

Legislative Update

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Legislative Update

- ▶ Where are we?
- ▶ Status of bills on King County legislative agenda
- ▶ Emerging Issues



Where we're at: Day 52 of 105

- ▶ In the rearview mirror:
 - ▶ First policy cutoff
 - ▶ First fiscal cutoff
 - ▶ Non-NTIB bills still in committee are dead*
 - ▶ We know the world of bills—from this point forward it's a winnowing process
- ▶ Next milestone:
 - ▶ House of origin cutoff: March 8th
 - ▶ Non-NTIB bills still in their chamber of origin are dead*
- ▶ Looming just offshore: Budget releases
 - ▶ Revenue forecast: March 18th
 - ▶ Senate budget release: Expected March 20th
 - ▶ House budget release: Shortly after Senate release



2017 Session Cutoff Calendar

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King County 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda



OUR TOP INITIATIVES



Protect public safety and justice

King County, like all counties, is forced to cut essential public services in order to close an ever-widening general fund structural gap between the cost to provide essential services and the revenue available to pay for them.

With 75% of King County's general fund paying for public safety and criminal justice programs, the structural gap is devastating our ability to ensure the health and safety of our residents. Local governments need local control to protect public safety and justice.

Replace the arbitrary 1% cap with a growth limit directly tied to inflation + population growth.

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Stabilize local public health services

Funding changes and repeated budget reductions over the past 16 years have left the state and local public health systems struggling to meet their basic responsibility to provide essential public health services to all Washingtonians.

King County's ability to address latent tuberculosis in about 100,000 residents has been limited, the county has experienced record numbers of communicable disease outbreaks, and infectious disease programs have reduced outreach to people who may be infected with syphilis, hepatitis B, pertussis and gonorrhea.

Fund foundational public health services, make \$54 million down payment to improve statewide system efficiency and fill critical gaps at the local level; and **fund critical state public health programs,** \$6 million.

King County seeks to partner with Washington State in the following ways:

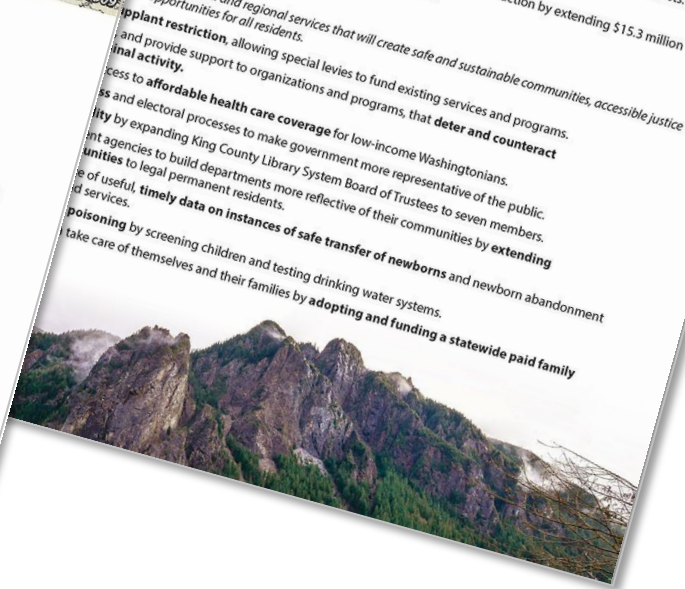
Homelessness & Affordable Housing

To comprehensively confront our homeless and opioid crisis in King County, we need a multi-faceted state partnership that both addresses the immediate emergency and the root causes.

- **Protect and expand existing funding for homelessness response.** Remove the 2018 sunset on the Document Recording Fee and increase funding to preserve rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing efforts.
- **Invest \$200 million in the Housing Trust Fund** to increase affordable housing and counties with additional tools to preserve and expand affordable housing.
- **Eliminate the cap on treatment slots,** streamline siting of treatment facilities, and distribution of medication.
- **Reauthorize unaccompanied minors** over the age of 13 to information with HMIS, with appropriate protections.
- **Make targeted new investments in step-down** treatment facilities to help reduce stays at state hospitals and prevent discharges into homelessness.

