



**CITY OF SEATTLE
2016 STATE LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN**

March 7, 2016

Number 8

The City of Seattle is committed to being a safe, vibrant, interconnected, and affordable city.

Week Overview

With the end of session in sight, legislators worked long hours to pass bills by the Friday, March 4th cutoff – the deadline for bills to be passed out of the opposite chamber from where they originated. There are some exceptions to that cut-off, including bills considered necessary to implement the budget. Bills that passed by the deadline but were amended in the opposite chamber will return to the original chamber for “concurrence”. The original chamber has the option to accept the amendment or reject it, which would lead to negotiations for a final bill. With this important deadline passed, all focus turns to the budget negotiations. Although budget writers met over the weekend, there are some whispers starting of the possibility of a special session, or even the possibility that no supplemental budget will be passed at all.

On Friday, March 4th, Governor Inslee met with leaders from cities across the state to discuss the homelessness crisis. Councilmembers Bagshaw and Burgess attended on behalf of Seattle, along with Steve Walker and Jason Johnson.

Priority Areas

Safety Net and Housing

Preservation Tax Exemption

[SB 6239](#) (Sen. Fain-R) which provides a property tax exemption for the preservation of affordable housing, remained in House Rules and did not receive a vote prior to cutoff. The City supports this legislation and still hopes it will pass before Sine Die.

Tenant Protections

Sen. Mullet (D)’s [SB 6413](#) which would require a landlord to notify a prospective tenant if they will accept a comprehensive reusable tenant screen report prior to charging that prospective tenant for a background check or screening report was passed by the House on Wednesday, March 2nd, with a unanimous vote. The bill returns to the Senate for concurrence. The City supports this legislation.

[HB 1565](#) by Rep Ormsby (D) prohibits a person from discriminating against a tenant based on his or her source of income. After passing the House, this bill was referred to the Senate Human Services, Mental Health & Housing Committee, but was not scheduled for public hearing. The City supported this legislation.

Certificate of Restoration of Opportunity

[HB 1553](#) (Rep. Walkinshaw-D) which would provide a certificate to former offenders re-entering the workforce, passed the Senate unanimously on Thursday, March 3rd. The legislation would prohibit state and local governments from disqualifying an applicant for a license, certificate or other qualification to engage in certain professions or business solely based on the applicant's criminal history. The City supports this legislation.

Youth Mental Health

Rep. Kagi's (D) bill [SHB 2439](#) increasing access to adequate and appropriate mental health services for children and youth, passed the Senate unanimously on Thursday, March 3rd. Since the bill was amended in the Senate, it will now return to the House for concurrence. The City supports this legislation.

Homeless Youth

[HB 2834](#) (Rep. Senn-D), which allows unaccompanied youth ages 13 and older to give consent for the collection of personally identifying information for the Washington homeless client management information system failed to move from the Senate Rules Committee to the floor. The City supported this legislation.

Homeless Housing

[HB 2929](#) (Rep. Parker-R) providing temporary housing by religious organizations was passed unanimously by the Senate on Friday, March 4th, and returns to the House for concurrence.

Equal Pay Act

Rep. Senn's (D) Equal Pay Act, [HB 1646](#) was scheduled for executive action in the Senate Commerce and Labor committee on Friday, February 26th, but the motion to report the bill out of committee failed. This legislation would have banned employers from retaliating against employees who discuss wages or salaries with their coworkers and prohibited the provision of less favorable employment opportunities based on gender. The City supported this legislation.

Accommodations during Pregnancy

[ESSB 6149](#) (Sen. Keiser-D) will require employers of eight or more employees to provide reasonable accommodation in employment for pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related health conditions. The bill was the last bill the House considered prior to the 5:00 cutoff on Friday, March 4th. The bill passed with a 56-41 vote.

