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Week Overview

The House and Senate both passed their “bare bones” transportation projects off of their respective floor this week. The House Transportation Committee also heard a transportation revenue package, which includes local funding options. Councilmember Mike O’Brien testified on the bill in Olympia.

Legislators continued work on the DUI legislation, holding hearings on two new pieces of legislation. Legislators have also scheduled a work session on these bills for next week.

Sunday, April 28th is the last day of the legislation session.

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.

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

Affordable Housing

[HB 1563](#): Concerning the disposition of surplus property for the development of affordable housing.

Sponsor: Representative Jessyn Farrell

Co-Sponsors: Wylie, McCoy, Orwall, Seaquist, Bergquist, Springer, Pedersen, O'Ban, Kochmar, Moeller, Fitzgibbon, Appleton, Ryu, Stanford, Maxwell, Jinkins, Hunt, Fey, Pollet, Goodman, Habib, Santos

Summary: HB 1563 would allow surplus property to more easily be used for the development of affordable housing. The bill was amended in the Senate committee so that it only applies to local transit agencies and removes the ability to donate the land.

Status: HB 1563 passed out of the House in a 51-46 (1 excused) vote on March 6th. This bill did not pass the Senate Transportation committee before cutoff and is officially dead for this legislative session.

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, Jinkins, 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.

Status: HB 1723 passed out of the House 59-38 (with one excused). HB 1723 passed the Senate 46 to 2 with 1 excused.

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.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Transportation Budget

[HB 1864](#): Making transportation appropriations for 2011-13 and 2013-15.

Sponsor: Rep. Judy Clibborn

Co-sponsors: Liias, Ryu, Fey

Summary: This is a bare bones transportation budget that includes no new revenue and essentially provides funding for existing projects that are already underway. The Senate version, SB 5024, is also a bare bones budget. SDOT continues to analyze the legislation, particularly for any potential impacts on Seattle area projects.

Status: HB 1864 passed the House 68 to 28, with 2 excused.

Companion Bill: [SB 5024](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Curtis King

Co-Sponsors: Senators Eide and McAuliffe

Summary: The Senate version is also a bare bones transportation budget that essentially continues funding for projects already underway. SDOT continues to analyze it for potential impacts on Seattle area projects.

Status: The bill passed the Senate 47 to 0, with 2 excused.

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.

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 1114: Addressing criminal incompetency and civil commitment.

Sponsor: Representative Jamie Pedersen

Co-Sponsors: Rodne, Morrell, Nealey, Green, Jinkins

Summary: In previous iterations, these bills would have, in part, ensured that defendants charged with serious non-felony crimes who have been found to be not competent to stand trial get needed evaluations to determine if they need further treatment. The City testified that currently many people are being turned away for evaluations and that all resources for beds should be available for conducting these evaluations and potential treatments. Unfortunately, as passed, 1114 does not include any provisions related to misdemeanor cases. The City will continue to work with the state and County on this concerning issue.

Status: HB 1114 passed out of the House in an 87-11 vote. The bill passed the Senate 47 to 1, with 1 excused.

Companion Bill: SB 5176

Sponsor: Senator Jim Hargrove

Summary: Due to fiscal concerns, this portion of the bill was removed in the version of the bill that was passed out of the House Judiciary Committee, and the bill is currently silent on this issue. However, work on the fiscal note continues.

Status: SB 5176 passed out of the Senate in a 49-0 vote. The bill was voted out of the House Judiciary Committee on March 27th and was voted out of the House Appropriations committee on April 8th. The bill did not receive a vote and is officially dead for this legislative session.

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.

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 the bill has been scheduled for a committee work session on April 23rd.

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.

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 is scheduled for a work session on April 23rd.

[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.

[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 has concurred with the Senate amendments.

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 but 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 Senate 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 and the President of the Senate, and it has been delivered to 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, Frock, 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: 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.

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. On April 16th, the bill passed the Senate 47 to 0, with 2 excused.

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.

Companion Bill: [HB 1302](#)

Sponsor: Representative Mary Helen Roberts

Status: HB 1302 passed the House 91 to 6, with 1 excused. This version of the bill was not voted on in the Senate, and so it is officially dead.

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.

City Position: Seattle supports this legislation.

Looking Ahead

In the final days of the regular session, the legislature will be focused on resolving the differences between the two houses on policy bills, the operating, capital and transportation budgets, and those policy bills that are necessary to implement the budget. The last day of the session is April 28th.

On Tuesday, there is a lobby day in support of local transportation options. The coalition includes business groups, labor, environmentalists, and local officials. CM Bagshaw is scheduled to participate.

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.