

Skagit County - Government Relations Report January 26, 2020

In the second week of the legislative session, House and Senate committees continued to hold public hearings on bills. There are a record-breaking number of bills under consideration this session. Roughly 1,400 bills have been introduced since January 13th and over 3,500 bills are under consideration; that number will drop drastically after the first cutoff on Friday, February 7th, when bills must be voted out of a policy committee in order to advance this session.

This week, GTHGA welcomed all three Commissioners and Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler to Olympia. We thank you for effective advocacy on behalf of County and WSAC priorities this week and will continue to look for opportunities for the Commissioners and County staff to engage in Olympia.

Legislative Priorities

Historic Skagit Courthouse Seismic Repairs

Skagit County is requesting \$150,000 in the Capital Budget for design and preconstruction for seismic repairs on the historic County Courthouse. Sen. Liz Lovelett (D- Anacortes) is sponsoring the request in the Senate. We are continuing to work with the Commissioners and County staff to secure a House sponsor. Rep. Debra Lekanoff (D- Bow) and Rep. Alex Ramel (D- Bellingham) will be discussing which of them will be making the request. This week, Commissioner Janicki met with Rep. Ramel's staff, and with Rep. Lekanoff, to discuss the project and has passed completed forms to the office. Commissioner Dahlstedt and GTHGA met with Sen. Lovelett's office to discuss the request on Thursday; we will continue to remain engaged with the sponsors to ensure the request moves forward smoothly.

House Bill 1590 - Councilmanic Local Option Housing Sales Tax

Skagit County is supporting House Bill 1590, sponsored by Rep. Beth Doglio (D- Olympia), and SB 6126 by Sen. Sam Hunt (D- Olympia) as a potential tool for the County to fund affordable housing and human services programs. GTHGA and the County met with multiple legislators to discuss this request this week. On Tuesday, GTHGA and Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler met with Sen. Lovelett's office to discuss the bill; Kayla provided context on the County's housing shortage and briefed the office on the County's projects that would be funded by the authorized revenue stream. Sen. Lovelett is an advocate for affordable housing and we are hopeful that she will join the County in supporting this bill.

On Thursday, GTHGA and Commissioner Janicki met with Rep. Doglio, the prime sponsor, to discuss strategy to move the bill forward. Rep. Doglio was pleased by the County's support for the bill. Rep. Doglio has been working with stakeholders to introduce minor amendments to the bill and has asked the County to review draft language. Once we receive the draft language, GTHGA will forward it to the County for review.

Supporting Other Association Priorities:

Separate Funding Stream for Involuntary Treatment Costs



Nothing to report this week. We will check in WSAC staff on the status of this request next week.

MAT Funding

The Association of Washington Cities is seeking funding to increase the use of medication assisted treatment (MAT). Their current hope is to secure a budget proviso for an assessment of how to replicate the type of services being offered at the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) which is confinement center providing services to seven member cities located in south King County. SCORE provides a relatively high-level of treatment services, including MAT. This approach may prove useful in developing a model that can be replicated statewide.

Increased Share of Marijuana Revenue

Existing resources/local gov

Snohomish County is leading the effort to increase the amount of revenue shared by the state with local governments. Draft bill language is still being finalized but the approach will likely remove the \$15 million cap on distributions to counties and cities.

Bill Summaries

Outlined below are relevant bills GTHGA is tracking for the County. Bills that are in the "lobbying" category are those that GTHGA is taking action to either advance or stall; bills that are marked as "monitoring" are those that GTHGA is keeping track of but not actively lobbying.

Lobbying

Bill Detail	<u>\$</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
HB 1679 (SSB 5676)	Councilmanic REET/GMA This bill provides counties and of more flexibility over imposing a The bill removes the current promay implement the tax.	.25 percent tax on the	sale of real estate (F	REET II).