Public Safety and Government Operations

Body Camera Privacy and Task Force

Rep. Hansen's (D) [E2SHB 2362](#) which would create a system for requesting police body camera footage and making it available to the public, by setting parameters in the Public Records Act, and also create a task force for police body-worn camera policies, was passed on Friday, March

4th, as the last bill the Senate considered prior to the 5:00 pm cutoff. The vote was 37-9 with 3 excused. The bill returns to the House for concurrence. The City supports this legislation.

Pensions

[SB 6170](#) (Sen. Roach-R), passed the House on Tuesday, March 1st, and is on its way to the Governor's desk. This bill will expand investment opportunities for the pension programs of the Cities of Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma, by exempting certain information from public records requests. The City supports this legislation.

Post-incarceration Aid

Rep. Pettigrew's (D) [HB 2791](#), which authorizes the creation of a statewide council to help address and promote successful reentry of offenders after incarceration back into the public, passed the Senate on Friday, March 4th, on a vote of 44-1 with 4 absent or excused. The City supports this legislation.

Deadly Force

[HB 2908](#) (Rep. Ryu-D) relating to standards around the use of deadly force and creating a task force to look at community policing standards, passed the Senate on a bipartisan 45-2 vote on Tuesday, March 1st. The bill will now return to the House for a vote of concurrence.

Legal Financial Obligations

Rep. Goodman's (D) [E2SHB 1390](#) which would reduce some of the burden placed on indigent defendants by legal financial obligations, including eliminating certain interest accruals, establishing payment plans, and establishing new standards defining "willful failure to pay" was pulled to the Senate floor on Wednesday, March 2nd, but failed to be brought to a vote. This bill is necessary to implement the budget and so still has time to be considered. The City supports this legislation.

Business & Occupation Tax Task Force

[EHB 2959](#) (Rep. Lytton-D) establishing a task force led by the Department of Revenue to evaluate and recommend legislation and options to simplify the administration of local business taxes and licensing, was passed in the Senate Friday, March 4th, on a vote of 43-6. While concerns remain with the bill, city advocates were able to pass an amendment which requires the task force to produce a report, rather than legislation. With this amendment, the City took a neutral stance on the bill. The bill now returns to the House for concurrence.

Voting Rights Act

A modified version of the Voting Rights Act, [E2SHB 1745](#) (Rep. Moscoso-D), was pulled to the Senate floor on Tuesday, March 1st, but the bill failed to receive a vote on the floor. This bill would have established a Voting Rights Act which included a cause of action authorizing the courts to order remedies, such as redistricting with a political subdivision, for a violation of the Act. The City supports this legislation.

Statewide Rape Kit Tracking System

[SHB 2530](#) (Rep. Orwall-D), which sets up a statewide system to track all rape kits, passed the Senate unanimously on Thursday, March 3rd. The bill returns to the House for concurrence. The City supports this legislation.

Sexual Assault Victim Rights

[SB 6151](#), (Sen Litzow-R) allowing sexual assault victims to get a permanent protection order against attackers, was pulled from House Rules on Friday, March 4th, but did not receive a floor vote. The City supports this legislation.

Patronizing a Prostitute

[SB 5277](#) introduced by former Senator Kohl-Welles last session, ended session in the House Rules Committee when it failed to be pulled to the floor for a vote. This bill would have raised the penalty for patronizing a prostitute to a gross misdemeanor. The City supports this legislation.

Firearm Conviction Database

On Tuesday, March 1st, the Senate passed [SHB 2410](#) (Rep. Hayes-R) by a 46-1 vote. The bill requires any person convicted of a felony firearm offense that was committed in conjunction with a crime involving sexual motivation, a crime against a child, or a serious violent offense to register in the felony firearm offense conviction database. The City supports this legislation.

Education

Student Homelessness

[HB 1682](#) (Rep. Fey-D) seeks to improve education outcomes for homeless students through increased in-school guidance supports, housing stability, and identification services. This bill was passed by the Senate 42-6 on Thursday, March 3rd, and will return to the House for a concurrence vote. The City supports this legislation.

