



# Legislative Bulletin

January 8, 2018

## Hot topics

### **Governor's proposed water bill scheduled for Senate hearing**

Though there are still some flaws in this proposal from our perspective, we hope this will be a step forward in breaking the logjam that has held up passage of a capital budget.

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## Things you can do

### **Register for City Action Days!**

January 24-25 | Olympia

AWC's popular winter legislative conference is back and packed full of valuable information for cities. Attend this conference to meet with and educate legislators about city priorities, advocate for your city, discover how the legislative process works, engage in the state's policy and budget development process, and ultimately make a difference in your community at the state level. See the agenda and register today!

## Media time

Washington cities support a faster internet, and we recognize that new small cell wireless technology and facilities are coming. Cities are ready and willing to partner with telecom companies, but we want to do so in a way that protects the rights of taxpayers. Watch this video where Victoria Lincoln explains exactly what is a small cell, what's in the right-of-way, and why city residents should pay attention to new legislation brought forth by telecommunications companies. Share it on social media!

## What you need to know

### **Environment & land use**

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### **General government**

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### **Infrastructure**

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Early hearing on a bill limiting city authority to ban marijuana businesses. Prohibitions must be voter approved.

### **Open government**

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### **Personnel**

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# From the Legislative Director

## **2018 session likely to be brief and concise – Cities hope for help to prosper and care for those less fortunate**

The 60-day 2018 legislative session is here. Over the coming weeks, legislators and Governor Inslee will consider, debate, and ultimately decide how to help manage and invest in our collective future. Following the historically long and difficult 2017 session and with Democrats nominally in charge, it's likely this one will focus on a short list of issues.

Late last week, legislative leadership from each of the four caucuses outlined their priorities – several of which impact cities and mirror AWC priorities.

- Legislators in all four caucuses hope that a stalled capital budget will pass so that millions of dollars in critical infrastructure and housing projects can move forward. Whether or not the dispute over some water rights issues can be resolved remains unclear, but AWC remains optimistic they'll find common ground.
- They all want to help make housing available to all parts of the state and for those who need assistance.
- There is a recognition of the growing crises in homelessness and chemical dependency that plagues many of our communities and tears families apart. They acknowledge the frontline impacts in our communities and we're hopeful we can find common ground during session to make a difference.
- Their press event was dominated at first by the breaking news that U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a memo rescinding all guidance to federal prosecutors that minimized the priority of enforcement actions against states with legalized marijuana – either medical or recreational. As a state whose voters chose to allow legal marijuana, legislators have worked in a bipartisan fashion to develop a regulatory system that conformed to past guidance. AWC has strongly advocated for local choice so that elected local officials are responsible for deciding whether or not to allow production and retail facilities. With the state's budget already having received over \$830 million in excise tax revenues and a flourishing new industry, there are obvious questions about what happens next.

For the 85th consecutive year, AWC is prepared to engage and represent city interests during the legislative session. Our legislative priorities are set, and we will provide updates on their status each Monday morning here in *Legislative Bulletin*. Also look for mid-week updates in our *CityVoice* e-newsletter. We'll also report on the many more issues that are important and impact cities. These are items that we spend much of our time responding to and working to ensure our voices are heard. Many require us to politely, yet firmly, suggest that the issue is best addressed at the local level and that legislation isn't appropriate.

Legislative sessions have schedules and rhythm, and it's helpful to anticipate them. Issues and ideas are considered and debated in both the House and Senate, and in order to move forward, they need to pass both chambers in identical form. This takes time, and leadership sets a schedule on what needs to happen by when.

This first week will mostly involve setting the stage. New legislators get their bearings, committees organize themselves, and hearings are held – several of which are highlighted within this week's *Legislative Bulletin*. There are ceremonial activities such as the Governor's State of the State address. Things get a bit more serious towards week's end after preliminary discussions of what the Governor has proposed as supplemental funding adjustments to the recently adopted operating budget, and how he'd suggest paying for it.

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Bills have deadlines to pass out of committee and each chamber before being considered by the other chamber. This year, the deadline is Valentine's Day for bills to pass from one to the other, or else the issue most likely will not move forward – what we call “dead.” By the first days of March, the opposite chamber needs to move the version it wants or that issue also is no longer considered. Then by March 8 – any differences between versions need to be reconciled, or they stall out and it's time to go home.

Our weekly communications will help you know what's happening, and every so often, you may receive an Action Alert or a phone call asking for time-sensitive contact with your legislator. We issue these sparingly and only when we really need your engagement and attention.

