



## 2019 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### 1. **Strengthen City Tools to Address Affordable Housing**

- Continue to support new resources for subsidized affordable housing both at the state and local level. Examples include:
  - Funding the state Housing Trust Fund; and
  - A state sales tax credit for affordable or supportive housing.
- Support greater flexibility and refinement of existing programs that support affordable housing. Examples include:
  - Extending the authority to use REET for affordable housing; and
  - Enhancing the city role in decision-making for the use of existing and potential new resources provided to the counties to address housing and homelessness in cities.
- Support options to stimulate the condo development market.

### 2. **Address a Failing Behavioral Health System**

- Support increased funding for behavioral health inpatient facilities and community-based prevention and treatment resources.
- Support increased funding for homelessness, public health, mental health, addiction, and other important services.

### 3. **Address Public Safety**

- Support a Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) request to fund 19 Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) training classes per year.
- Support the Department of Corrections funding request to increase jail bed rates to ensure continuity of contracts with local jails.
- Support gang prevention and intervention policies.
- Support responsible solutions to reduce gun violence.

### 4. **Act on Climate Change and the Environment**

- Support policies that reduce climate polluting emissions and ensure equity for lower income communities and communities of color to share in the economic opportunities presented by solutions to climate change.
- Support policies for the creation of a stretch Residential Energy Code and the authority for local adoption, low carbon/clean fuel standards, and a price on carbon.
- Support efforts to review developing markets for recyclables and address deficiencies in domestic sorting, processing and remanufacturing capabilities.

### 5. **Enhance Economic Development Tools that Foster Business Development**

- Create a sales tax value capture tool like the Building Business Ecosystems from 2018, including exploring opportunities to broaden the proposal to make it applicable to a variety of cities.
- Support policies like the Keep Washington Working Act that recognize the role of immigrants in the workplace.
- Support comprehensive tax reform that leads to a more equitable and progressive tax structure and decreased reliance on flat tax sources like sale and property taxes.

**6. Invest in Transportation**

- Support mitigation strategies for neighboring airport cities.
- Support increased funding for public transportation, safe routes to school, and safety improvements along our most congested roadways that facilitate the movement of goods and services throughout our broader transportation system.
- Seek \$3 million for the SR 518 westbound on-ramp to Des Moines Memorial Drive.
- Support fully funding the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) as it is a crucial funding partner in our efforts to provide the necessary infrastructure in our community.

**7. 2019-2021 Capital Budget**

- Seek funding for the design and construction of the Burien Public Works and Parks Shared Maintenance Facility.
- Pursue \$1.5 million for Moshier Sports Field to convert existing grass sports field into year-around multipurpose turf fields.