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Week Overview

The Legislature completed the 105 day regular session on Sunday without reaching agreement on either the state's operating or capital budgets. They did, however, pass a bare-bones transportation budget that essentially provides continued funding for many projects already underway.

The Governor has called the Legislature back for a special session to begin on May 13th. The House and Senate continue to remain far apart on the operating budget, including whether or not to raise additional revenue to fund education.

Bills that did not pass both chambers in the same form are returned to their House of origin.

Areas of Primary Focus

Protecting the most vulnerable families and individuals

House and Senate Budget Proposals

SB 5034: Making 2013-14 Operating Appropriations

Sponsor: Senator Andy Hill

Co-Sponsors: Hargrove

Summary: As this budget proposal passed the Senate, the bill made a 50% cut to the liquor taxes distributed to local governments, made cuts to housing and homelessness programs and TANF, and redirected significant funding from the Public Works Trust fund.

The House amended this bill with a striker amendment of their budget proposal. This bill, as it passed the House, includes an assumption of \$1.34 billion in new revenue from ending tax exemptions, preserves funding for the Housing and Essential Needs program and TANF, and retains local shared revenues.

Status: SB 5034 passed on the Senate floor in a 30-18 vote on April 5th. The bill was referred to the House Appropriations Committee, and ESSB 5034 passed on the House floor on April 19th in a vote of 54 to 43, with 1 excused.

HB 2038: Investing in the education legacy trust account for K-12 basic education and higher education by narrowing or eliminating tax preferences and extending taxes set to expire.

Sponsor: Representative Reuven Carlyle

Co-Sponsors: Hunter, Ormsby, Tharinger, Reykdal, Pollet

Summary: This bill eliminates and repeals a number of tax exemptions and extends current taxes to invest in the Education Legacy Trust Fund for K12 basic education and higher education. On April 24th, 2038 passed the House

50 to 47 (with 1 excused.) The amended package includes just under \$900 million in new revenue, after taking out the beer tax extension, sales tax to janitorial services, and preferential rates for stevedoring and insurance agents.

Status: HB 2038 was heard in the House Finance committee on April 19th.

Education

[HB 1505](#): Raising the minimum state funding assistance percentage for the school construction assistance program.

Sponsor: Representative Jamie Pedersen

Co-Sponsors: Carlyle, Warnick, Lytton, Pollet, Maxwell, Santos, Dunshee, Farrell, Sullivan, Hunter, Fitzgibbon, Cody, Kagi, Van De Wege, Tharinger, Bergquist, Hudgins, Tarleton, Goodman, Pettigrew, Springer, Ryu, Morrell

Summary: HB 1505 would assist local school districts with construction capacity by requiring the Superintendent of Public Instruction to set the minimum funding assistance percentage at 30 percent of project costs for the School Construction Assistance Program, instead of the current 20 percent.

Status: HB 1505 is still in committee.

Companion Bill: [SB 5642](#)

Sponsor: Senator David Frockt

Co-Sponsors: Murray, Nelson, Kohl-Welles, Hasegawa, Chase, Kline

Status: SB 5642 is still in committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

[HB 1723](#): Concerning early learning opportunities.

Sponsor: Representative Ruth Kagi

Co-Sponsors: Walsh, Farrell, Maxwell, Roberts, Freeman, Goodman, Sawyer, Sullivan, Jenkins, Seaquist, Lytton, Haigh, Hunter, Morrell, Sells, Ryu, Morris, McCoy, Reykdal, Tarleton, Tharinger, Pollet, Fey, Moscoso, Bergquist, Ormsby, Santos

Summary: HB 1723 addresses funding for home visits to expectant mothers and parents of newborns, increasing subsidies for high quality child care, and expanding preschool education. The final bill requires DEL to make recommendations on the Working Connections Childcare subsidy, state-funded preschool rates, and compensation for providers. The bill also makes the following changes subject to appropriated funding: expanding the state preschool program, increasing the base rate for child care providers by 10% with tiered rates for those meeting certain requirements, and increasing the rate for WCC providers by 5% for those meeting certain standards.

Status: HB 1723 passed out of the House 59-38 (with one excused). HB 1723 passed the Senate 46 to 2 with 1 excused, with amendments. The House refused to concur with the Senate amendments. The Senate receded, and then passed a compromise striking amendment 44 to 3 (2 excused,) which also passed the House 63 to 35.