HB 1718

This bill makes a number of changes to county and city financing tools with the intent of providing more flexibility in their use. The bill: 1) removes prohibitions on supplanting existing local government expenditures with proceeds from a locally imposed 0.1 percent sales and use tax dedicated to mental health and substance abuse; 2) allows all county authorities to seek voter approval for the criminal justice regular levy; 3) allows jurisdictions to use revenue generated with a levy lid lift to supplant existing funds; 4) Establishes the Developmental Disability and Mental Health Levy as a separate property tax levy outside the county general levy; 5) establishes the Veterans' Assistance Levy as a separate property tax levy outside the county general levy; and 6) requires the county legislative authority to budget the direct costs of administering the Veterans' Assistance Fund and prohibits the charging of indirect costs or fees.

H 2nd Reading

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Support



<u>HB 2247</u>	Marijuana licensing/zoning Aligning marijuana licensing decises zoning ordinances.	H Commerce & Gam sions by the liquor and ca	Goehner annabis board w	Support vith local
HB 2348 (SB 6229)	Housing funds/quality award Streamlining reporting for recipier Washington state quality award p	<u> </u>	Duerr ite funding by re	Supportemoving
HB 2421	Election cost reimbursement Concerning state reimbursement	H Approps of election costs.	Tarleton	Support
<u>HB 2494</u>	Public facilities tax/rural Concerning sales and use tax for	H Finance public facilities in rural o	Stonier r border countie	Support s.
HB 2526 (SB 6314)	Home foreclosure/taxes Protecting taxpayers from home to	H Local Govt foreclosure.	Volz	Oppose
<u>HB 2672</u>	Intensive rural development Concerning limited areas of more	H Env & Energy intensive rural developm	Barkis nent.	Support
<u>SSB</u> <u>5366</u>	Urban centers/multiple-units This bill allows all cities and town unit residential housing projects in	s to provide property tax	•	Support eligible multi
<u>SSB</u> <u>5676</u>	Councilmanic REET/GMA This bill which authorizes county growth management act to imposing referendum. The taxes may not expect toward capital projects. The process to repeal an ordinance in	se real estate excise taxe exceed .025 percent of the bill was amended in 201	s without issuin e selling price a	g a nd may be
ESB 5779	Ballot drop box placement Senate Bill 5779, sponsored by S requirement that the county audit 15,000 registered voters in the co for every 20,000 registered voters drop box must be in every city, to	or must have a minimum ounty. Instead, one ballot s in the county. The bill a	of one ballot dr drop box would lso eliminate tha	op box per be required at a ballot



SB 6126	Housing tax/councilmanic Allowing the local sales and use tax councilmanic authority.	S Rules 2 x for affordable housing to	Hunt be imposed by	Support ′ a
SB 6134	Election cost reimbursement Concerning state reimbursement of	S Ways & Means f election costs.	Hunt	Support
SB 6229 (HB 2348)	Housing funds/quality award Streamlining reporting for recipients Washington state quality award pro	s of housing-related state	Kuderer funding by rem	Support oving
SB 6314 (HB 2526)	Home foreclosure/taxes Protecting taxpayers from home for	S Ways & Means reclosure.	Holy	Oppose
SB 6328	Local infra. investment prg Creating a local infrastructure inves affordable housing, workforce house	stment program to suppor	•	Support ent of

Monitoring

Bill Details	<u> </u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
	Veterans' assistance levies	S Local Governmen	Chapman	
<u>HB 1829</u>	This bill allows counties to create a Washington Association of Countie		veteran assistance	fund. The
	Provides that veterans' assistance county's regular property tax levy.	levies are imposed as	part of or separate	from the
HB 2230 (SB 6080)	Indian tribe-owned property Subjecting federally recognized Inc governments for property owned e	dian tribes to the same		e and local
HB 2260	Dependency proceeding notice	H H Svcs & Erly	Griffey	
	Concerning the publication of notice	e for dependency prod	ceedings.	
HB 2275	Sewage wastewater discharges	H Env & Energy	Stokesbary	



Concerning certain illegal discharges of sewage wastewater into Puget Sound.