Foster Youth Educational Outcomes

[4SHB 1999](#) (Sen. Carlyle-D) passed the Senate unanimously on Friday, March 4th, and is headed to the governor's desk. The bill seeks to improve educational outcomes for foster youth by changing oversight responsibilities and coordinating service within state departments. The City supports this legislation.

Educational Opportunity Gap

[4SHB 1541](#) (Rep. Santos) passed the Senate with a 38-10-1 vote on Friday, March 4th. The bill seeks to close the educational opportunity gap by, in part, developing language proficiency and instructional practices, requiring cultural competency training for school staff, and changing disciplinary laws. The bill now returns to the House for concurrence. The City supports this legislation.

Free and Reduced Meals in School

Two bills addressing free and reduced meals at school failed to receive a vote in the Senate Ways and Means committee prior to deadline. [E3SHB 1295](#) introduced by Rep. Hudgins (D), more commonly known as the "Breakfast After the Bell" bill, would have required high-needs schools to offer breakfast after the bell to each student and provide adequate time for each student to eat their breakfast. [SHB 2964](#) by Rep. Gregerson (D), would have eliminated lunch copays for students who qualify for reduced-price lunches. The City supported both pieces of legislation.

Early Learning

[SHB 2719](#) (Rep. Senn-D), aimed at providing vulnerable children with 12 months of early learning, failed to be passed out of the Senate Ways & Means Committee. The City supported this legislation.

Transportation

Oil Transportation Safety

Oil transportation safety legislation [SHB 2575](#) (Rep. Farrell-D) failed to receive a vote in the Senate Ways & Means Committee after a public hearing on February 29th. The City supported this legislation.

Environment

Solar Incentives

[SHB 2346](#) (Rep. Morris-D) regarding the solar production incentive remained in Senate Ways and Means committee without receiving a vote. The bill is considered necessary to implement the budget, however, so is still viable. Issues still remain regarding a clause which would void the legislation should the Governor enact his Clean Air rule and concerns continue that the incentive rates are too low. The City supports this legislation.

Hydro License Fee

[HB 1130](#) which extends the fee FERC license holders (including SCL) pay the Departments of Ecology and Fish & Wildlife to process Utilities' clean water permits required for FERC license was passed by the Senate 46-3 on Friday, March 4th. Negotiated amendments to reduce the time before the fee is up for review, and to add new accountability measures were added on the floor, and the bill returns to the House for concurrence. The City supports this legislation.

Coal-by-wire

[ESSB 6248](#) (Sen. Erickson-R) concerning risk mitigation plans to promote the transition of eligible coal units by decommissioning Puget Sound Energy's Units 1 and 2 at Colstrip in Montana passed the House 92-5 (1 excused) on Friday, March 4th. The bill now goes to the Governor for signature.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, March 10th, is the official date for the Legislature to adjourn Sine Die.