City Position: Seattle supports the policy of this legislation.

Transportation, Economic Development, and Infrastructure

Transportation Revenue

[HB 1954](#): Proposes a statewide transportation package.

Sponsor: Representative Judy Clibborn

Co-Sponsors: Moscoso, Fey, Ryu, Riccelli, Farrell, Lias, Pollet, Ormsby, Tarleton, Roberts, Wylie, Morris, Bergquist, Moeller

Summary: This transportation proposal would raise approximately \$10 billion over the next ten years, primarily through a gas tax and a statewide MVET. The package would primarily fund large state projects with some revenue going to towards maintenance, transit, and local needs.

Status: This bill was heard in the House Transportation Committee on April 19th and would be necessary to implement the budget and Councilmember Mike O'Brien testified on behalf of the City, focusing on the local options piece and importance of transit funding to the region's economic health.

Local Transportation Options

HB 1959: Concerning local transportation options.

Sponsor: Representative Jessyn Farrell

Co-Sponsors: Fitzgibbon, Kagi, Pedersen, Bergquist, Pollet, Tarleton, Cody, Ryu, Fey

Summary: HB 1959 provides for a 1.5% MVET in King County and councilmanic authority for TBDs to increase vehicle fees from \$20 to \$40. The legislation would help preserve essential bus service in King County and provide needed resources to repair and maintain local roads and bridges.

Status: HB 1959 is considered necessary to implement the budget. It is currently in the House Rules Committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Transportation Budget

Transportation Budget: SB 5024: Making transportation appropriations for 2011-13 and 2013-15.

Sponsor: Sen. Curtis King

Co-Sponsors: Senators Eide and McAuliffe

Summary: The Legislature passed a bare bones transportation budget that essentially continues funding for projects already underway. SDOT will review the final version and we will provide a more thorough summary.

Status: On Sunday, the bill passed the House 72-25 and passed the Senate 46-1.

Capital Budget

HB 1089: Adopting the 2013-2015 Capital Budget

Sponsor: Representative Hans Dunshee

Co-Sponsors: Warnick

Summary: The House Capital Budget Committee passed a striking amendment for the House capital budget proposal. The Capital Budget includes funding for many excellent projects that Seattle supports. Work continues on a number of key issues including the Housing Trust Fund, MTCA, as well as investments in energy efficiency, among others.

Status: This budget bill passed the House Capital Budget Committee on April 12th.

Companion Bill: SB 5035

Sponsor: Senator Jim Honeyford

Co-Sponsors: Nelson, Shin

Status: This budget bill passed out of the Senate Ways and Means Committee on April 15th.

SB 5445: Funding School Capital Projects

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Schoesler, Dammeier, Braun, Parlette, Litzow, Baumgartner, Carrell, Sheldon, Ericksen, Becker, King, Fain, Bailey, Tom.

Summary: Authorizes the state finance committee to issue \$475 million in general obligation bonds to finance public school projects.

Status: This bill passed the Senate 47 to 0, and it was heard in the House Capital Budget committee on April 12th.

Public Safety

HB 1045: Authorizing certain local authorities to establish maximum speed limits on certain non-arterial highways.

Sponsor: Representative Cindy Ryu

Co-Sponsors: Angel, Moscoso, Clibborn, Upthegrove, Fitzgibbon, Lias, Pedersen, Stanford, Farrell, Morrell, Pollet, Bergquist, Fey

Summary: HB 1045 would allow cities to lower the speed limits on certain streets to 20 MPH.

Status: HB 1045 passed the House on a vote of 86 to 10 (with 2 excused). HB 1045 passed the Senate 45 to 2, with 2 excused. The bill has been signed by the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, and the bill has been delivered to the Governor.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

SB 5902: Relating to Driving Under the Influence

Sponsors: Senator Mike Padden and Senator Adam Kline

Summary: This bill includes many measures to address the problem of those driving under the influence, including creating the crime of refusal to take a breath test, making a fourth DUI offense a felony, and creating a mark for licenses which would prohibit the holder from purchasing alcohol.

Status: SB 5902 was heard on April 18th in a joint meeting of the Senate Law & Justice Committee and the House Public Safety Committee, and it was the topic of committee work sessions on April 23rd and April 26th.