We are always available to answer questions, give guidance, or help you navigate this process. We look forward to your feedback and engagement and encourage you to join us during our City Action Days here in Olympia on January 24 and 25 when you have the opportunity to hear from and engage with legislators and state agency movers and shakers.

## **Budget & finance**

### **Hearings on Governor's proposed state operating budget**

The Governor's budget proposal is being considered by the House Appropriations Committee on January 8 and by the Senate Ways and Means Committee on January 9. Once the Governor's proposal is heard, we expect a shift to policy bills until after the release of the February state revenue forecast. AWC is testifying to six priorities.

#### **State-shared revenue**

Cities rely on these funding sources to provide vital support for safe and strong communities. We appreciate the FY 2017-19 appropriations, but note that the Governor's supplemental request reduces the Municipal Criminal Justice Assistance Account by \$1.2 million. It is important for cities to receive the entire appropriation of \$38.1 million.

#### **Basic Law Enforcement Academy**

The 2017-19 operating budget funded six additional Basic Law Enforcement Academy classes for each fiscal year. We appreciate that the Governor's budget adds one class in FY 2019. We ask for one additional class to meet the increased needs due to retirements and to ensure safe communities. These additional classes would require an appropriation of \$748,000.

#### **Marijuana shared revenue**

Marijuana revenue shared with cities and counties (that allow stores and production facilities) was scheduled to increase from \$6 to \$15 million per year at the beginning of this biennium, but only occurs if general fund revenues are projected to increase by \$18 million by February. This distribution trigger was met in the November revenue forecast and we respectfully remind budget writers to include this increase.

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## **Mental health**

Cities are seeking an additional \$10 million in grant capacity to support vitally-needed resources in cities that are going above and beyond their responsibilities to help support individuals suffering from mental health issues, and who may be homeless. We believe that there is capacity for this investment given an increase in marijuana-related revenues, which are projected to come in \$56 million above the most recent projection and a significant underspend of \$11.5 million dollars at the Liquor and Cannabis Board in IT, Enforcement & Administration.

## **Streamlined sales tax mitigation**

The operating budget appropriated \$20.012 million, while the Department of Revenue estimates the mitigation payments needed to fully fund mitigation through the final distribution at \$22.338 million. An additional \$2.326 million is needed to fully mitigate taxing authorities that were inversely impacted by the change from an origin-based tax system to a destination-based tax system.

## **Rural broadband (operating and capital requests)**

The Governor's FY2017-19 supplemental request includes \$387,000 to create a Rural Broadband Office in the Department of Commerce and \$5 million for capital budget investment in infrastructure grants to local governments and tribes. This investment is important to strengthen rural communities by better connecting them to the larger economic tapestry of our state and regional economy.

If you would like more information on AWC's priorities, please feel free to contact AWC's Victoria Lincoln or Andrew Pittelkau. We have also posted more information about these budget priorities here.

# **Cannabis**

## **Bill limiting city authority to ban marijuana businesses has early hearing**

**HB 2336**, cosponsored by Rep. Sawyer (D-Parkland) and Rep. Condotta (R-Wenatchee), limits cities' ability to prohibit the production, processing and sale of marijuana in their communities by requiring any such prohibition to only be enacted by a public vote. Currently cities have the authority to place bans or moratoriums on marijuana businesses through ordinances.

The bill:

- Establishes a general legal principle that Washington statutes preempt municipal ordinances or regulations pertaining to recreational and medical marijuana.
- Retains city zoning authority, but prohibits a municipality from enacting an ordinance or regulation that has the effect of precluding the siting of licensed marijuana businesses within its borders unless the municipality already prohibits the same type of business.
- Establishes two alternative electoral processes through which a municipality may avoid state preemption and enact an ordinance banning the operation of marijuana businesses within its borders.

**HB 2336** is scheduled for a hearing on Monday, January 8 at 1:30 pm in House Commerce & Gaming Committee. AWC is opposed to this bill and will be testifying against it at the hearing. Contact Logan with any questions or concerns.

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## **U.S. Attorney General withdraws federal government's non-enforcement stance against states with legalized marijuana**

On Thursday, January 4, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued a memo rescinding all guidance to federal prosecutors that minimized the priority of enforcement actions against states with legalized marijuana – either medical or recreational. These former guidance documents provided states with a framework to create a tightly regulated system for the production, distribution, and sale of legalized marijuana. States that chose to create these markets had the assurance that federal enforcement would not be a priority. Thursday's action by Sessions removes that assurance and allows federal prosecutors to use their discretion in pursuing marijuana investigations and prosecutions.

