



Olympia's 2015 Legislative Agenda

Investing in the Capital City

- **Olympia, Washington's Capital City, is the front door of State government.**
- **Your employees are our community members.**
- **We value having State employees work, shop, and dine in downtown Olympia.**



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Olympia's Top Priority:

Investing in the Capital City with Funding for Local Services and Infrastructure.

- Maintain and restore State-shared revenues and transportation/infrastructure funding:
 - Share Marijuana Tax Revenues with local governments.
 - Restore local share of Liquor Revenue and Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax to prior levels.
 - Remove the 1% annual lid on property tax increases.
 - Support transportation and infrastructure funding.
- Authorize local revenue options:
 - Give cities authority to raise the Transportation Benefit District fee from \$20 to \$40 by vote of the legislative body.
- Appropriate money in the State's Capital Budget for the 1063 Building.
- Provide funding for Mental Health; Substance Abuse; Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and After Care Services, with an emphasis on Youth Prevention Programs.

Other Issues of Interest

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

Recreational and Medical Marijuana

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

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 the Federal Save America's Pollinators Act (H.R. 2692).

Medical Care for Felony Offenders

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, the County is responsible for housing felony offenders.

Police Body Cameras – Privacy and Disclosure Regulations

Revise and simplify the retention and disclosure requirements pertaining to police body cameras so that the use and management of body camera video is financially and administratively feasible.

Tougher Penalties for Assault of Code Enforcement Officers

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

Continue this business tax credit which is a major funding source for the Olympia Downtown Association and its activities to enhance commerce in Downtown.

Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Program

A September 2014 transportation study by Department of Enterprise Services (DES) found that Capitol Campus parking occupancy levels will rise above practical capacity unless access patterns change. The study called for both parking management and travel demand management efforts to be strengthened. Existing CTR performance is not meeting established goals or reducing campus demand for parking.

Olympia encourages the State to provide the strong travel demand response called for in this report through commute trip reduction strategies, including telecommuting, transit incentives, and other means.

Energy Savings Planning

Provide funding to the Department of Enterprise Services to conduct a feasibility study on opportunities to create synergy between downtown Olympia's energy needs and the needs of the Capital Campus. Work focus should include the extension of reclaimed water to the Capital Campus. In addition to traditional uses of reclaimed water for non-potable use (i.e. irrigation, toilet flushing, etc.), the feasibility study would evaluate the potential for "district heating" on the Capital Campus using reclaimed water and heat exchange technology.