

2015 Government Relations Report

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Session Overview

- The 2015 Legislative Session(s) is the longest in history (178 days).
- Adopted Operating, Capital, and Transportation funding:
 - 2015-2017 Operating Budget: \$37.45 billion
 - 2015-2017 Capital Budget: \$3.925 billion
 - Transportation Budget: \$7.6 billion (lower than '13-15)
 - Transportation Revenue Package: \$16.28 billion over 16 years.
- 2,895 bills introduced in 2015
 - 375 passed by the Legislature.
 - 10 bills partially vetoed, 1 full veto

Transportation Projects

- **SR 509 Extension to I-5:** \$1.875 billion to fund the Puget Sound Gateway (over 16 years)
- **28th/24th Avenue Bridge:** \$6 million (\$2 million earmarked and \$4 million in a budget proviso)
- **New Local Transportation Funding:**
 - City currently receives \$1.2 million/biennium. The revenue package adds to that total:
 - FY 2016-17: \$36,813 (each year for 2 years)
 - FY 2018-31: \$78,885 (each year for 14 years)
- **Sound Transit** additional revenue authority with a public vote

International Marketplace TOD

- SeaTac requested \$1.5 million
 - \$250,000 – Infrastructure capacity analysis & engineering
 - Remaining to public open space, designed w/ developer
- Significant Lobbying Effort

Final Budget: \$1.25 million

State/Local Shared Revenue

	13-15 allocation	15-17 allocation
Liquor Profits	\$460,000	\$460,000
Liquor Taxes	\$111,000	\$240,000
Crim Justice	\$232,000	\$232,000
Total 15-17 Shared Revenues		\$932,000

Public Records Reform

- Several proposals:
 - HB 1684: would allow local governments to adopt fees for public records requests, including labor and electronic requests.
 - HB 2156: Local government omnibus bill. Included a section to allow cost recovery for commercial requests.
 - **Result:** Budget proviso directing the State Auditor to review the best way to develop an accurate cost estimate to provide records.
 - Will be an issue moving forward.

Public Defense Funding

- Supreme Court imposed an increase in traffic fines through their independent authority.
 - \$4.6 million would have been generated.
- Legislature allocated \$1.8 million to public defense grants. Remainder went into the state general fund.

Next Steps

- Express appreciation to the legislative delegation
- Next Session: Short Session
 - Supplemental Budget Year
- Fall work session to revise the legislative agenda

Questions?

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