HB 2030: Modifying provisions that address impaired driving.

Sponsor: Representative Dawn Morrell

Co-Sponsors: Klippert, Goodman, Short, Van de Wege, Warnick, Bergquist, Harris, Hansen, Zeiger, Tharinger, Hurst, Dahlquist, Fitzgibbon, Kochmar, Fey, Hope, Kirby, O'Ban, Seaquist, Haler, Habib, Hargrove, Sells, Smith, Stanford, Sullivan, Maxwell, McCoy, Springer, Hunt, Lias, Stonier, Pollet, Ryu, Farrell, Orwall, Moscoso, Upthegrove

Summary: This governor request legislation includes a variety of measures to address the problem of those driving under the influence, including provisions related to ignition interlock devices, marked licenses, increased jail sentences, and treatment options.

Status: The bill was heard in the House Public Safety Committee on April 18th. The House Public Safety Committee declined to vote on the bill during a committee meeting on April 24th.

Companion Bill: SB 5912

Sponsor: Senator Mike Padden

Co-Sponsors: Kline, Conway

Status: This bill was heard in the House Public Safety Committee on April 18th and was discussed during work sessions on April 23rd and April 26th.

HB 1482: Modifying provisions that address impaired driving.

Sponsor: Representative Roger Goodman

Co-Sponsors: Habib, Kirby, Orwall, Hurst, Moscoso, Takko, Seaquist, Bergquist, Ryu, Fey, Appleton, McCoy, Green, Pollet, Lias, Stonier.

Summary: HB 1482 would reform our current DUI provisions and strengthen accountability measures for first time and repeat offenders. Among other provisions, the bill strengthens state requirements regarding ignition interlock devices and amends the definition of a prior offense to acknowledge plea bargains.

Status: HB 1482 was passed out of the House Public Safety committee on February 14th.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Human Trafficking

SB 5488: Establishing an enhanced penalty for the use of an internet advertisement to facilitate the commission of a sex-trafficking crime.

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: Padden, Kline, Darneille, Fraser, Ranker, Keiser, Delvin, Carrell, McAuliffe, Chase, Conway

Summary: SB 5488 requires an additional fee of five thousand dollars per offense to be assessed on a person convicted of commercial sexual abuse of a minor, promoting commercial sexual abuse of a minor, or promoting travel for commercial sexual abuse of a minor, when the court finds that an internet advertisement in which the victim of the crime was described or depicted was instrumental in facilitating the commission of the crime.

Assistant Chief Dick Reed and Detective Todd Novidsedlak from SPD both testified on this bill in the Senate and House hearings.

Status: SB 5488 passed out of the Senate in a 49-0 vote. The bill successfully made it through the House Public Safety and Rules committees and passed out of the House Chamber 97 to 0, with one excused. The bill has been signed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker, and the Governor, and it will be effective July 28, 2013.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

[SB 5308](#): Establishing the commercially sexually exploited children statewide coordinating committee.

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: Carrell, Darneille, Padden, Kline, Hargrove, Fraser, Chase, Keiser, Conway, Cleveland, Tom

Summary: SB 5308 will establish a committee to work on this issue.

Status: The bill passed the Senate 49 to 0, and it passed the House 97 to 0, with 1 excused. The Senate concurred with the House amendments, and the bill has been signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

[SB 5563](#): Regarding training for school employees in the prevention of sexual abuse.

Sponsor: Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles

Co-Sponsors: Litzow, Rolfes, Keiser, McAuliffe, Kline

Summary: SB 5563 requires the office of the superintendent of public instruction to develop and implement a training program for school employees regarding prevention of sexual abuse, commercial sexual abuse of a minor, and sexual exploitation of a minor.

Status: SB 5563 passed out of the chamber in a 49-0 vote. The bill also passed out of the House Chamber in a 97-0, one excused, vote on April 3rd. The bill has been signed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker and the Governor, and it will go into effect on July 28, 2013.

[HB 1291](#): Concerning Services for Victims of the Sex Trade.

Sponsor: Representative Tina Orwall

Co-Sponsors: Kochmar, Hope, Parker, Goodman, Jinkins, Upthegrove, Ryu, Stanford, Roberts, Hurst, Morrell, Tarleton, Wylie, Bergquist, Ormsby

Summary: HB 1291 directs current offender fees towards services for victims.