Infrastructure

- **Partnerships with the state to protect and develop infrastructure assets.** Invest in the Eastside Rail Corridor to create a seamless 22 mile pedestrian/bicycle trail.
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Replace the 1% revenue cap

- ▶ Messaging: Local control and public safety
 - ▶ Local governments need help on both sides of the equation: costs and revenue.
 - ▶ Local governments need ability to match revenue with cost drivers.
 - ▶ Local elected officials are closer to the citizens that elect them and hold them accountable.
 - ▶ Public safety across the state has taken the brunt of budget cuts, leaving communities in crisis.



Replace the 1% revenue cap

► Coalition partners

- WSAC, WACO, Washington State Labor Council, AWC, Sound Cities Association, Washington State Council of Fire Fighters, PTE 17, Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Teamsters Local 117, Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, Washington Fire Commissioners Association, Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28.

► Media

- Editorial Boards: Seattle Times, Spokesman Review, The Olympian (March)
- Seattle Weekly: State House Bill Would Stop the Bleeding in King County Budget
- Crosscut: Eyman Tax Cap Now Has Some Big Supporters Seeking Relief
- Bothell-Kenmore Reporter: Bipartisan alliance of lawmakers wants remove cap on property tax increases



WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES IN CRISIS

A financial crisis is putting millions of Washingtonians' safety at risk.

THE SITUATION

Counties and cities are responsible for law enforcement, criminal justice, and public safety. But, for the last decade, Washington counties and cities have faced a 1% cap on the annual property tax increases they can receive.

Over time, costs have outpaced revenue, creating a budget gap that **gets worse every year.**

COST OF MAINTAINING SERVICES

REVENUE (1% LIMIT)

2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

THE IMPACT

To fund public safety, counties and cities have had to use road funds, tap into reserves, and cut employees. Even with these cuts, it is getting increasingly harder every year to fund public safety.

Fewer deputies on the road

Cuts to law enforcement training

Delayed public safety response times

Caps on inmates booked into county jails

Overcrowding in jails

Road fund diversion to law enforcement

Dangerous roads and bridges

\$37 million

DIVERTED ROAD FUND DOLLARS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

593

STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT OR FUNCTIONALLY OBSOLETE COUNTY BRIDGES

9

COUNTY JAILS OPERATING BEYOND CAPACITY

118

OR 5% FEWER COMMISSIONED OFFICERS THAN FIVE YEARS AGO

FEWER INMATES ARE COMPLETING THEIR SENTENCES

THE RESULT

Washington State is less safe than it was a decade ago—and it's only going to get worse.

THE SOLUTION

The legislature needs to restore local control to our counties and cities. Our citizens deserve elected officials who have the authority to account for inflation and population growth. Keep communities strong. Empower local control.

Use #LocalControl when helping to spread awareness on this issue.

