

2017 State Legislative Priorities

Council Discussion



Role of Legislative Priorities

- Share City's Policy Priorities
- Priorities provide policy guidance in Olympia to City representatives
- Allows staff flexibility to quickly respond to proposals

2017 Legislative Session

- 2017-2019 Biennial Budget year or 'long' 120-day session
- Recent election confirmed status quo
- Session likely to take longer to complete to address budget gap

2017 Legislative Session

- Budget – significant challenges
 - McLeary Decision estimated cost of \$3.5 Billion
 - Non-McLeary shortfall up to \$1 Billion
 - Solution likely to include a mix of reductions and new revenues
 - Everything is on the table

Legislative Priorities

1. Local Government Financial Sustainability and Flexibility
2. Affordable Housing & Homelessness, Mental and Behavioral Health
3. Public Health Services

Legislative Priorities

4. Revise Public Records Act
5. Support Human Services Safety Net
6. Infrastructure Funding