/Alaska Native: 1%
 - Middle Eastern/North African: 1%



King County at a Glance

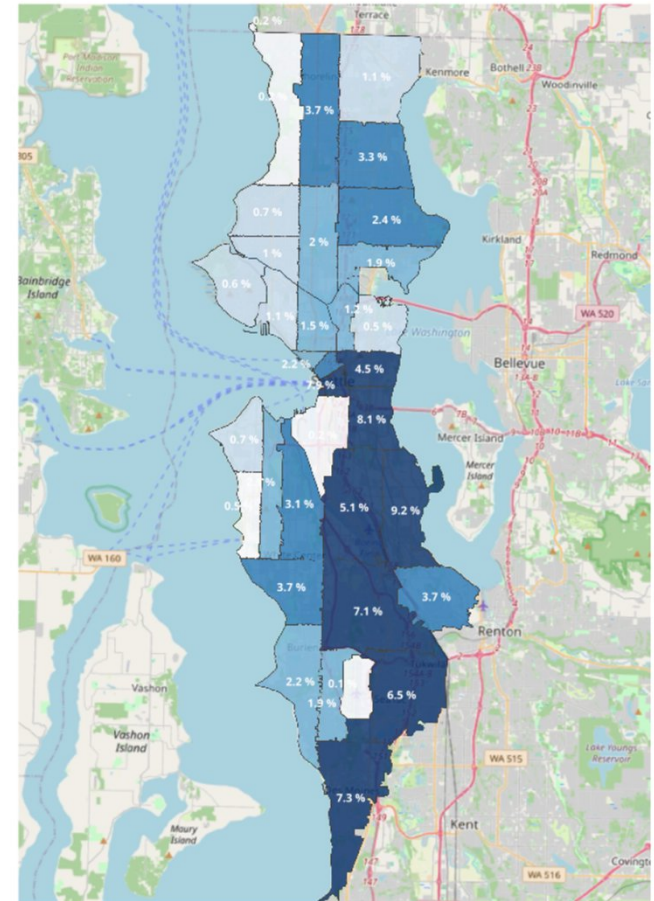
- Population 2,411,700 (24% increase since 2010)
- 90% urban
- 25.6% immigrant/refugee population (2022)
- ~ 18% Medicaid eligible population; 5.3% uninsured population
- ~215,000 enrollees potentially subject to enhanced eligibility requirements under H.R.1; ~70,000 will likely need 1:1 support to re-enroll
- Highest community needs* related to:
 - Housing & shelter services
 - Financial assistance
 - Food access
 - Employment
 - Utilities



* Based on data from the HealthierHere Community Hub

Seattle at a Glance

- Population: 754,195 (2024)
- 20.1% foreign-born population (2024)
- 10.5% population on Medicaid; 4.18% uninsured (2024)
- Seattle Neighborhoods served most by HealthierHere*
 - Chinatown International District to South and East Seattle



* Based on data from the HealthierHere Community Hub

How H.R. 1 Will Impact Seattle

Sweeping cuts and changes will strip essential coverage, strain systems, burden budgets, and increase barriers. If we fail to act, we'll see poorer health and social outcomes for residents, and increased costs for the City.



Source: H.R. 1 Impacts on Washington State People and Budget

Community-Based Organizational Feedback on Gaps to Address H.R.1 Cuts

- I. **Capacity:** additional FTEs to handle increased case work.
- II. **Training:** need case workers to be trained on unique H.R.1-related eligibility redetermination processes on a rolling basis as CMS guidance is issued – or changes.
- III. **Data Interoperability:** break down information siloes across government and community-based organizations in a safe and secure way. Make sure we're reporting on the impacts of H.R.1 holistically and exempting enrollees from more onerous requirements if they qualify for an exemption.

HealthierHere is Positioned to Help

Keeping people out of crisis. Making every public dollar reach further.

