



SNOHOMISH COUNTY

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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PURPOSE

- Overview of the 2022 Legislative Session
- Outcome of 2022 State Legislative Priorities
- Additional Legislative Issues
- Next Steps

OVERVIEW OF 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

- Second year of the two-year legislative biennium
- “Short” session: lasted 60 days
- Adopted supplemental operating, capital, and transportation budgets
- Transportation Revenue Package – Move Ahead WA
- Adoption of redistricting maps
- Democrats held majority in both House of Representatives (57-41) and Senate (28-21)
- Legislation left over from 2021 carried over; new 2022 proposals were considered
- Nearly 1,051 bills considered; 309 passed the legislature

BACKGROUND ON BUDGETS

Operating

- Funds all state agency operations
- February revenue forecasted additional \$1.453 billion for the biennium
- Allocates over \$1 billion in federal COVID-19 relief funding
- \$63 billion total budget
- \$2 billion shifted to transportation, \$650 million to capital budget \$812 million in reserves
- Local Investments: GMA & salmon recovery planning, right of way transition grants, landlord/eviction prevention assistance, marijuana revenue increase

Capital

- Funds public and nonprofit construction projects (excluding transportation)
- Supplemental budget total: \$1.5 billion
 - Combination of bond capacity, IIJA & ARPA funds, operating transfer
- \$62 million allocated for local community projects (\$250 million in 2021)
- Key investments in housing & homelessness, behavioral health, local infrastructure

Transportation

- Budget shortfall, systemic and project demand within the transportation budget led to Move Ahead WA
- \$17 billion investment over 16 years
- Revenue sources: One-time operating budget support, PWAA, Climate Commitment Act, IIJA, Fees
- Roughly 1/3rd of revenue from CCA – Funds transit, alternative fuel, electric ferries, rail, active transportation grants
- Remaining 2/3rd from other revenue streams – maintenance & preservation, ferries, new highway projects, state culverts, backfilling Connecting WA

2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- Funding requests:
 - Support Partner Capital Budget Requests:
 - Lynnwood Recovery Center
 - Darrington Wood Innovation Center
 - Afghan Refugee Welcoming Center – Operating Budget Request
 - Fund Regional Transportation Projects
- Policy:
 - Increase County Marijuana Revenue Share for Behavioral Health/SUD Treatment
 - Ongoing Funding for Regional Apprenticeship Pathways Program (RAP)
 - Fund 2 Superior Court Judges – Senate Bill 5575

BUDGET PRIORITIES

- Support Partner Capital Budget Requests
 - Lynnwood Recovery Center
 - County contributed \$3 million
 - \$12 million in Crisis Stabilization Facilities
 - Darrington Wood Innovation Center
 - Forterra-led request for \$2.5 million
 - Received \$1.7 million in LCP
- Afghan Refugee Welcoming Center – Operating Request
 - Requested \$5.558 million, funding 12 months of operation
 - Funding covers services, programs, & rental assistance
 - Sponsors - Sen. Robinson and Rep. Wicks
 - Received \$5.558 million

BUDGET PRIORITIES CONTINUED

- Fund Regional Transportation Priority Projects
 - Interim efforts to gear up for package – tours, updated project lists, US 2 Trestle strategy
 - Sen. Lias selected as Senate Transportation Chair in December
 - Worked closely with Rep. Wicks & Sen. Lias during package development
 - 2022 supplemental budgets and revenue package fund 19 Snohomish County projects
 - US 2 Trestle - \$210m total; \$3m this biennium
 - SR-522 Widening - \$10m total; \$1m this biennium
 - SR 99 BAT Lanes, Poplar Way Bridge, Connecting WA backfills
 - Revenue package lists included in written report

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Increase Marijuana Revenue Share for Behavioral Health/SUD Treatment
 - Senate Bill 5796 – Restructuring cannabis revenue appropriations
 - Worked with Sen. Stanford, Sen. Saldana, and Sen. Robinson on language to increase County share
 - \$5 million total increase to cities and counties
- Fund 2 Superior Court Judges – SB 5575
 - 2 positions go into effect July 1, 2022
- Ongoing Funding for RAP
 - Received \$1.5 million for 2021-23 biennium
 - Considered 2 vehicles this session – SB 5600 and HB 1536
 - Working with OSPI, Sen. Robinson, and Rep. Slatter on 2023 request – within OSPI

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- *State v. Blake* Funding
 - Additional \$23 million provided for County LFO reimbursement
- Local Culverts
- RCO Grants

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- Clarify Police Reform Bills Enacted in 2021
 - HB 2037 – Use of force definition
 - HB 1735 – ITA/Community caretaking functions
 - HB 1719 – Nonlethal weapons (beanbag bill)
 - SB 5909 – Vehicular pursuits
- Methane Capture Bill – HB 1663
- Sound Transit ESZ Bill – SB 5528

NEXT STEPS

- Outreach to our Legislative Delegation
 - SWM tour; federal funding update
- Monitor interim implementation work/stakeholder groups
- Establishing 2023 priorities
 - GTHGA meeting with department heads
 - Interim workplan
- New redistricting maps take effect before the November 2022 elections
- Revenue forecast November 4
- Legislature meets for pre-session committee days in November & December(ish)
- Legislative session begins January 9, 2023

QUESTIONS?

**It is a privilege to represent Snohomish
County!**

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