Bill Status Report

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
HB 1182 (SB 5088)	Geological hazard assessment	Concerning a geological hazards assessment.	H Ag & Nat Res	Hurst
SHB 1257 (SB 5123)	Tenant screening reports	Concerning tenant screening.	H Judiciary	Walkinshaw
E3SHB 1295 (SB 5437)	Breakfast after the bell	Concerning breakfast after the bell programs.	S Ways & Means	Hudgins
HB 1355 (SB 5285)	Minimum hourly wage increase	Increasing the minimum hourly wage to twelve dollars over four years.	H Labor & Workpla	Farrell
HB 1356 (SB 5306)	Sick & safe employment leave	Establishing minimum standards for sick and safe leave from employment.	H Labor & Workpla	Jinkins
2SHB 1436 (2SSB 5404)	Homeless youth	Concerning homeless youth prevention and protection.	H Erly Lrn/H Svc	Kagi
E2SHB 1472 (SB 5406)	Chemical action plans	Concerning using chemical action plans to require safer chemicals in Washington.	H Environment	Fitzgibbon
HB 1481 (E2SSB 5564)	Juvenile records and fines	Concerning the sealing of juvenile records and fines imposed in juvenile cases.	H Erly Lrn/H Svc	Kagi
HB 1487 (SB 5423)	Clean car stds and program	Reducing emissions by making changes to the clean car standards and clean car program.	H Environment	Fey
HB 1525 (SB 5008)	Beverage containers	Concerning beverage containers.	H Rules R	Caldier
HB 1565 (SB 5378)	Housing options/govt progrms	Concerning the preservation of housing options for participants in government assistance programs.	S HumSer/MenHlth/	Ormsby
HB 1579	Underinsured motor vehicle	Addressing motor vehicle underinsured coverage.	H Bus & Fin Svcs	Sawyer
ESHB 1646 (SB 5630)	Equal pay and opportunities	Enacting the equal pay opportunity act by amending and enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act and protecting worker communications about wages and employment opportunities.	S Commerce and La	Senn
3SHB 1713	Mental hlth, chem dependency	Integrating the treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency.	S Rules 2	Cody

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
EHB 1729 (SSB 5631)	Domestic violence victims	Concerning the administration of a statewide network of community-based domestic violence victim services by the department of social and health services.	H Public Safety	Pettigrew
E2SHB 1850	DOT, local reviews & permits	Exempting certain department of transportation actions from local review or permit processes under the shoreline management act.	H Local Govt	Hayes
HB 1911 (SSB 5795)	Water or sewer facilities	Authorizing municipalities to create assessment reimbursement areas for the construction or improvement of water or sewer facilities.	H Local Govt	Fitzgibbon
HB 1917	Recordings/law enf., etc.	Concerning video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers.	H Judiciary	Hansen
HB 2133	Childcare provider addresses	Exempting the addresses of certain child care providers from the public records act.	H State Governmen	Hunt
HB 2211	Vapor products taxation	Concerning vapor products, e-cigarette, and nicotine products tax and regulatory reform to support youth substance prevention.	H Finance	Pollet
HB 2310	Fire prevention/2016	Concerning fire prevention in 2016.	H Ag & Nat Res	Van De Wege
EHB 2362	Recordings/law enf., etc.	Concerning video and/or sound recordings made by law enforcement or corrections officers.	S Passed 3rd	Hansen
HB 2368	Marijuana delivery/pilot prg	Creating a two-year pilot program authorizing up to five qualified licensed marijuana retailers to deliver marijuana to Washington residents in a city with a population of over six hundred fifty thousand.	H Rules X	Hurst
HB 2374	Statewide ammunition fee	Concerning a statewide ammunition fee to fund local public safety.	H Judiciary	Senn
HB 2377	Schools/GMA	Establishing schools as essential public facilities	H Local Govt	Taylor

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
		within the growth management act.		
SHB 2440	Youth host home programs	Concerning host home programs for youth.	S Passed 3rd	Kagi
2SHB 2449	Truancy reduction	Providing court-based and school-based intervention and prevention efforts to promote attendance and reduce truancy.	S Passed 3rd	Orwall
HB 2460 (SB 6351)	Firearms/public places	Providing local authorities with the authority to regulate firearms in certain public places.	H Judiciary	Walkinshaw
HB 2468 (ESSB 6334)	GMA/rail dependent uses	Concerning rail dependent uses for purposes of the growth management act and related development regulations.	H Local Govt	Pike
HB 2491	Local wage law preemption	Establishing state preemption of local wage laws and contracts.	H Labor & Workpl	Manweller
HB 2494 (SB 6486)	Marijuana offense penalties	Concerning penalties for marijuana offenses.	S Law & Justice	Tarleton
HB 2509 (SSB 6227)	Wildlife and recreation prg.	Implementing the recommendations of the 2015 review of the Washington wildlife and recreation program.	H Rules R	Tharinger
2SHB 2530 (SB 6484)	Victims of sex crimes	Protecting victims of sex crimes.	S Passed 3rd	Orwall
ESHB 2540 (SB 6412)	Annual tax surveys & reports	Modifying the penalty for taxpayers that do not submit an annual survey or report.	S Pres Signed	Nealey
HB 2547	Synthetic turf materials	Ensuring that recreational facilities with synthetic turf materials are not a hazard to public health.	H Environment	Pollet
HB 2569	Police & fire in HOV lanes	Authorizing the use of high occupancy vehicle lanes by law enforcement and fire department vehicles.	H Trans	Sells
HB 2574	Distracted driving incidents	Enhancing public safety by reducing distracted driving incidents caused by the use of personal wireless communications devices.	H Approps	Farrell