The Sessions memo ([justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1022196/download](https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1022196/download)) represents a significant change to federal marijuana policy. Governor Inslee, Washington State Attorney General Ferguson, and several bipartisan legislative leaders immediately responded that they will continue to support the voter-approved legalization efforts in Washington. AWC has continuously advocated for strong local control on marijuana issues and will continue to monitor and report to you on this evolving situation.

## **Environment & land use**

### **Governor's proposed water bill scheduled for Senate hearing**

Following a December work session on a very similar bill, the Senate Agriculture Committee will hold a public hearing on Monday January 8 on a proposal developed by Governor Inslee's office to resolve the months-long standoff created by fallout from the *Hirst* and *Foster* water resources court cases. The two Republican caucuses have been withholding their support for the bond authorization necessary to fund the state's capital budget until these issues are resolved to their satisfaction.

AWC continues to be directly and actively engaged in these talks. We are encouraged by the movement shown by this draft, and think it could be a framework that helps bring resolution on this issue. That said, there are still some major deficiencies in the approach that do not work for cities. Primary among them is new vague requirements for cities around GMA planning, building permits, and subdivisions that potentially reinforce the effect of the *Hirst* decision to push water management responsibilities down to local governments and/or increasing legal exposure for cities.

We are also advocating for a more substantive means to address the *Foster* decision beyond merely a task force to look at the issue. We would prefer a proposal that includes a "full fix," substantive reauthorization of the ability of the Department of Ecology to approve new or amended uses of water that rely on mitigation, or at a minimum, the approval of pilot projects to inform the task force on how to establish a framework for mitigation. Without some feasible way to mitigate new water withdrawals, cities with pressing short-term water needs might be stuck with no ability to move forward.

This continues to be a fluid situation and cities who want to ensure that your interests are being considered are encouraged to get in touch with Carl Schroeder.

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## **Military land use compatibility proposal returns**

Rep. Kristine Reeves (D-Federal Way) has introduced an updated version of her military land use compatibility bill (**HB 2341**). The proposal intends to recognize the critical role that the state's military institutions play in our state's economy, and to ensure that our planning frameworks properly protect those military installations from incompatible uses.

AWC expressed concerns with last year's bill because it abdicated significant local land use control. Rep. Reeves has been receptive to our concerns and is attempting to address them in the current proposal. We would like feedback from communities who are potentially affected by this bill as to whether it can work for you.

Summary of the bill:

- Requirements would apply to federal military installations, other than reserve centers or recruiting centers that are operated by the United States armed services within or adjacent to a jurisdiction's borders.
- The primary element of the bill that cities may be concerned about deals with a new requirement whereby jointly-developed plans or studies that identify potentially incompatible uses and needed mitigation or avoidance efforts take on new significance. Cities would be required to adopt comprehensive plan and development regulation updates that are consistent with those findings. In previous years we have heard that some cities believe that this could create a disincentive to join multi-jurisdictional processes such as these.
- The bill requires periodic solicitation of feedback from military base commanders regarding the types and locations of development activities that the commander deems potentially incompatible with the base.
- It slightly changes the trigger for notification of a base commander of potential comprehensive plan or development regulation changes that could affect the base.
- The bill creates a new competitive grant program to fund projects to reduce incompatibility.
- It authorizes a Regional Transportation Planning Organization to designate a military institution a regional growth center.

The bill will be the topic of a public hearing on Monday January 8 at 1:30 pm. Any feedback you can provide to Carl Schroeder would be helpful.

## **General government**

### **Hearings scheduled for Voting Rights Act bills that could impact how city councilmembers get elected**

Both the House and Senate will hear bills this week that could change whether your city council elections take place citywide or are divided by voting district. They would also allow impacted voters to bring a case in state courts to challenge the system of elections, similar to the federal Voting Rights Act.

**HB 1800**, sponsored by Rep. Gregerson (D-SeaTac), has a hearing scheduled at 8 am on Tuesday, January 9 in the House State Government, Elections & IT Committee.

**SB 6002**, sponsored by Sen. Saldaña (D-Seattle), has a hearing at 8 am on Wednesday, January 10 in the Senate State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections Committee.