HB 2282	Unused public buildings Creating a grant program for convenience persons.	H Cap Budget verting unused public	Walsh buildings to housir	ng for
HB 2342	Comprehensive plan updates Aligning the timing of comprehens management act with the timing of shoreline management act.	sive plan updates requ	, ,	
HB 2343 (SB 6334)	Urban housing Concerning urban housing supply	H Env & Energy	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
HB 2420	Indigent defense/state Requiring the office of public defeindigent defense services.	H Approps ense to assume duties	Irwin for the provision of	of trial court
HB 2427 (SB 6453)	Climate change/GMA Tackling climate change as a goa	H Env & Energy	Duerr gement act.	
HB 2489 (SB 6212)	Affordable housing/prop. tax Concerning the authority of count limitations for the purpose of finar households and low-income house	ies, cities, and towns ncing affordable housi		
HB 2506	Marbled murrelet committee Increasing transparency in the marequiring advance public notice of		•	ess by
<u>HB 2549</u>	Salmon recovery efforts/GMA Integrating salmon recovery effort	H Env & Energy ts with growth manage	Lekanoff ement.	
<u>HB 2550</u>	Net ecological gain Establishing net ecological gain a development, and environmental		Lekanoff ion across identifie	ed land use,
HB 2553	Water resource policy group	H RDev, Ag&NR	Lekanoff	



Creating a joint executive, legislative, and interagency work group on water resource policy for the purpose of developing a statewide water action plan.

HB 2559 (SB 6365)	WDFW/payments in lieu of tax Concerning payments in lieu of rea wildlife.	. •	Springer department of fish	and
HB 2570	Accessory dwelling units Managing growth by planning and	••	Gregerson Iwelling units.	
HB 2603 (SB 6494)	Trust water rights Concerning trust water rights.	H RDev, Ag&NR	Springer	
HB 2609 (SB 6335)	Climate change/GMA Addressing climate change throug	H Env & Energy h growth management	Duerr	
HB 2625	Local parks funding options Concerning local parks funding op		Eslick	
HB 2649	Homeless shelter capacity Concerning homeless shelter capa		Ryu	Concerns
HB 2668	Affordable housing options Providing local governments with ocumunities.		Ryu ordable housing in t	heir
HB 2671	Short subdivisions Concerning short subdivisions.	H Local Govt	Walsh	
HB 2679 (SB 6451)	Nonprofit health carriers Concerning funding for individuals and for foundational public health s	•	Robinson r federal insurance	subsidies
HB 2687	GMA/affordable housing plans Planning for affordable housing un	H Env & Energy der the growth manage	Barkis ement act.	



HB 2714	Riparian easement carbon val	H RDev, Ag&NR	Hoff
(SB 6498)	Valuing the carbon in forest riparia	n easements.	
HB 2729	Small rural hospital payment	H Approps	Dufault
(SB 6354)	Providing enhanced payment to lo	w volume, small rural h	nospitals.
HB 2758	911 dispatch personnel/PTSD Recognizing posttraumatic stress of	•	Corry gency dispatch personnel.
HB 2765	Committee on water Creating a joint select committee of	H RDev, Ag&NR on water.	Lekanoff
HB 2778	Community redevel. financing Concerning community redevelopr	H Finance nent financing in appor	Sullivan rtionment districts.
HB 2780	Single-family zones	H Env & Energy	Macri
(SB 6536) Creating more housing options in traditionally single-famil			ly zones.
HJR	Community redevel. financing	H Finance	Sullivan
<u>4212</u>	Providing for community redevelop	ment financing in appo	ortionment districts.
SB 6036	Droughts/trust water rights Providing opportunities for drought	S Ag/Water/Natur mitigation using trust	Honeyford water rights.
SB 6080	Indian tribe-owned property	S State Govt/Tri	Hunt
(HB 2230)	Subjecting federally recognized Inc governments for property owned e		
SB 6150	GMA actions effective date Concerning the effective date of ce act.	S Local Governme ertain actions taken und	Salomon der the growth management
SB 6186	Homelessness diversion Prioritizing homelessness diversion	S Housing Stabil n services.	Zeiger