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
SHB 2575	Oil transportation safety	Continuing state efforts to increase oil transportation safety.	S Ways & Means	Farrell
SHB 2585 (SSB 6342)	Private activity bond alloc.	Concerning private activity bond allocation.	S Rules 2	Robinson
HB 2614	Flood risk & habitat proj.	Providing for flood risk reduction and habitat restoration projects in the state.	H Cap Budget	DeBolt
HB 2648 (SB 6170)	Retirement info. disclosure	Providing for an exemption from disclosure of certain financial, commercial, and proprietary information held by a city retirement board on behalf of its employees' retirement system.	S Rules 2	Fey
HB 2672	Utility relocation costs	Relating to utility relocation costs.	H Tech & Econ D	Zeiger
ESHB 2700	Impaired driving	Concerning impaired driving.	S 2nd Reading	Goodman
HB 2738	Concealed firearm permission	Requiring permission to bring a concealed firearm into another person's residence or dwelling place.	H Judiciary	Hunt
HB 2752	Religion/gov. discrimination	Enacting the protection of the rights of religious exercise and conscience from government discrimination act.	H Judiciary	Griffey
HB 2782	Gender segregated facilities	Concerning the use of facilities segregated by gender.	H Judiciary	Klippert
HB 2811 (ESB 6413)	Landlord-tenant provisions	Modifying residential landlord-tenant act provisions relating to tenant screening, evictions, and refunds.	H Rules X	Walkinshaw
HB 2818	Covering of loads on highway	Concerning the covering of loads on public highways.	H Trans	Kilduff
HB 2822	Underservd grps/I-200 repeal	Restoring the fair treatment of underserved groups in public employment, education, and contracting.	H Cap Budget	Santos
HB 2935 (SB 6443)	Gender seg. facility rules	Concerning human rights commission rules on gender segregated facilities.	H Judiciary	Van Werven
SHB 2936 (SB 6596)	Public investments	Concerning public investments.	S Ways & Means	Senn

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
HB 2941	School bathrooms	Concerning privacy and sex-specific use of school bathrooms and athletic facilities.	H Judiciary	Short
EHB 2959	Business tax & licenses	Concerning local business tax and licensing simplification.	S Passed 3rd	Lytton
HB 2966	Transp. electrification	Concerning electrification of transportation infrastructure.	H Tech & Econ D	Muri
2ESB 5251 (HB 1464)	Public water syst assistance	Transferring public water system financial assistance activities from the public works board and the department of commerce to the department of health.	S Pres Signed	Honeyford
SB 5277	Patronizing a prostitute	Making the crime of patronizing a prostitute a gross misdemeanor.	H Rules R	Kohl-Welles
SB 5378 (HB 1565)	Housing options/govt progrms	Concerning the preservation of housing options for participants in government assistance programs.	S HumSer/MenHlth/	Kohl-Welles
SB 5604	Countywide planning policies	Addressing the review and evaluation of countywide planning policies under the growth management act.	S GovtOp&Sec	Liias
SB 5894	Unlawful activity/properties	Addressing unlawful activities on certain properties.	H Rules R	Sheldon
SB 6115	Water, sewerage businesses	Limiting tax imposed by a city or town on a water distribution business, a sewerage system business, or water and sewerage system business.	S GovtOp&Sec	Chase
SB 6163	District charter schools	Authorizing district charter schools.	S EL/K-12	Billig
SB 6192	Educational opportunity gap	Implementing strategies to close the educational opportunity gap, based on the recommendations of the educational opportunity gap oversight and accountability committee.	S EL/K-12	McCoy
SSB 6227 (HB 2509)	Wildlife and recreation prg.	Implementing the recommendations of the 2015 review of the Washington	H Passed 3rd	Honeyford

