

Amendment G Version 1 to RES 32187 - 2026 State Legislative Agenda

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Public Safety Priorities

Effect: This amendment would make the following changes to the City of Seattle’s 2026 State Legislative Agenda: (1) reorder the Public Safety priorities; and (2) add language to state the City’s commitment to the following items:

- Lowering the threshold for early intervention for minors who unlawfully possess guns,
- Advocating for the addition of a Public Safety element in Comprehensive Plans for all jurisdictions, and
- Ensuring funding for maintenance and activation of WSDOT rights-of-way.

Amend the language under the heading “Public Safety” in Exhibit 1 of RES 32187 as follows:

Public Safety

- ~~• Champion legislation that fosters a safer environment for everyone by giving local jurisdictions tools and funding to uphold justice, protect communities, and ensure accountability.~~
- ~~• Allow local jurisdictions to restrict firearms in city buildings, parks, and community centers, and require secure storage for firearms in vehicles and residences.~~
- ~~• Support policies that encourage diversified 911 response and allow civilian alternative response to appropriate crisis and welfare calls for service.~~
- Address the State Patrol’s toxicology lab backlog and allow for federally accredited labs to conduct testing of blood samples in presumed DUI cases.

- Increase funding to help local governments hire more police officers and reinstate the state's coverage of the 25% local costs to send officers to the Basic Law Enforcement Academy.
- Allow local jurisdictions to restrict firearms in city buildings, parks, and community centers, and require secure storage for firearms in vehicles and residences; and lower threshold for early intervention for minors who unlawfully possess firearms.
- Advocate for a Public Safety element to be added to Comprehensive Plans for all jurisdictions to ensure consideration of emergency services and first response as a part of growth management.
- ~~Provide funding for organizations and programs that support survivors and victims of crime.~~
- Improve the reasonable use of involuntary treatment by increasing system capacity and making the Involuntary Treatment Act a more effective and useful tool for first responders.
- Expand the scope of the crime of endangerment with a controlled substance to include fentanyl or synthetic opioids.
- Ensure funds for maintenance and activation of WSDOT rights-of-way, including regular maintenance of fire hydrants and clearing needed for emergency services access; and improve WSDOT maintenance and testing standards for fire hydrants to meet national and City of Seattle standards.

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