SB 6212 (HB 2489)	Affordable housing/prop. tax Concerning the authority of countie limitations for the purpose of finance households and low-income house	es, cities, and towns to cing affordable housing	, , ,	
SB 6260	Water resources/tribes Concerning tribal traditional and cu	S Ag/Water/Natur Iltural interests in wate	McCoy r resources.	
SB 6292	Water rights sales Concerning water rights sales.	S Ag/Water/Natur	Salomon	
SB 6301	Surface water rights Concerning public interest conside	S Ag/Water/Natur	Van De Wege	
	rights.		or change of surface water	
SB 6334	Urban housing	S Housing Stabil	Salomon	
(HB 2343)	Concerning urban housing supply.			
SB 6335	Climate change/GMA	S Local Governme	Salomon	
(HB 2609)	Addressing climate change through growth management.			
SB 6354	Small rural hospital payment	S Health & Long T	King	
(HB 2729)	Providing enhanced payment to lov	w volume, small rural h	nospitals.	
SB 6365	WDFW/payments in lieu of tax	S Ways & Means	Warnick	
(HB 2559)	Concerning payments in lieu of reawildlife.	ll property taxes by the	e department of fish and	
SB 6386	Low-income housing/fees Reducing impact fees for low-incor	S Housing Stabil ne housing.	Zeiger	
SB 6387	Housing/impact fee timelines Accelerating housing infrastructure	S Housing Stabil investments by adjust	Zeiger ting impact fee timelines.	



SB 6388	Housing/impact fees Concerning impact fees for multifa	S Housing Stabil mily and single-family	Zeiger housing.
SB 6446	Lodging taxes/housing Concerning lodging taxes for afford	S Housing Stabil dable housing.	Kuderer
SB 6451 (HB 2679)	Nonprofit health carriers Concerning funding for individuals and for foundational public health s	•	Frockt r federal insurance subsidies
SB 6453	Climate change/GMA	S Local Governme	Saldana
(HB 2427)	Tackling climate change as a goal	of the growth manage	ment act.
SB 6454	Salmon habitat planning	S Local Governmen	Saldana
	Concerning local salmon habitat recovery planning in critical areas.		
SB 6457	American dream homes Promoting housing affordability by homes.	S Housing Stabil incentivizing the const	Fortunato ruction of American dream
SB 6461	Project permit timelines Concerning permit timelines.	S Local Governmen	Fortunato
	Comp. plans/environment	S Local Governme	Wilson
SB 6463	Eliminating environmental analysis comprehensive plan.	and mitigation require	ements on projects within the
SB 6484	CTC property tax levy Allowing counties to seek voter ap technical college districts.	S Higher Ed & Wor proval for a property ta	Frockt ix levy to fund community and
SB 6494 (HB 2603)	Trust water rights Concerning trust water rights.	S Ag/Water/Natura	Rolfes



SB 6498 (HB 2714)	Riparian easement carbon val Valuing the carbon in forest riparia	S Ag/Water/Natur an easements.	Braun
SB 6514	Irrigation dist. elections	S Local Governmen	Schoesler
	Addressing irrigation district elections.		
	Archaeological sites	S State Govt/Tri	МсСоу
SB 6519	Requiring protection of archaeological and cultural sites by state agencies, local governments, and all recipients of state revenue.		by state agencies, local
SB 6545	Voluntary stewardship prog. Concerning the voluntary steward	S Local Governme ship program.	Zeiger

Upcoming Events

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/27 @ 1:30pm

HB 2549 - Public Hearing - Integrating salmon recovery efforts with growth management.

Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) - SHR 2, - 1/27 @ 1:30pm

- SB 6334 Public Hearing Concerning urban housing supply.
- SB 6387 Public Hearing Accelerating housing infrastructure investments by adjusting impact fee timelines.
- SB 6388 Public Hearing Concerning impact fees for multifamily and single-family housing.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/27 @ 1:30pm

 HB 2758 - Public Hearing - Recognizing posttraumatic stress disorders of 911 emergency dispatch personnel.