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
		wildlife and recreation program.		
2SSB 6239 (HB 2544)	Affordable housing options	Providing local governments with options to preserve affordable housing in their communities.	H Rules R	Fain
SSB 6265 (HB 2611)	Ag. vehicle weight limits	Concerning vehicle weight limits for the movement of agricultural commodities.	H Trans	King
SB 6280 (HB 2828)	Potentially unstable slopes	Concerning forest practices board rules to decrease risks to public safety from potentially unstable slopes.	S Natural Resour	Rolfes
SB 6310	Firearm responsible storage	Promoting the safety of children and communities through responsible storage of firearms.	S Law & Justice	Jayapal
ESSB 6334 (HB 2468)	GMA/rail dependent uses	Concerning rail dependent uses for purposes of the growth management act and related development regulations.	H Local Govt	Benton
SB 6375	Marijuana clubs	Modifying marijuana club provisions.	S Commerce and L	Rivers
ESB 6413 (HB 2811)	Landlord-tenant provisions	Modifying residential landlord-tenant act provisions relating to tenant screening, evictions, and refunds.	H Passed 3rd	Mullet
SB 6418	Oil transportation safety	Concerning oil transportation safety.	S Energy, Enviro	Ranker
SB 6443 (HB 2935)	Gender seg. facility rules	Concerning human rights commission rules on gender segregated facilities.	S Failed 3rd	Ericksen
SB 6444	Commercial trans. providers	Regulating providers of commercial transportation services.	S Transportation	Braun
2SSB 6497	Truancy reduction	Providing court-based and school-based intervention and prevention efforts to promote attendance and reduce truancy.	H Rules R	Hargrove
SB 6509	Viaduct project contingency	Concerning contingency planning for the state route number 99 Alaskan Way viaduct replacement project.	S Transportation	Baumgartner
SB 6527	Environmental policy reviews	Incentivizing trade and economic development	S Rules X	Brown

Bill #	Abbrev. Title	Short Description	Status	Sponsor
		through state environmental policy reviews.		
SB 6540	Safe playgrounds & turf	Ensuring safe playgrounds and turf fields.	S Energy, Enviro	Chase
SB 6548	Gender-segregated facilities	Allowing the use of gender-segregated facilities.	S Rules X	Warnick
SB 6578	Private employers/local reg.	Addressing local regulation of private employers.	S Rules X	Baumgartner
SB 6592	Rent increase notices	Modifying notice requirements for rent increases under the residential landlord-tenant act.	S Fin Inst/Ins	Jayapal
SB 6596 (SHB 2936)	Public investments	Concerning public investments.	S Ways & Means	Hill
ESSB 6605	Solid waste/disease & pests	Ensuring that solid waste management requirements prevent the spread of disease, plant pathogens, and pests.	H Passed 3rd	Warnick
SB 6645	Local gov. mediation	Allowing a city, town, code city, or county to request mediation in the event of a conflict with another city, town, code city, or county.	S Rules X	Roach
SB 6647	Homelessness	Responding to the crisis of homelessness in Washington.	S Ways & Means	Nelson
SB 6660	Hazardous substance tax rate	Concerning the hazardous substance tax rate.	S Ways & Means	Keiser