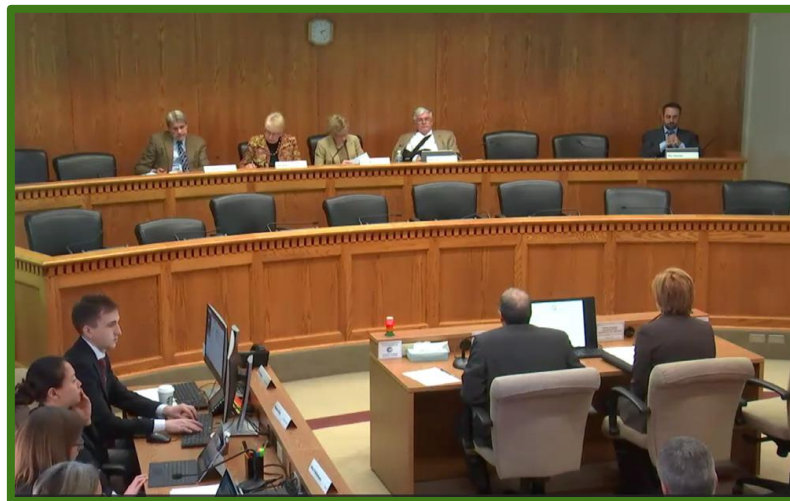
Replace the 1% revenue cap

- ▶ **HB 1764** (bipartisan sponsorship) - Hearing in House Finance on Feb. 10
- ▶ Large, bipartisan group of local elected officials from across Washington testify in support of the bill.
 - ▶ Sheriffs: Pacific, Cowlitz, Lewis
 - ▶ Local police: Kent, Normandy Park
 - ▶ Local fire: East Pierce, Central Pierce
 - ▶ City elected: Kenmore, Shoreline, Kirkland, Kent
 - ▶ County elected: King, Kittitas, Snohomish, Cowlitz



Replace the 1% revenue cap

- ▶ **SB 5772** (bipartisan sponsorship) - Hearing in Senate Local Government Committee on Feb. 16
- ▶ Again, bipartisan group of local elected officials throughout Washington testified in support of the bill
 - ▶ Sheriffs: Spokane, Kitsap, Wahkiakum, Pacific
 - ▶ Local fire: East Pierce, Lacey
 - ▶ City elected: Shoreline, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Long Beach, Rosalia
 - ▶ County elected: Pend Oreille, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Kitsap, Island, King, Pacific, Pierce, Spokane



Replace the 1% revenue cap

Next steps

- ▶ Bills not moving any time soon
 - ▶ Senate: Never get a hearing in Senate Ways and Means, no push to move bill out of policy committee
 - ▶ House: Bill sitting in House Finance, likely to be part of final McCleary/Budget plan
- ▶ Dead zone
 - ▶ No bill activity to focus on
 - ▶ Town halls
 - ▶ Invented action
 - ▶ Keep profile raised: coalition letters, meetings with members



Foundational public health

► Messaging

- Mumps. Tuberculosis. Syphilis. Legionnaire's Disease. Hepatitis.
- Public Health is essential
- All Washington residents deserve certain level of core health services

► Coalition partners

- WASLPHO; Prevention Alliance; Health Washington Coalition; Foundation for Healthy Generations; Molina Healthcare; Sound Cities Association; PTE Local 17; Public Health Roundtable; Washington Bikes; WA State Board of Health; WA State Council of County and City Employees; WA State Hospital Association; WA State Medical Association; WA State Nurses Association

► Media

- TV Town Hall: KOMO TV, Taped February 11, 2017
- <http://publichealthisessential.org/>