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**HB 1800** carries over from last session and impacts cities in the following ways:

- The bill applies to local elections in cities and towns above 1,000 population.
- The legislation amends state statute to expressly allow non-charter code cities, second class cities and towns to voluntarily adopt district-based election systems (or other types of voting methods) in general elections.
- The bill would allow a voter to notify a local government that they intend to challenge their jurisdiction's election process. It requires that the voter include a reasonable analysis of the data that indicates an alleged violation and a proposed remedy.
- The local jurisdiction would have 180 days to implement a remedy; and if no action is taken, the voter may file a lawsuit alleging a violation under the Act.
- If a lawsuit is filed and the court determines a violation has occurred, the court may order the jurisdiction to adopt a district-based election process, may order redistricting, or another remedy.
- Depending on the timing of adoption of districts or other changes, special elections would be triggered for council positions with more than two years remaining.
- If a local jurisdiction adopts a court-ordered remedy no legal action may be brought against the jurisdiction for four years.

**SB 6002** was prefiled in December and mirrors many of the provisions in **HB 1800**.

However, **SB 6002** includes the following changes:

- The bill includes additional notice provisions for local governments that choose to proactively change their election system;
- It requires that the voter providing notice to the jurisdiction include a specific description of the alleged violation and a proposed remedy;
- The legislation triples the amount of time a jurisdiction has to remedy a violation when it receives more than one voter notice proposing materially different remedies (from 90 days in **HB 1800** to 270 days in **SB 6002**); and
- It extends the implementation date.

AWC continues to take a neutral position on this legislation, acknowledging that cities have varying opinions about this issue and the proposals. We continue to actively engage with legislators and stakeholders to provide our ideas and perspectives. We welcome hearing from our members on this issue. Please contact Victoria Lincoln.

Following the hearings, we anticipate quick action to pass the bills out of committee.

## Housing

### Low-income housing property tax bill heard again

**HB 1532** would exempt properties from state and local property taxes that are owned by nonprofit entities for the purposes of developing residences for low-income households. The bill intends to clarify the application of a bill passed for Habitat for Humanity last year to ensure that similar nonprofits who operate through slightly different models can also take advantage. The bill provides this limited property tax exemption while the lands are being held by the nonprofit and then once new tenants take over the exemption goes away. This bill clarifies the workings of this exemption when the nonprofit retains ownership of the land but the new homeowner owns the physical building.

We were neutral on this bill in previous years and intend to be so again unless we hear concerns from cities. Please contact Carl Schroeder with any thoughts.

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# Infrastructure

## **Bill seeks to specify compliance with apprenticeship utilization requirements**

Senator Karen Keiser's (D-Kent) apprenticeship utilization bill, introduced in 2017, is back and scheduled for public hearing January 11 in the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee. **SB 5576**, specifies that apprenticeship utilization requirements apply to each and every contractor and subcontractor on a public works project, and that labor hours are measured on a per-contractor basis. It also stipulates that noncompliance with these requirements is one of the violations that count toward debarring a contractor from bidding on public works. Finally, it would require the awarding agency, such as a city, to monitor compliance with apprenticeship utilization requirements.

Cities are concerned with the new requirements of apprenticeship utilization due to the fact there are times when there are not enough apprentices available. This new requirement could limit the contractors available for cities to use on a project. Cities are also concerned about the potential burden and liability associated with monitoring for compliance with these new requirements.

## **Public Depository Task Force finishes work – Treasurer's Office & OFM make recommendations**

The 2017 Legislature established the Public Depository Task Force after several legislators pushed for the establishment of a state bank to fund infrastructure. The Public Depository Task Force met throughout the fall of 2017 and included representatives from the Office of Financial Management (OFM), the Treasurer's Office, the Attorney General's Office, the State Auditor's Office, legislators, the banking industry, citizen members with backgrounds in finance, and a county government representative. Cities were not included on the task force.

The task force worked to reach consensus on a recommendation for examining local government financial infrastructure needs and the feasibility of creating a publicly-owned depository to facilitate investment in, and financing of public infrastructure systems. There was consensus among the members that many Washington governments need access to low-cost financing for infrastructure projects, but they were unable to come to consensus on a recommendation for any new funding source or program. As a result, the Treasurer's Office and OFM issued a joint recommendation of short-term steps to pursue. The recommendations include:

### **Lend Washington**

- Revitalize the Public Works Trust Fund and potentially rebrand it as Lend Washington. Add the Treasurer to the board and appoint board members according to skill sets rather than interest-groups in order to improve program oversight and expertise. Draw on expertise of other agency staff as appropriate.
- Work to increase financing (and safeguard it for the future) for what has been a very successful revolving loan fund program.
- Review with local government stakeholders the need for additional infrastructure lending options. If needs can't be met from existing lending programs, look at establishing something further – perhaps similar to conduit bond programs offered by the California Infrastructure Bank. Expand the LOCAL program, an existing program for local government lease financing.