Status: HB 1291 passed the House 97 to 0, with 1 excused. The bill passed the Senate 47 to 0, with 2 excused, and the House concurred with the Senate amendments. The bill has been signed by the Speaker of House and the President of the Senate, and it has been delivered to the Governor.

City Fiscal Health

[HB 1368](#): Concerning the distribution of state liquor revenues to cities and counties.

Sponsor: Representative Steve Tharinger

Co-Sponsors: Springer, Orcutt, Ryu, Fey, Zeiger, Moscoso, Kochmar, Magendanz, Hayes, Sells, Hargrove, Morrell, Freeman

Summary: HB 1368 would restore the growth in liquor revenues to cities and counties.

Status: This bill is currently in the House Appropriations Committee. This bill could be considered necessary to implement the budget.

Companion Bill: [SB 5703](#)

Sponsor: Senator Steve Hobbs

Status: SB 5703 has been referred to Senate Ways & Means. This issue could be considered necessary to implement the budget.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Local Revenue Authority

SB 5688: Simplifying definitions and classifications concerning state and local tax systems.

Sponsor: Senator John Braun

Co-Sponsors: Carrell, Dammeier, Rivers, Sheldon, Hobbs

Summary: SB 5688 was amended on the Senate floor and turned into a study bill. It would have representatives from cities, the business community and DOR meet through the interim to discuss and make recommendations regarding state and local B&O tax uniformity, business classifications, apportionment, and nexus. DOR would submit a report detailing recommendations in December.

Status: SB 5688 was voted out of the Senate in a 35-14 vote. The bill was referred to the House Finance Committee but did not receive consideration. However, the Senate leadership has indicated that this bill remains a priority.

City Position: Seattle opposes this legislation.

SB 5656: Revising Business Licensing Systems.

Sponsor: Senator John Braun

Co-Sponsors: Carrell, Rivers, Sheldon, Hobbs, Fain

Summary: SB 5656 was amended on the Senate floor to require cities to join either the state's business licensing system or the five-cities-portal system then was subsequently amended in the House Local Government Committee. The new version delays the deadline for when cities must join either system and to provide cities and DOR with off-ramps from the requirements.

Status: SB 5656 passed the Senate in a 33-16 vote. The bill passed the out of the House Local Government Committee and was referred to Appropriations where it was heard on April 2nd. The bill did not pass out of committee before cutoff. The Senate has included the bill as part of their budget.

City Position: Seattle opposes this legislation.

Other Issues of Significant Interest

Disabled Parking Placards

HB 1946: Concerning Special Parking Privileges for Persons with Disabilities.

Sponsor: Representative Sam Hunt

Co-Sponsor: Reykdal

Summary: HB 1946 would help reduce disabled parking placard abuse by improving enforcement of illegal use of placards and by establishing a work group that will develop recommendations for other ways to curtail abuse.

Status: HB 1946 passed the House 98-0. The bill was voted out of the Senate Transportation Committee on March 21st, but unfortunately the bill was not voted on in the Senate before the cutoff for policy bills and is officially dead for this session. However, the final transportation budget includes the work group language from the bill. The work group will develop a strategic plan to reduce the abuse of disabled parking placards and make recommendations on legislation for next session.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Towing

HB 1625: Concerning limitations on certain tow truck operator rates.

Sponsor: Representative Gerry Pollet

Co-Sponsors: Clibborn, Kagi, Pedersen, Hunt, Ricelli, Appleton, Hudgins, Moscoso, Fitzgibbon, Morrell, Sells, Bergquist

Summary: The bill would establish statewide maximum rates on private impound tows. The bill was amended on the floor to clarify that Seattle would retain the ability to set rates and related charges should the City prevail in pending litigation.

Status: HB 1625 passed the House 91-7. The bill passed the Senate unamended 47 to 0, with 2 excused. The bill has been signed by the Speaker, the President of the Senate, and the Governor.

Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Energy Efficiency

[E2SSB 5802](#): Developing recommendations to achieve the state's greenhouse gas emissions targets.

Sponsor: Senator Kevin Ranker

Co-Sponsors: Litzow, Frockt, Cleveland, Billig, Kohl-Welles, Murray, McAuliffe

Summary: This legislation was requested by Governor Inslee, and it creates the Climate Legislative and Executive Work Group and commissions a report to evaluate approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Status: SB 5802 passed out of the House and Senate Chambers with the Speaker and President signing off, respectively. The bill was signed into law by Governor Inslee on April 2nd, effective immediately.