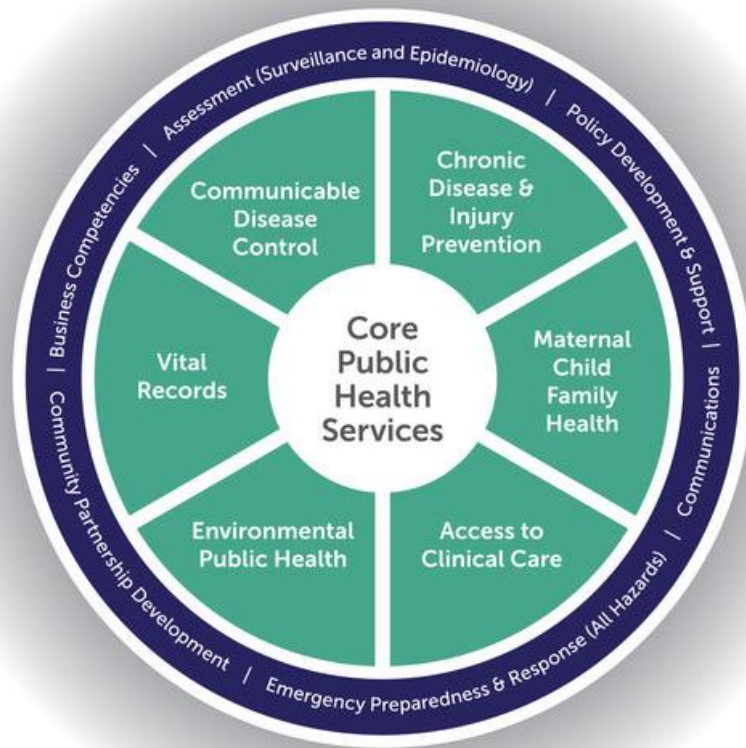
Foundational public health Policy bills

- ▶ SB 5353 and HB 1432
 - ▶ Require the Department of Health and local health jurisdictions to undertake a shared services project for epidemiology assessment and communicable disease monitoring and response.
 - ▶ Opportunity to discuss public health crisis and funding request
- ▶ Hearings
 - ▶ House Health Care: February 7
 - ▶ House Appropriations: February 16
 - ▶ Senate Health Care: February 7
- ▶ Current Status
 - ▶ HB 1432: House Rules Committee
 - ▶ SB 5353: Senate Ways & Means (likely dead)



Foundational Public Health Budget

- ▶ Budget ask: \$60M as down payment on \$300M + statewide shortfall
- ▶ Governor's Budget includes \$20M for foundational public health



FOUNDATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH IN WASHINGTON STATE

Ensuring all residents can depend on a core set of services which only governmental public health can provide.

PROGRAMS

A basic set of programs that are accessible in every community across the state.

CAPABILITIES

Capabilities & infrastructure to support foundational programming.

MEETING LOCAL NEEDS

In addition to these core programs and capabilities, there are other services implemented to meet community-driven needs.



Homelessness and Affordable Homes

- ▶ Funding for homelessness response: Document Recording Fee
 - ▶ HB 1570 (advocate bill)
 - ▶ Makes the temporary \$40 local homeless housing and assistance surcharge permanent.
 - ▶ Allows cities or counties to impose an additional surcharge (\$50) for homeless housing and assistance.
 - ▶ Creates new and updated reporting requirements and studies for certain homeless assistance programs.
 - ▶ House Rules
 - ▶ SB 5254 (Realtor bill)
 - ▶ Extends the \$40 surcharge until June 30, 2027.
 - ▶ Adds factors to the land capacity analysis and a housing supply and affordability review to the Growth Management Act.
 - ▶ Requires updates to the state and local homeless housing plans.
 - ▶ Senate Ways & Means (Dead or NTIB?)



Homelessness and Affordable Homes

- ▶ Local options for affordable homes
 - ▶ HB 1797
 - ▶ Allows councilmanic authority for King County to authorize the existing 0.1 percent local sales and use tax used for mental health services and affordable housing.
 - ▶ Allows revenue from the local real estate excise tax (REET II) to be used for affordable housing development through 2022.
 - ▶ House Finance (NTIB?)
 - ▶ SB 5182
 - ▶ Allows a city or county to adopt a property tax exemption program to preserve affordable housing for very low-income households.
 - ▶ Senate Rules



Homelessness and Affordable Homes

▶ HMIS Youth Consent

▶ HB 1630

- ▶ Allows unaccompanied youth aged 13 and older to give consent for the collection of identifying information for the Washington Homeless Client Management Information System.

