

City of Olympia - 2015 Legislative Agenda

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TOP PRIORITY:

Investing in the Capital City with Funding for Local Services and Projects

- State Shared Revenue
- Authority for Local Revenue Options
- Funding for mental health, substance abuse, prevention, intervention, treatment and care, with an emphasis on youth prevention programs

OLYMPIA'S REQUEST:

State Shared Revenue / Local Authority Requests:

- Share marijuana tax revenues with local governments
- Maintain traditional State-shared revenues and funding for transportation and essential infrastructure
- Restore local liquor revenue sharing
- Remove the 1% annual lid on property tax increases
- Give cities authority to raise the Transportation Benefit District fee from \$20 to \$40 by vote of the municipal body

Olympia Project / Grant Requests:

- Support our requests for *staff is identifying a list of grants / funding we have or will apply for which will be included December 2 meeting materials*
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Other Issues of Interest

Olympia supports the following requests and may testify if opportunities arise during the session.

Recreational and Medical Marijuana

Olympia's request:

Reconcile the recreational and medical marijuana markets to ensure legitimate patient access, enforceability, and compliance with federal expectations. This is also a top priority of the Association of Washington Cities.

Moratorium on Neonicotinoid Pesticide Use in Washington State

Olympia's request:

Adopt a policy of not purchasing or using any neonicotinoid pesticides for State purposes; support a State and/or national moratorium on sale and use of neonicotinoid pesticides; support and the federal Save America's Pollinators Act (H.R. 2692).

Medical Care for Felony Offenders

Olympia's request:

Amend RCW 70.40.130 to clarify that medical care for felony offenders is the responsibility of the agency housing offenders, not the arresting agency. Olympia police may arrest someone on a felony charge or warrant; however, County is responsible for housing felony offenders.

Tougher Penalties for Assault of Code Enforcement Officers.

Olympia's request:

Amend RCW 9A.36.031 to include assault of a code enforcement officer while performing their duties as third degree (felony) offense.

Main Street Business Tax Credit Program.

Olympia supports continuing this business tax credit which is a major funding source for the Olympia Downtown Association and their activities to enhance commerce in downtown.

Competitive Grant Funding for the Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) program.

Olympia supports the Washington Parks & Recreation Association's request for a \$12 million allocation in funding in the 2015-17 Capital Budget for the YAF program.

WWRP Capital Funding.

Olympia supports the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition (WWRC) request for \$97 million funding level for WWRP in the 2015-17 Capital budget. Also supporting the recommendation are the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (RCFB), the Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the State Parks Commission.

Amendment to Amusement and Recreational Services Sales Taxes.

Olympia supports Department of Revenue requested legislation to simplify sales taxation of "amusement and recreation services" and to reduce the administrative tax collection burden associated with these services. The DOR requested legislation tightly defines a small subset of enterprise-related and entrepreneurial services by statutorily exempting those commonly provide by municipal and metro park districts, such as swim lessons; basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball leagues.