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City Council

Consider a Referral to the Land Use & Environment Committee to Conduct a Side-by-Side Comparison of Housing Initiatives in the Cities of Olympia, Tacoma and Bellingham

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Consider a Referral to the Land Use & Environment Committee to conduct a side-by-side comparison of housing initiatives in the Cities of Olympia, Tacoma and Bellingham.

Report

Issue:

Whether to Consider a Referral to the Land Use & Environment Committee to conduct a side-by-side comparison of housing initiatives in the Cities of Olympia, Tacoma and Bellingham.

Staff Contact:

Leonard Bauer, Community Planning & Development Director

Presenter(s):

Councilmember Jim Cooper

Background and Analysis:

Housing policy in Washington state is advancing rapidly, sometimes through initiative. It is imperative for Olympia to understand the current landscape of housing policy so that we may better serve our residents. In 2023 Tacoma and Bellingham are passing initiatives containing significant housing policy. In Tacoma, Measure 1 sets up new landlord tenant laws; while in Bellingham Initiative 2023-02 establishes a rental relocation assistance program.

The referral requests that staff conduct a side-by-side comparison of the above-mentioned initiatives

and current city policy.

The referral is sponsored by Councilmember Jim Cooper, with support from Mayor Pro Tem Gilman and Councilmember Dani Madrone.

Climate Analysis:

This item does not have a specific climate impact.

Equity Analysis:

The housing laws being examined in this referral are aimed to address equity issues related to housing in the community.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

There are no known specific community interests at this time, however housing is of interest to many community members.

Options:

1. Approve the referral to the Land Use & Environment Committee.
2. Approve the referral, with amendments, to the Land Use & Environment Committee.
3. Do not approve the referral to the Land Use & Environment Committee.

Financial Impact:

There are no known financial impacts at this time.

Attachments:

Referral