- Trusted neutral convener for community to government problem-solving
- Culturally and linguistically responsive early intervention
- Technology able to connect fragmented systems
- Reduce service duplication and redundancy
- Increase transparency and accountability
- Track outcomes and impacts system-wide with connected partners



Our Work



- Facilitates connection to culturally appropriate services addressing social needs
- Free & focused on Medicaid-eligible individuals and families
- Leverages strength of Community Based Workforce



- Enables secure exchange of information across systems
- Plug-and-play ready for government agencies and CBOS
- Provides access to data to assess community health needs and inform local policy

- **Aging and Disability Services Partnership – Medicaid HRSN Screening & Referral**
- **Seattle / King County Public Health H.R.1 Capacity Building Effort**

Together we can support a healthy, safe, & thriving Seattle.

The worst of H.R.1 impacts will happen if we do nothing to help enrollees retain their Medicaid coverage. Let's work together to protect healthcare access for our communities.



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Roundtable Conversation: One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) Impact on Healthcare Providers in Seattle and Washington State



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Civil Rights and Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (2SLGBTQIA+) Communities in Seattle

Civil Rights & 2SLGBTQIA+ Communities in Seattle

June 2026



Advise

Advocate

Amplify

What the Commission Has Highlighted

- Relevant Considerations
 - Escalating anti-trans legislation is driving internal displacement among transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) people and placing growing pressure on Seattle's 2SLGBTQIA+ community support systems.
- Framing the Issue
 - Frontline community-based organizations (CBOs) are facing a convergence of challenges, including increased demand for services, higher operating costs, and a shifting funding landscape that is creating new pressures on organizations already serving the community.
- Community Ask
 - Immediate stabilization funding will preserve trusted community services while we work to create long-term support through the 2027 budgetary cycle and beyond.

What the Commission Proposes

- Recognize the Need
 - Seattle has already acknowledged that transgender and queer residents face escalating threats to their safety, healthcare access, and civil rights.
- Act now to Preserve CBO Capacity
 - Immediate stabilization funding can prevent service reductions, staff losses, and erosion of critical community infrastructure to support internally displaced persons.
- Stabilize and Expand What Already Works
 - Invest in the trusted community organizations already providing housing support, healthcare navigation, legal assistance, violence prevention, and crisis response.
- Build for the Future
 - Use this emergency response period to develop the data, partnerships, and infrastructure necessary for long-term solutions through the 2027 budget process and beyond.

Office of Intergovernmental Relations (OIR)

Federal landscape

- Trump Administration's Harmful Executive Orders (EOs)
 - Rescinding of President Biden's EOs that addressed LGBTQ+ equity and the establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council
 - #14151: "Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing"
 - #14187: "Protecting Children From Chemical and Surgical Mutilation"
 - #14190: "Ending Radical Indoctrination of K-12 Schooling"
- U.S. Supreme Court actions
 - West Virginia v. B.P.J.
 - Little v Hecox
 - Chiles v. Salazar
- Recent Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Proposed Rule
 - Would allow federal agencies to terminate grants when the award no longer advances Federal agency priorities or the national interest, or withhold funds from organizations promoting specific diversity concepts while placing greater emphasis on political appointees' roles in the grantmaking process

Washington State Landscape

- SB 6081: Prevents the Department of Licensing and the Dept. of Health from disclosing records about sex designation changes
- SB 6183: Ensures that health plans cover HIV antiviral drugs without requiring restrictive utilization management protocols like prior authorization or step therapy
- HB1604: Provides parameters for conducting searches of transgender and intersex individuals confined in a local jail in compliance with federal law



Mayor Wilson's Office (MO)

Trans & Queer Community Stabilization IDT:

- Citywide approach to evaluate immediate needs and fortify services
- Community-informed responses centered on housing, behavioral health, food, transportation, legal navigation, and survivor-centered violence prevention
- Intersectionality centered in our approach and analysis

Community Engagement:

- LGBTQ Affairs



Seattle Office for Civil Rights (SOCR)



Policy & Enforcement:

- All Gender Restrooms Ordinance, Ban on Conversion Therapy
- 21 Protected Classes
- Policy Research, Development & Analysis

Outreach & Education:

- Race & Gender Training for City Employees
- Prior LGBTQ Visibility Campaign

Community Engagement & Advocacy:

- LGBTQ Commission
- Women's Commission
- Trans & Queer Community Stabilization IDT

Q&A