- ▶ House Rules

▶ Opiate treatment

▶ HB 1427

- ▶ Modifies the standards for certifying and siting opioid treatment programs.
- ▶ Modifies terminology and declarations regarding treatment for opioid use disorder.
- ▶ House Rules



Local roads and infrastructure

- ▶ All budget all the time
 - ▶ Eastside Rail Corridor
 - ▶ Floodplains by Design
 - ▶ Fall City sewer system
 - ▶ Alaskan Way Viaduct transit mitigation



Better communities

▶ Non-supplant

- ▶ HB 2041 & HB 2006
 - ▶ Fix the non-supplant restriction on King County special levies.
 - ▶ Removes MIDD non-supplant restrictions.
 - ▶ House Rules

▶ Voting access

- ▶ HB 1800
 - ▶ Creates a state voting rights act to protect the equal opportunity for minority groups to participate in local elections.
 - ▶ Creates a cause of action and authorizes courts to order appropriate remedies for a violation of the act, including redistricting within a political subdivision.
 - ▶ Passed House
- ▶ SB 5068
 - ▶ Allows non-charter counties, code cities, second-class cities and towns to authorize district-based or hybrid systems for electing their legislative authorities by ordinance or, if authorized, by voter initiative.
 - ▶ Senate Rules



Better communities

▶ King County Library System

- ▶ HB 1281 modifies the number and manner of appointment of trustees for KCLS.
- ▶ House Rules

▶ Legal permanent residents/law enforcement officers

- ▶ HB 1182 allows legal permanent residents to be law enforcement officers and fire fighters
- ▶ Passed House; Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports

▶ Drinking water and lead safety

- ▶ SB 5745
 - ▶ Requires public water systems (1) to replace lead-containing service lines to schools and early childhood programs by July 1, 2020, and (2) to replace all other lead-containing service lines by July 1, 2030.
 - ▶ Requires the Department of Health to develop guidance and testing protocols for state-wide testing for lead in drinking water and drinking water fixtures at public schools.
 - ▶ Requires educational service districts to ensure testing of drinking water in public schools.
 - ▶ Senate Rules



Better communities

► Statewide paid family leave

► HB 1116

- Allows 26 weeks of paid family leave.
- Employer/employee paid (employer pays premium on wages and can collect half from employees).
- House Rules

► SB 5149

- Allows 12 weeks of paid family leave.
- Employee paid.
- Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports (NTIB?)

► Safe Surrender data reporting

- SB 5522 requires DSHS to report data collected regarding newborns surrendered under the state's safe surrender law
- Passed Senate



Better communities

- ▶ Juvenile Justice Diversion

- ▶ HB 1280 enables courts earlier access to evidence-based diversion programs and services so that a youth may receive programs immediately after arrest, rather than waiting for adjudication. This will help with our FIRS program.
 - ▶ House Rules



Emerging Issues

- ▶ Dolan (HB 1288): AKA make King County subsidize state retirement system
 - ▶ Dead. (Hat tip to Carolyn Busch, Pat Hamacher, Scarlett Aldebot-Green and Dwight Dively)
- ▶ Safe Consumption Sites: SB 5223
 - ▶ Bans safe consumption sites.
- ▶ Ban the box: HB 1298/SB 5312
 - ▶ Prohibits an employer from including any question on an application for employment about an applicant's criminal record until after the employer initially determines that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position.
- ▶ Hirst/water: HB 1885/SB 5239
 - ▶ Department of Ecology is responsible for determining water availability for development purposes.
- ▶ Tobacco 21: HB 1054
 - ▶ 21 to buy tobacco/vape products.



Emerging Issues

- ▶ Public Records: HB 1595
 - ▶ Require statements of actual costs to be adopted by the agency after public notice and a hearing; allow the denial of a bot request; and require that a request be for identifiable records
- ▶ Safe Medicine Return: HB 1047
 - ▶ Creates drug take-back program and preempts local programs.
 - ▶ Statewide program based on King County program.
- ▶ TNCs: SB 5620
 - ▶ Statewide regulatory program for transportation network companies; preempts local programs.
- ▶ Use of Deadly Force: SB 5073
 - ▶ Implements recommendations from the joint legislative task force on the use of deadly force in community policing.
 - ▶ Dead?



Questions?

