



## Arts Commission

### Cultural Access

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#### Title

Cultural Access

#### Recommended Action

Information only. No action requested.

#### Report

##### Issue:

Discussion on Cultural Access legislation and potential for Olympia.

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#### Presenter(s):

Marygrace Goddu, Arts, Cultures & Heritage Coordinator

#### Background and Analysis:

In 2015 the Washington State Legislature created a program authorizing local governments to raise revenue from voter-approved sales or property taxes to strengthen access to cultural organizations and their public programming (RCW 36.160).

Currently, Tacoma is the only municipality to have created a Cultural Access Program in Washington state, through a voter-approved sales tax, known as Tacoma Creates.

Ms. Goddu will provide a briefing on Cultural Access and the plans underway for a proposition to be placed on the April 2022 ballot for voter approval in Olympia, for the purpose of supporting cultural institutions and extending their reach within our community.

#### Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

#### Options:

N/A

#### Financial Impact:

N/A

#### Attachments:

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