



## King County

# Metropolitan King County Council Committee of the Whole

### STAFF REPORT

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	6	<b>Name:</b>	Carolyn Busch
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2015-B0140	<b>Date:</b>	July 15, 2015

### SUBJECT

Briefing 2015-B0140 is an update on the 2015 King County State Legislative Agenda.

### INVITED

1. Michael Shaw, Government Relations Consultant
2. David Foster, Government Relations Consultant

<b>2015 State Legislative Agenda Status Report</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Revenue Reform: Providing Local Governments with Adequate Tools to Provide Services</b>	
Revise the annual limit on property tax to include inflation and population growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No bill passed</li> </ul>
Monitor the mental illness and drug dependency (MIDD) sales tax levy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes to existing MIDD authority</li> </ul>
Diversify counties' revenue sources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill died that would have provided local option utility tax</li> <li>• Bill passed providing Flood District permanent protection from levy suppression</li> </ul>
Provide greater local control over sources like the criminal justice sales tax.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes to the Criminal Justice sales tax authority</li> </ul>
Modify state law that allows county general fund money based on increased population density to be transferred without consent of counties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No bill passed</li> </ul>
<b>Meaningful Resources for the Safety Net: Meeting our Needs in Mental Health and Beyond</b>	
Expand long-term local and state capacity in mental health and substance abuse. This will require a significant commitment to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Increased funds for Involuntary Treatment Act implementation, assisted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>both capital and operating assistance, as well as additional inpatient beds both locally and at state hospitals.</p>	<p>outpatient mental health treatment as a means for earlier intervention for those not accepting voluntarily treatment, full funding of Joel's Law (up to +\$22M to KC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Increased operating funds for evaluation and treatment facilities and assertive community treatment (up to +\$6M to KC)</li> <li>· Cuts to flexible non-Medicaid mental health funding (up to -\$13M from KC)</li> <li>· Elimination of Program for Adaptive Living Skills, which served KC's most dangerous and high-risk mental health clients (-\$3.5M from KC)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capital Budget:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· New +\$36M statewide for new involuntary inpatient psychiatric bed capacity and crisis facilities, including +\$10M for KC</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Adopted legislation allows county jails to be used for evaluation and restoration treatment</li> <li>• Adopted "Joel's Law" to allow family members to appeal a decision by a mental health professional to not involuntarily commit a person</li> <li>• Bill died that would have integrated treatment for mental health and chemical dependency</li> </ul>
<p>Adjust the Mental Illness &amp; Drug Dependency (MIDD) levy to better meet the needs of people suffering from mental illness and addiction, including extending the MIDD supplantation language at 30% by postponing the planned 2015 stairstep down to 20% as originally outlined by state law.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No bill passed extending supplantation language. However, new County authority was adopted for a voter-approved 0.1% sales tax to fund affordable housing, and mental and behavioral health facilities and services (part of Cultural Access bill)</li> </ul>
<p>Amend 2014 legislation for Communities of Health and full integration: support a functional all-payer claims database, and extend the timeline for early adopters of full integration.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted legislation makes all-payer claims database more workable and increases transparency of health care costs, while still ensuring privacy</li> </ul>

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Grant counties dedicated revenue sources for public health to ensure adequate and sustainable funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new authority for public health funding</li> </ul>
Employ funding and tools to meet residents' increasing needs for a wide range of services, including 2-1-1, a phone number for people to call for health and human service information and referrals and other assistance to meet their needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The budget includes \$1 million for continued support of 2-1-1</li> </ul>
<b>Keep the Region Moving: Delivering on Transportation for Today and Tomorrow</b>	
Support state-level efforts to invest in state projects and in local needs, including unincorporated areas where counties are the only local government available to residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted 16-year transportation package includes 11.9¢ gas tax increase (+7¢ on 8/1/15, +4.9¢ on 7/1/16) and vehicle fees increases</li> <li>• Funded projects in King County include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· I-405 Corridor - \$1.3B</li> <li>· SR-518 Corridor - \$13.5M</li> <li>· Federal Way Triangle - \$85M</li> <li>· SR-520 - \$1.7B</li> <li>· I-90/Hwy 18 interchange - \$150M</li> </ul> </li> <li>• +\$38M KC transit grants</li> <li>• +\$10M KC bike/pedestrian grants</li> <li>• +\$20M KC direct funding</li> </ul>
Explore ways to pursue increased transit options, including Sound Transit Phase 3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted bill grants Sound Transit \$15B in new voter approved revenue authority</li> </ul>
Endorse local revenue options for municipal governments to invest in community infrastructure and services, including unincorporated county roads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council authority for the Transportation Benefit District was raised from \$20 to \$40 (after the \$20 authority has been in place for two years), and up to \$50 once the \$40 authority has been in place for two years</li> <li>• No additional funding tools for rural and unincorporated roads</li> </ul>
Honor the state's commitment to reconnect the Eastside Rail Corridor (ERC) at I-405 (Wilburton).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +\$5M grant for ERC Wilburton reconnection, plus eligibility for ongoing grants (\$10M in total state appropriations now available to the project)</li> </ul>
<b>Seizing Opportunity: Investing in our Community Assets</b>	
Support the Cultural Access Fund and other local tools for arts and culture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopted bill provides authority for voter approved 0.1% sales tax to create a Cultural Access Fund</li> </ul>

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Request flexibility in administration and investment of hotel/motel revenues, including—with fiscal prudence—bonding for housing and tourism capital projects while respecting city priorities and protecting revenue streams for ongoing operating programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted bill provides authority to bond against future lodging tax revenues to build affordable housing near transit stations</li> </ul>
<b>Winning on Water: Taking State Action on Water Quality</b>	
Seek approaches to water quality standards that balance improvement in human health with economic development considering the region has many industries, such as agriculture, which depend on water and water-related uses for their livelihood and financial success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major water bills passed this year. There was an effort to move forward on a \$3 billion water bonding bill that would have had three major components: water quality, storm water and flooding</li> </ul>
Develop a robust set of state and local funding tools for water infrastructure and to ensure the long-term health of Puget Sound.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No major water bills passed this year. There was an effort to move forward on a \$3 billion water bonding bill that would have had three major components: water quality, storm water and flooding</li> </ul>
We strongly support preservation of salmon recovery funding and state resources for habitat protection and restoration projects and programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Capital Budget included funding for Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration – \$37 million, Puget Sound Estuary and Salmon Restoration – \$8 million, Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRF Board) grants – \$66.5 million (includes \$50 million in federal funds)</li> </ul>
<b>Unintended Consequences: Keeping State Laws in Alignment with Reality</b>	
Confront any legislative efforts to penalize King County for its settlement with public defenders in accordance with the Dolan v. King County decision in 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no action on legislation related to the Dolan case</li> </ul>
Clarify and integrate the medical cannabis and recreational marijuana statutes to better support effective law enforcement, land use laws, and public health objectives, e.g., deterring youth access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopted bill reconciles regulations around medical and recreational marijuana</li> <li>Adopted bill provides greater flexibility for local governments to site or ban marijuana facilities</li> </ul>
Align statute with legislative intent of police accountability through body cameras.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was no action on legislation related to police body cameras</li> </ul>