Reducing Toxins

[HB 1294](#): Concerning Flame Retardants.

Sponsor: Representative Kevin Van de Wege

Summary: This bill will ban the manufacture, sale, and distribution of children's products with high levels of TDCPP or TCEP flame retardant chemicals. Amendments in the Senate restricted the bill to these currently known chemicals.

Status: HB 1294 passed out of the House in a 53-44 vote, with 1 excused. On April 17th, the bill passed the Senate 30 to 18, with 1 excused. The House refused to concur on the Senate amendments and has requested a conference committee.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Sick Leave

[SB 5726](#): Placing geographic limitations on local paid sick leave and paid safe leave programs.

Sponsor: Senator John Braun

Co-Sponsors: Tom, Bailey, Schoesler, Padden, Benton

Summary: SB 5726 would place limits on Seattle's current law.

Status: SB 5726 passed out of the Senate in a 29-20 vote, with some amendments. SB 5726 was referred to the House Labor & Workforce Development Committee where the bill was not considered in committee. Therefore, the bill is officially dead for this session.

City Position: Seattle **opposes** this legislation.

Public Works Contracting

[HB 1466](#): Revising Alternative Public Works Contracting Procedures.

Sponsor: Representative Kathy Haigh

Co-Sponsors: Warnick, Dunshee, Fey, Kristiansen, Reykdal

Summary: HB 1466 reauthorizes the alternative public works contracts and makes other changes recommended by the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB).

Status: HB 1466 passed the House unanimously, with 3 excused. The bill passed the Senate in an amended form 47-0 on April 16th. The House and Senate must now resolve their differences.

Companion Bill: **[SB 5349](#)**

Sponsor: Senator Bruce Dammeier

Status: SB 5349 passed out of the Senate in a 49-0 vote, and it passed the Senate 47 to 0, with 2 excused. The House concurred with the Senate amendments, and the bill has been signed by both the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

Infrastructure

SB 5378: Creating a six-year time frame for substantial building code amendments.

Sponsors: Benton, Schoesler, Bailey, Carrell, Becker, Holmquist Newbry, Sheldon, Ericksen, Dammeier

Summary: 5378 extends the time requirements so that substantial revisions to the building codes occur every six years instead of every 3 years.

Status: SB 5378 passed out of the Senate in a 33-14 vote. The bill had a public hearing in the House Local Government Committee on March 19th, where a member of Seattle's Department of Planning and Development spoke. The bill was not considered for a committee vote, and therefore, the bill is officially dead this session.

City Position: Seattle opposes this legislation.

Extended Foster Care Services

SB 5405: Concerning Extended Foster Care Services.

Sponsor: Senator Ed Murray

Co-Sponsors: Tom, Kohl-Welles, Darneille, Hobbs, Harper, Frockt

Summary: SB 5405 helps young people aging out of the foster care system who still face numerous and serious challenges by allowing them to choose to extend foster care services until they are 21 years old.

Status: SB 5405 passed out of the Senate Chamber unanimously with 1 excused. The bill passed the House 80 to 16, with 2 excused. On April 25th, the Senate concurred with the House amendments.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Tenant Screening

SB 5568: Concerning the disclosure of certain information when screening tenants.

Sponsor: Senator Steve Hobbs

Co-Sponsors: Kohl-Welles, Billig, Frockt, Chase, Harper, Hasegawa, Keiser, Shin, Kline, Nelson

Summary: This bill continues work that has been done previously on tenant screening to ensure that screening service providers may not disclose an applicant's status as a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking as part of the screening process.

Status: SB 5568 passed the Senate 46 to 3. The bill passed the House 94 to 0, with 4 excused. The bill has been signed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Governor, and it is effective January 1, 2014.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Looking Ahead

Governor Inslee has called a special session beginning on May 13th when the Legislature will need to take up the operating and capital budgets, as well as related policy bills.

Note: More information on each of the operating, transportation, and capital budget proposals can be found on the Washington State Legislative Evaluation & Accountability Program Committee (LEAP) website at http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/archives/index_budgetsp.asp. This website includes detailed copies of each budget proposal, summary documents, and capital project lists.