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/28 @ 8:00am

HB 2230 - Exec Session - Subjecting federally recognized Indian tribes to the same conditions
as state and local governments for property owned exclusively by the tribe.

Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/28 @ 8:00am

SB 6514 - Public Hearing - Addressing irrigation district elections.



Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/28 @ 10:00am

HB 2649 - Public Hearing - Concerning homeless shelter capacity. (Concerns)

Local Government (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/28 @ 10:00am

HB 2526 - Public Hearing - Protecting taxpayers from home foreclosure. (Oppose)

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/28 @ 10:00am

HB 2714 - Public Hearing - Valuing the carbon in forest riparian easements.

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/28 @ 3:30pm

- HB 2343 Exec Session Concerning urban housing supply.
- HB 2550 Public Hearing Establishing net ecological gain as a policy for application across identified land use, development, and environmental laws.
- HB 2570 Public Hearing Managing growth by planning and zoning for accessory dwelling units.
- HB 2609 Public Hearing Addressing climate change through growth management.

Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/29 @ 8:00am

- HB 2506 Exec Session Increasing transparency in the marbled murrelet advisory committee process by requiring advance public notice of all committee meetings.
- HB 2559 Exec Session Concerning payments in lieu of real property taxes by the department of fish and wildlife.

State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (Senate) - SHR 2, - 1/29 @ 8:00am

• SB 6519 - Public Hearing - Requiring protection of archaeological and cultural sites by state agencies, local governments, and all recipients of state revenue.

Health & Long Term Care (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/29 @ 1:30pm

SB 6354 - Public Hearing - Providing enhanced payment to low volume, small rural hospitals.

Housing Stability & Affordability (Senate) - SHR 2, - 1/29 @ 1:30pm

- SB 6212 Exec Session Concerning the authority of counties, cities, and towns to exceed statutory property tax limitations for the purpose of financing affordable housing for very lowincome households and low-income households.
- SB 6328 Exec Session Creating a local infrastructure investment program to support the development of affordable housing, workforce housing, and revitalization efforts. (Support)



Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/29 @ 3:30pm

- HB 2421 Public Hearing Concerning state reimbursement of election costs. (Support)
- HB 2679 Public Hearing Concerning funding for individuals who are not eligible for federal insurance subsidies and for foundational public health services.

Environment & Energy (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/30 @ 8:00am

- HB 2672 Public Hearing Concerning limited areas of more intensive rural development.
 (Support)
- HB 2687 Public Hearing Planning for affordable housing under the growth management act.

Labor & Workplace Standards (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/30 @ 8:00am

 HB 2758 - Exec Session - Recognizing posttraumatic stress disorders of 911 emergency dispatch personnel.

Local Government (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/30 @ 8:00am

SB 6545 - Public Hearing - Concerning the voluntary stewardship program.

Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (Senate) - SHR 3, - 1/30 @ 1:30pm

SB 6498 - Public Hearing - Valuing the carbon in forest riparian easements.

Finance (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/30 @ 1:30pm

 HB 1679 - Public Hearing - Authorizing cities planning under the growth management act to impose certain real estate excise taxes by councilmanic action. (Support)

Appropriations (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 1/30 @ 3:30pm

• HB 2729 - Public Hearing - Providing enhanced payment to low volume, small rural hospitals.

Ways & Means (Senate) - SHR 4, - 1/30 @ 3:30pm

 SB 6451 - Public Hearing - Concerning funding for individuals who are not eligible for federal insurance subsidies and for foundational public health services.

Housing, Community Development & Veterans (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 1/31 @ 10:00am

HB 2649 - Exec Session - Concerning homeless shelter capacity. (Concerns)

Local Government (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 1/31 @ 10:00am

• HB 2526 - Exec Session - Protecting taxpayers from home foreclosure. (Oppose)



Rural Development, Agriculture, & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 1/31 @ 10:00am

- HB 2603 Public Hearing Concerning trust water rights.
- HB 2765 Public Hearing Creating a joint select committee on water.