

2018 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

2018 Legislative Session

- Mid-Biennial Budget year or 'short' 60-day session
- Recent election switched control of State Senate
- Legislative election year

2018 Legislative Session

- Budget Outlook

- McLeary Decision – State Supreme Court still considers McLeary decision not funded
- Costs increasing
- Revenue projections down
- Funding for capital budget not approved yet



Legislative Priorities

1. Local Government Financial Sustainability and Flexibility
2. Human Services Safety Net
3. Pass a Capital Budget
4. Infrastructure Funding

Supportive Legislative Issues

1. Tools to support Transit Communities
2. Opportunities for Redevelopment on excess state property at Fircrest
3. Automatic Voter Registration