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## Clearinghouse

There are already many infrastructure funding programs available to Washington governments. This includes The Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC), a voluntary organization which has been working for years to act as an information clearinghouse for many of these programs. Work can be done with IACC to raise their profile as an effective clearinghouse for government infrastructure funding requests as a first stop for those entities not familiar with the roughly 85 existing infrastructure funding programs offered through the state. Evaluate if a change in IACC's current 501(C)3 status should change to a program within a state agency.

AWC supports this approach and we look forward to continuing to work with the members of the task force and Legislature to revitalize the Public Works Trust Fund and other programs that support local government infrastructure.

Over the long-term, members of the task force had varying viewpoints on the direction our state should take when looking at the future of government infrastructure financing. Work will continue around this, and AWC will be actively participating in the conversations.

To read the full report see [here](#).

## Open government

### Sunshine Committee recommendations bill on Public Records Act is set for an early hearing

Sponsored by Rep. Larry Springer (D-Kirkland), **HB 1160** enacts recommendations of the Sunshine Committee. At the request of the Attorney General's Office, a law passed in 2007 creating the Public Records Exemptions Accountability Committee (Sunshine Committee). The Sunshine Committee makes recommendations to the Legislature to repeal or amend exemptions to the Public Records Act.

The bill:

- Requires public disclosure for personal information where the subject of the information consents to disclosure.
- Exempts public employee and volunteer passport and visa numbers from public disclosure.
- Exempts information regarding the ongoing investigations of employment-related discrimination from public disclosure until the agency provides notice of the outcome of the investigation.
- Exempts trade secrets from public disclosure.
- Allows attorney's fees to any defendant who successfully defends against an injunction of the public disclosure of financial, commercial, or proprietary records.

**HB 1160** is a carryover from last session and will be heard on Tuesday, January 9 at 8 am in the House State Government, Elections & IT Committee. AWC will continue to support it.

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# Personnel

## **New wrongful death bill to be heard in House this week**

Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos (D-Seattle) has sponsored **HB 2262** regarding wrongful death and injury liability. The bill would amend the current wrongful death statutes in a few important ways:

- Removing dependency requirements for claimants;
- Allowing parents to bring an action for children over 18 years old;
- Expanding noneconomic covered damages; and more.

AWC opposes this bill as it would significantly increase a city's liability and costs associated with these claims. The bill will be heard in the House Judiciary Committee on Thursday, January 11 at 1:30 pm.

## **Bill to prohibit employers from asking about arrests or convictions will be heard in the House**

Sponsored by Rep. Ortiz-Self (D-Mukilteo), **HB 1298** will be heard in the House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee on Tuesday, January 9, at 1:30 pm. The bill is similar to "Ban the Box" laws that have been enacted in other states and some Washington cities. If **HB 1298** is enacted, it would have a minor impact on city hiring processes.

The bill:

- Prohibits an employer from seeking a job applicant's criminal records until after the employer has determined that the applicant is otherwise qualified for the position;
- Prohibits an employer from advertising job openings in a way that excludes people with criminal records from applying (such as stating "no felons"); and
- Prohibits an employer from implementing a policy that would automatically or categorically exclude individuals with criminal records.

The bill also provides exemptions from the above requirements to employers for the following reasons: any employer hiring a person who will or may have unsupervised access to children or vulnerable persons; any employer who is expressly permitted or required under federal or state law to request an applicant's criminal records; a general or limited authority law enforcement agency; and any employer seeking to hire a non-employee volunteer.

## **Bill to address gender pay equity scheduled for hearing**

Rep. Tana Senn's (D-Mercer Island) bill, **EHB 1506**, addressing workplace practices to achieve gender pay equity is a carryover from last session. The bill is scheduled for a hearing on Monday January 8, at 1:30 pm in the House Labor & Workplace Standards Committee.

The bill modifies the Equal Pay Act, enacted and unchanged since 1943, and prohibits an employer from discriminating in providing employment opportunities or unequal pay of those similarly employed based on gender. Employees are similarly employed based on the skill, effort, and responsibility of the job assigned. Job titles alone do not determine whether employees are similarly employed. The bill also provides a list of non-discriminatory practices that may result in compensation differences (i.e. merit or seniority).

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