

# 2018 Legislative Session Wrap-Up

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# Agenda

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# Legislative Overview

- 60-day supplemental legislative session
- Washington State Supreme Court Order on Basic Education
- Began the 2018 Legislative Session with continued disagreement on the *Hirst* decision and no biennial capital budget
- Public Records Lawsuit Against the Legislature
- There were 2,064 House bills and 1,647 Senate bills introduced. Ultimately, 310 bills passed into law.

# 2018 Budgets

- General Fund Operating (Supplemental)
  - Utilizes \$935 million from the Budget Stabilization Account
  - .30 cent/\$1,000 property tax reduction in 2019
  - Provides \$1.2 billion to meet the Supreme Court Order on funding Basic Education
  - For local governments, no changes to liquor revenue sharing distributions, restored marijuana revenue sharing and provided additional basic law enforcement academy funding for one class.
- Capital Budget (Biennial and Supplemental)
  - Biennial budget appropriated \$2.72 billion in state bond proceeds, including funding for 195 local and community projects.
  - Supplemental budget appropriated an additional \$198 million in general obligation bonds with funding provided for an additional 95 local and community projects.
- Transportation (Supplemental)
  - \$360,000 for the Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) to evaluate city transportation funding needs with a report due to the Legislature on June 30, 2019.
  - Two JTC studies on transportation network companies with reports due January 14, 2019.
  - WSDOT must meet with stakeholders in South Pierce and North Thurston counties to discuss potential solutions to traffic congestion and emergency management, as well as what transportation investments would benefit the economic development of the area.

# Olympia Legislative Priorities

- State resources and support to address homelessness, affordable housing, mental health and chemical dependency services.
  - \$107 million investment in the Housing Trust Fund
  - Passage of HB 1570 to increase the document recording fee and make it permanent
  - Funding related to provisions of HB 2489 regarding opioid treatment
  - \$69.3 million to county behavioral health organizations for community enhancements and \$25.3 million in behavioral community capacity funding
- Funding for new US 101 Interchange ramps in West Olympia.
  - \$500,000 for WSDOT to identify improvements between Exit 116 and 99 on Interstate 5. The analysis must specifically include the identification of potential US 101/I-5 interchange improvements, a strategic plan for the Nisqually River Bridges, regional congestion options and ecosystem benefits to the Nisqually River Estuary for salmon productivity and flood control.
- Funding and policy guidance for research and future projects to address Sea Level Rise.
- Funding to do the work of the Capitol Lake/Deschutes EIS Process.
  - \$4 million for the Department of Enterprise Services (DES). DES must consider the use of equal funding from nonstate entities.
- Tying property tax revenue growth to population and inflation.

## Additional Issue Areas of Interest

- *Whatcom v. Hirst* (SB 6091)
- Voting Rights Act (SB 6002)
- Body Worn Cameras (SB 6408)
- Oil Transportation (SB 6269)
- Carbon Tax (SB 6203)
- State Infrastructure Bank (SB 6375)
- Small Cell Facilities (SB 5935 and HB 2592)
- Public Records Reform (SB 6617)
- Wrongful Death (SB 6015)
- Housing and Religious Organizations (HB 1987)
- Firearms Legislation (SB 6620, SB 5553, SB 5992, SB 6049 and HB 2519)

# Looking Ahead and Next Steps

- Changes in the 2019 Legislature
  - Multiple Retirement Announcements
  - All of the House and Half of the Senate up for Election
- Legislative Delegation Meetings
- Develop 2019 Legislative Agenda